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THE PAST YEAR.

The most important event for the Exercise in the year that has just passed was the meeting of the Central Council at Birmingham on Whit Tuesday. It was not that the business transacted was of any outstanding importance, but the meeting was a sign that the Exercise is now ready to resume those activities and those duties which had largely been in abeyance during the six years of war. Inevitably the session was chiefly occupied in picking up threads which had to be dropped in 1939. Committees had to be reappointed and to receive new commissions to carry on the interrupted work. That they will do so goes, of course, without saying, but it must be some time before any tangible results of their labours are seen. The great point is that the work and activity of the Council has been resumed.

The report of the Standing Committee of the steps that had been successfully taken to preserve 'The Ringing World' for the service of the Exercise and the art of change ringing was what most concerned and interested ringers generally.

The year saw the division of the Midland Counties Association, which for long had been one of the principal organisations of the Exercise. This year the Leicester Diocesan Guild starts with the brightest of prospects, and it may be hoped and expected that similar guilds for the dioceses of Derby and Southwell will, in the future, benefit ringers and promote changing ringing. The Warwickshire Guild, by a change of name, has assumed diocesan status and more definitely associated itself with the Church authorities. In the remoter part of Wales a new St. David's Diocesan Guild has come into being and its fortunes and future will be watched with sympathetic interest in all parts of the country.

Among the names of the men who passed away during the year two stand out prominently. George Robert Pye was the last of six brothers, all of whom were ringers, and some of whom were among the most distinguished peal ringers, not only of their own time, but of all time. George Pye's record as a practical ringer can compare with that of anyone else in the long history of the Exercise. Joseph W. Parker was one of those select few who reached the highest rank among composers. George Pye and Joseph Parker had each finished his work, and the ringing Exercise is something different from what it would have been had they not lived. The

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feeling with which we look back on their memory is not regret for their deaths, but thankfulness for their lives.

Two men who, during many years served their fellow ringers in the North, were Charles L. Routledge and William Story; and elsewhere the names of Samuel Cotton, William Knight, Arthur Hardy, William Thomas, William Saunders, Charles Wilkins, Robert Newton and others will be affectionately remembered.

Peal ringing is not the only or the most important thing in the art of change ringing, but it is important and though not necessarily in itself progress, is usually a pretty good gauge of progress. The final reports have yet to come in before we can deal with the matter fully, but we know enough to be sure that the past year has been in peal ringing a very successful one; the more so because of the number of performances by the humbler bands and the large proportion of first peals.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	*LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
HERBERT SPENCER ... 5	HENRY H. FEARN ... 11
LEONARD C. TUFFREY ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1945 in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

FRANK H. LUFKIN ... Treble	*S DNEY M. BAILEY ... 6
*JOHN E. FOWLER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	*FREDERICK SOUTER ... 8
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 4	EDWARD J. BEER ... 9
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	*ALFRED H. WEBB ... 7
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
*BERTRAM L. BROWN ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal on ten.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	RICHARD J. B. HADDEN... 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5	JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 8
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5	RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GUNSON ... Treble	†JOHN HOULDSWORTH... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 2	*THOMAS WATSON ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	*KENNETH HALL... 7
*FRED HAWORTH... 4	†JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR ... Treble	*CYRIL WANDER ... 5
*AUBREY D. MILLS ... 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 6
*W. ALLAN RICHARDSON ... 3	*STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
*ERNEST THORLEY ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	*LEONARD TUFFREY ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	*JOHN S. MASON ... 6
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method.



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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 5
*GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	*GEORGE AMBLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.
 * First peal in the method.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JACK G. BROTHWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 5
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	LESLIE W. BACON ... 6
HAROLD TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 7
Mrs. J. E. TURLEY ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
 First peal on the bells.

Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
FRANK AINSLEY ... 2	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON... 6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN.
 * First peal. † 100th peal.

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
E. ROGER MARTIN ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRANCES MCCARTHY ... 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 2	*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 6
*JOHN JACKSON ... 3	*SERGT. V. J. WOOD ... 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 4	KENNETH HALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. R. MARTIN.
 * First peal in the method.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JOHN O. NEVILLE ... <i>Treble</i>	†ROBERT E. TURNER ... 5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 2	ALFRED MEARS ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	†LESLIE A. PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN H. HUNT.
 * First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

BERNARD COLLISON ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES G. POWELL ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PHILLIS M. MAYNE ... <i>Treble</i>	*RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
JOHN R. MAYNE ... 2	TONY PRICE ... 6
*WALTER SPARROW ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.	
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... <i>Treble</i>	LOUIS HEAD ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 6
*STANLEY M. EVANS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal in the method.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD E. PUNT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE M. KIBBY ... 5
*FRED G. ROBBINS ... 2	FRANK BLONDELL ... 6
ERIC E. HARTLEY ... 3	NORMAN GENNA ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal inside.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
WILLIAM PIKE ... <i>Treble</i>	PERCY JONES ... 5
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... 6
TIMOTHY YEOMENS ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	CYRIL DAVIES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED H. WEBB ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	RICHARD A. POST ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN MORETONTreble	LEONARD TREVOR 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 7
JAMES CLARKE 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*LESLIE A. PAGETreble	STANLEY E. COOK 5
*PETER R. BLACKMAN 2	JOHN H. HUNT 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... .. 7
†RICHARD G. BLACKMAN 4	ROBERT E. TURNER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by R. E. TURNER.

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

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS HILDA M. TAYLOR...Treble	*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT	5
MISS MARY PEMBERTON... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER 6	
MISS JOYCE HEARN 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7	
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor	

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal away from treble.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WALTER LYCETTTreble	EDW. V. RODENHURST	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	ALAN M. HICKMAN 6	
FREDERICK PRICE 3	*WILLIAM TYLER 7	
†E. DENNIS POOLE 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor	

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside.

PENTRE RHONNDA, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ...Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT... .. 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	SIDNEY M. BAILEY 6
†JAMES EVANS 3	FREDERICK LASBURY 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

BEXLEY KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETTTreble	HARRY HOVERD 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK OLDROYD ...Treble	GEORGE L. GROVER 5
THOMAS W. WHITE 2	HAROLD A. MAY 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS MCCARTHY ...Treble	FREDK. G. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	JAMES BARNES 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN JACKSON 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CLOUGH ...Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	FRANK K. MEASURES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER ...Treble	MRS. CECIL W. PIPE 4
JOHN CROOKS 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL... .. 5
PERCY K. PARKER 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. Treble	STANLEY PROUD 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB 2	GEORGE WALL 5
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD FOLWELLTreble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
ALFRED J. HINDE 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD 3	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Conducted by L. TREVOR.

First peal as conductor.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.

JOHN D. ROCKTreble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*GEORGE DAVIS 3	E. PETER ROCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

First peal as conductor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. G. WAREHAM ...Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
FREDERICK PRECEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
LIONEL H. PINK 3	HAROLD E. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by H. E. WHITE.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
 *WILFRED W. RING ... Treble | FREDERICK T. HUCKSTEPP 4
 *WILLIAM H. PRIOR ... 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
 PERCY PAGE ... 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 LESLIE WOODHEAD Treble | HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
 *A. HULLEY ... 2 | HARRY BARNES ... 5
 ROLAND HIRST ... 3 | ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PADGETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.
 H. CHARLES CLUETT ... Treble | *FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... 3
 WILLIAM G. DAWEN ... 2 | *DR. A. CUNNINGHAM ... 4
 E. T. P. FIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal of Doubles

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.
 G. OSMOND ... Treble | S. FOOT ... 4
 MISS G. NOTLEY ... 2 | J. H. HAYNE ... 5
 *S. J. BRYANT ... 3 | *E. A. GILMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. HAYNE.

* First peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. C. LIMB ... Treble | LT. F. H. CRAWLEY ... 4
 J. E. BURLES ... 2 | J. E. BROWN ... 5
 S. USHER ... 3 | N. M. NEWBY ... Tenor

Conducted by N. M. NEWBY.

HANDBALL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1945, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
 Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, December 17, 1945, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

AT 11, BURY WITNEY AVENUE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.
 *JOHN PINFOLD ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
 GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5-6
 Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Doubles.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT SACKFORDS, MOLEHILL GREEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS ... 1-2 | JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7-8
 Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

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3 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' 2nd Edition, 1931, 3s.

1 'A Model Code of Rules for a Company of Ringers,' 2nd Edition, 1929, 6d.

A talk on change ringing will be broadcast in the West of England Home Service on January 7th at 5.15 p.m., with illustrations on handbells by members of the Bristol University Society.

The peals of Double Norwich at Chester-le-Street and Minor at Whickham were rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Brown, secretary of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and Miss Lillian Worley.

The Grandsire Triples at Guildford Cathedral on Boxing Day was the 300th peal Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. G. W. Steere have rung together.

The Kent Treble Bob Major at Market Drayton on December 26th was Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst's 400th peal.

The Stedman Caters at Magdalen College was the fiftieth peal on tower bells by Mr. W. F. Judge during 1945.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT DARFIELD.

A meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Darfield on December 8th, at which members were present from Cawthorne, Felkirk, Wath, Wentworth, Sandal and the local belfry.

The secretary announced that the ring of six at Monk Bretton would be rededicated on December 19th at 7.30 p.m., and as soon as it was convenient to the Vicar a meeting there would be arranged. The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on January 12th.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HIBBERT.

On December 22nd, Mr. William Hibbert died at East Ilsley, where for many years he had been captain of the local band. The funeral was at the village church and the service was attended by many ringers, old soldiers and members of the British Legion. The Last Post was sounded.

Mr. Hibbert had served for 22 years in the Royal Horse Artillery, retiring during the Four Years' War with the rank of warrant officer. For nearly sixty years he was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and for long a member of the Society of College Youths. He had rung a few peals at Caversham and East Ilsley, principally Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Mr. Hibbert was 73 years of age.

On Sunday, December 23rd, at St. Mary's, East Ilsley, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by J. Wilson 1, R. Warwick 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, Miss J. White 4, Miss J. East 5, Mrs. A. B. Williams 6, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7, F. Carter 8; and at Appleton on December 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by A. Holfield 1, R. White 2, T. Bond 3, C. White 4, H. White 5, G. Holfield 6, C. Calcutt 7, E. Drewitt 8.

DEATH OF MR. H. W. SMITH.

The death is announced of Mr. H. W. Smith, who passed away almost suddenly on December 15th at the age of 84. Mr. Smith was formerly one of the excellent band at Caversham and had taken part in about 100 peals, many of them in Surprise methods. Later he belonged to the band at St. Laurence's, Reading, and rang there several peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. He took part in a quarter-peal on December 2nd and in service ringing on December 9th. St. Laurence's bells were rung half-muffled on December 23rd and the following band rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's: N. J. Diserens 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, F. G. Reeves 3, W. Evans 4, J. S. Taylor 5, A. Diserens (conductor) 6, P. Dyke 7, W. Maxted 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Arksey on January 15th, was attended by about 30 ringers from Bawtry, Barnby Don, Doncaster, Felkirk, Thorne, Spottborough, Sheffield Cathedral and the local belfry. Tea was provided by the local company, and at the business meeting which followed under the chairmanship of Mr. Dan Smith, vice-president, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Handsworth on March 16th. A collection in aid of the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 12s.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Sherborne on December 8th, ninety-five ringers were present from Sherborne, Gillingham, Sturminster, Newton, Child Okeford, Stoke Wake, Stoke Trister, Hazebury Bryan, Mere, Lydlinch, Zeals, Shillingstone, Shroton, Thornford, Kington Magna, North Cadbury, Buckhorn Weston, Salisbury, Bournemouth, Wilton, Lyme Regis, Tisbury, Hindon, Templecombe, Devizes, Semley, Hampriston, Britford, Evercrech and Chilcompton. Service was held in the Abbey, conducted by the secretary. Canon Lovett gave the address.

At the business meeting after tea the secretary read the financial statement, which showed that the income to date was £17 13s. 7d., including a credit balance from last year of £6 15s. 7d. Dr. E. W. J. Hellins, the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. William Uphill were re-elected to office as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer respectively; Messrs. E. Coward, W. C. Shute, E. P. Field and L. Perrett were appointed Ringing Masters, and Messrs. H. J. Ralph and B. Ridout were elected as members of the Branch Committee. Many new members were elected.

It was decided to hold next year's quarterly meetings at Stalbridge, Stourton, Thornford and Blandford. It was also agreed, at the suggestion of Mr. E. P. Field, that meetings should be held at five bell towers between the quarterly meetings, the first to be at Whitechurch. The meeting promised its support to the appeal made in the Press that parishes should consider a plan for repairing or augmenting church bells as a fitting war memorial.

The Master of the Sarum Guild (the Rev. C. Carew Cox) congratulated North Dorset on its state of increasing prosperity, and expressed his best wishes for the future of the branch.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

January 1st, 1734, the Oxford ringers rang 5,040 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, the first peal in any method in the city.

1866. At Huddersfield, the first peal of Halifax Treble Bob Major.

January 2nd, 1890. At Wednesbury, the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal.

1945. At Sittingbourne, on handbells, 5,000 changes in 21 plain methods.

January 3rd, 1803. At St. Mary-le-Bow, the Cumberlands rang 5,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal single handed.

January 4th, 1784. At Oldham, 14,480 Bob Major.

1855. The Cumberlands rang the first true peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

January 5th, 1917. Alfred W. Grimes died.

NEW DIOCESAN GUILD FOR SOUTHWELL.**MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.**

The final meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held on December 15th at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Canon Wilkinson, president of the association, took the chair at the business meeting and there were present over 50 members and friends from 18 towers.

On the recommendation of the committee it was decided to operate the new guild for the Diocese of Southwell as a single district, and to review the whole position at the Easter meeting. The rules of the Midland Counties Association were substantially adopted with the alterations necessitated by the new conditions. The Bishop of Southwell will be asked to become president, and the other officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Canon Wilkinson; treasurer, Miss I. B. Thompson; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Narborough; committee, Messrs. F. A. Salter and W. Nicholls; Ringing Master and secretary, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

THE MUSIC OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time the musical quality of changes is mentioned in your leading articles and elsewhere in 'The Ringing World.' For instance, your remarks that the late Mr. James Motts, of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, advised the sixteenth blow of Major should be a little wide.

I have received a letter from the other side of England, in which the writer states: 'Let the above be practised nationally.' He has 'always been somewhat mystified over East Anglian ringing, particularly Major,' and in talking to a friend, who said there 'is a certain crispness not experienced elsewhere.'

In my opinion, Cambridge Surprise produces the worst music of any method I have heard. When extended to ten and twelve bells the changes at times are terrible, especially when the tenors dodge somewhere in the middle and then go contrary ways; the bells coming behind in Treble Bob order does not compensate for the subsequent confusion. It is a pity that Cambridge lends itself to extension so easily, which may be the only reason for its popularity.

In Superlative Maximus the tenors course each other from 10th place to 3rds and vice versa. Of course, we do not want the continual bom bim bah of Kent Treble Bob or Forward.

I think the most musical method on even bells is Rochester Surprise. When the four large bells are in front they perform nearly a plain lead of Minimus, with the smaller ones merrily bringing up the rear with a lively cadence.

With Superlative we have a good sprinkling of the music of our old familiar friend Plain Bob.

G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

CHURCH NOTICES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I suggest that you endeavour to press, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' for a small but seemingly unattainable concession from the authorities of all churches which have a ring of bells. It is that a notice be posted on the usual board giving the times of service ringing, details of the practice if any, the name and address of the local foreman, and notice of any meeting or combined practice in the neighbourhood.

Many serving men, who like myself have no access to 'The Ringing World' when away from home, must miss many chances of ringing for the want of the above details, and when one is in a place for a fleeting visit one is not usually able to get the necessary information in the short time at one's disposal. I find that the average church worker is usually completely ignorant even of the number of bells in the tower. In one town I was informed by a lady doing the flowers that the bells (in the plural) were always rung for Sunday service, yet, having at considerable inconvenience attended at the hour named, I found that the tower contained only one bell.

It would be especially useful to be able to get in touch with the local foreman, as he could probably give one details about the ringing in neighbouring towers. The boon conferred by such notices would not be altogether one-sided, for visiting ringers often complete the number required to make worth-while ringing possible.

Clive Cottage, Goring-on-Thames.

A. R. POYNTZ.

LEAVING BELLS UP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whatever excuse can be thought of for leaving bells up? There is none good enough to uphold this practice, which has crept in since the introduction of stays and sliders.

Bells left up are a source of danger to whoever goes near either the bells or the ropes, besides being harmful to the fittings, but worse than all this, it denies the public the beautiful effect of the lowering of the bells and chiming, which, to my mind, is much better a finish than ringing right up to the time of the service.

Why is it that this part of the bellringer's job is so sadly neglected? It can be done well on most rings, and should be practised until the band is proficient. You will find you will not only give pleasure to others, but will add to your own pleasure.

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

MAKERS OF LONDON BELLS.

(Continued from page 529.)

As early as 1498 John Knyght was paid vjd for making of a bawdryk for St. Laurence's, Reading, and during the following two and a half centuries several members of the family cast many bells, of which over three hundred are still in existence.

Ellis Knight cast a ring of six for St. Giles-in-the-Fields in 1635, and two of them hang in the present tower. He also cast the tenor for St. Giles', Cripple-gate. Later in the century was Henry Knight, whose bells are to be found at Oxford and elsewhere. But the most famous of all the members of the family was the last, Samuel, who shook the dust of Reading from his

founders. They are the tenors and some of the big bells, and how far they make the rings the successes they are is rather hard to say. I suspect that Knight's tenors and large bells were not so good as his smaller bells, and that at least was one of the reasons why in practically every case they have been replaced. No doubt the custom of tolling with clocked bells had something to do with the matter, but the original tenor at Southwark, which survived well into living memory, was universally considered to be a bad bell. The bells, recast by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, blend with Knight's bells in a very satisfactory manner.

Samuel Knight died in 1739, the same year in which the rings at St. Sepulchre's and St. Margaret's were cast, and before the latter were quite finished. An octave was also at the time in hand at the foundry for



ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK, IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

feet and came up to London, where he had a foundry in St. Andrew's parish, Holborn.

Samuel Knight cast many bells for churches in country towns and villages, especially in Kent. The eight at Canterbury Cathedral were by him, and the eight at St. Mary's, Dover. West Ham possesses an octave of his, though several of them have been recast. In London he is represented by three important rings—the twelve at St. Saviour's, Southwark, the ten at St. Sepulchre's, Newgate, and the back eight at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

These are all very fine peals. But it should be noticed that there is this difference between them and the rings cast by Rudhall. All the bells in the steeples of St. Bride's, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. George's, and Fulham, were, until recently, by Rudhall, and most of them the original bells cast by him. But at St. Saviour's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Margaret's are bells by other

St. Mary's, Ealing. Knight had in his employ a man named Robert Catlin, who acted as carpenter and bell hanger. He made the frames still in the steeples at St. Sepulchre's and St. Saviour's, and the latter is an excellent piece of work. Catlin was a prominent member of the Society of College Youths, and took part in several of their early performances, including the first peals ever rung of Bob Major, Royal, and Maximus. To him Samuel Knight left the business, and for some years he carried on the foundry, but he never made the reputation the other had done. He was admitted a love brother (that is an honorary member) of the Founders' Company in 1740. Probably he was not qualified to be an ordinary member for he had not been apprenticed to the craft. He died in 1751 and was succeeded in the business by Thomas Swain, who moved the foundry to Longford, near West Drayton in Middlesex. He does not appear to have been much of a craftsman, and in his hands the business faded away and came to nothing.

A family of bell founders who cast a number of bells for churches in London and district, as elsewhere, during the seventeenth century was the Eldridges. The business was an off-shoot of a Reading foundry and was established at Wokingham and afterwards transferred to Chertsey. The founder of the business was Thomas Eldridge, who was succeeded by Richard, and then by Brian. Brian's son, Bryan the Second, who died in 1661, is the best known of the dynasty. He was a member of the Society of College Youths and cast the old ring of five at Fulham. One of his bells is still at St. Andrew, Undershaft. He was followed by William the First and William the Second, and finally by Thomas the Second. In the parish accounts of St. Mary, Somer-

metal that was running into the mould flew up on a sudden with great noise and violence and came down like drops of fire not only upon all the workmen, but spectators (of whom there was a great number to see the performance). Several attended from the Tower, particularly Mr. Hall, clerk of the ordnance, who was so sorely wounded that he dyed next morning. The Master Founder and his son with above twenty others were also very much hurt. 'Tis generally agreed that this sad accident was owing to the dampness of the mould.' 'The Weekly Journal' stated that 'Bagley, the Master Founder, has lost his eyes, and his son and sixteen others are desperately wounded.'



ST. SEPULCHRE'S, NEWGATE, IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

set, there is a reference to a bell said to have been purchased from Mr. John Eldridge, of Chertsey, but this seems to have been a mistake, and the bell actually was cast by William Eldridge. In *Stahlschmidt's* and *Cock's* books full accounts will be found of the Eldridges with their pedigree and wills.

Some of the other provincial founders had great reputations during the sixteenth century, notably the Bagleys of Chacombe, Miles Graye of Colchester, the Brendes of Norwich, Tobie Norris of Stamford, and the Purdues in the West. Whether any of these cast bells for London churches we cannot say, but Miles Graye supplied a bell to All Hallows the Great.

The ring of six cast in 1699 for St. Albans Abbey is the last known work of Philip Wightman, and he was succeeded by Matthew Bagley from Chacombe, who lost his life in tragic circumstances while casting a cannon. 'Last Thursday night,' says 'The Flying Post' of May 12th, 1716, 'about nine o'clock, a tragical accident happened at the Royal Foundry near upper Moorfield, where, when the workmen were casting a cannon, the

In the St. Giles', Cripplegate, register of deaths for the year 1716 are the entries — 'May 22. Matthew Bagley, founder, killed,' and 'May 26. Matthew Bagley, jr., founder, killed.'

James Bagley succeeded to the business, and among his bells were one to St. Mary's, Ealing, since recast; one to St. Mary's, Acton, still in the tower; and one to St. Michael, Bassishaw, now at St. Ethelreda's, Fulham.

Among other founders, who were represented by odd bells here and there in London, were Philip Hatherell (1736 at All Hallows the Great); Samuel Newton (at St. Alban's, Wood Street); John Peele (at St. Alban's, Wood Street, and St. Matthew's, Friday Street); and John Weylett. Weylett, who was working between 1703 and 1731, began at Bishop's Stortford, left there about 1714, toured Sussex for two years, and worked in London for Samuel Knight until 1721. He then, for three or four years, moved about from place to place, chiefly in Kent, and finally settled in London. St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, contained some of his work.

(To be continued.)

QUARTER PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, December 9th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Miss D. Hide 1, F. J. Crees 2, G. Wiggins 3, G. P. Elphick
4, R. W. E. Dawe 5, W. J. Coppard 6, R. Hide (conductor) 7, T. W.
Woolston 8.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Sunday, December 9th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: G. Drury 1, G. Coy 2, R. Parker 3, H. R. Woods 4, G. W.
Creasey (conductor) 5, H. Drury 6.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday, December 9th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: T. Ormerod 1, S. Taylor 2, J. Knight 3, G. Newton 4, H. D. Mills 5,
F. Appleton 6, W. Bamford (conductor) 7, T. L. Borrett 8.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob
Minor: E. Ryder 1, A. Tarrier 2, Miss F. M. Price 3, Miss M. E. B.
Hudson (conductor) 4, Mrs. M. Hatton 5, J. W. Price 6.

CANTERBURY.—On Monday, December 10th, at the Cathedral,
1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: S. Walter 1, F. R. Weller 2, G. Swaffer 3,
J. W. Unwin (conductor) 4, F. A. Wells 5, R. G. Port 6, B. J. Luck
7, J. Stockbridge 8. Half-muffled for Archbishop Lord Lang.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Tuesday, December
11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. W. Robson 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2,
J. A. Brown 3, W. F. Sheraton 4, S. C. Walker 5, D. A. Bayles (conductor)
6. Half-muffled for the Rev. T. Appleton.

NETHERSEAL.—On Wednesday, December 12th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: J. Ellis 1, W. Woodward 2, F. Sharp 3, C. Jones 4, G. Hair
(conductor) 5, S. Scattergood 6.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Friday, December 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor.
H. C. Cluett 1, W. G. Damen 2, F. W. Corney 3, B. Ridout 4, G. W.
Dennis 5, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 6.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Friday, December 14th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: T. Merritt 1, Joan Grant 2, H. W. Lawrence 3,
J. S. Weeks 4, F. W. Hale 5, F. Wilshire 6, S. G. Grant (conductor)
7, S. H. Mortimer 8. Half-muffled for Mr. B. Priddle, many years
ringer and verger at this church.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Friday, December 14th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: P. J. Woodjyer 1, H. Becher (conductor) 2,
D. F. Thomas 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, B. A. Rose 5, J. E. Chilcott 6.

LINCOLN.—On Friday, December 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,323
Stedman Cinques: Geoffrey M. Mayer 1, John Freeman 2, John Walden
3, Edward J. Bragg 4, Jack L. Millhouse 5, Sidney Chambers 6, Harold
Marcon 7, Walter Tomlinson 8, John A. Freeman (conductor) 9,
Kenneth W. Mayer 10, H. Leslie Pask 11, Herbert Lowman 12.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Saturday, December 15th,
1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, L. Rose 2, B. Ridout 3, R.
Ridout 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On December 15th, at St. Peter's, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: Richard Benson 1, Robert Winpenney 2, Mary
Elkin 3, Burley Walshaw 4, Ronald Edwards 5, Alfred Roberts 6,
W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, Vernon Turner 8.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, December 15th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: D. Streeter 1, Jean Curtis 2, Stella M. Wickens
3, A. Humphrey 4, P. Blackman (conductor) 5, J. Heritage 6.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE.—On Saturday, December 15th, 1,264
Bob Major: Geoffrey Howels 1, Basil Jones 2, Mrs. S. Hough 3,
James Fernley 4, John Worth 5, Alan Potts 6, James A. Milner 7,
William Fernley 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: R. Retter 1, Mrs. A. Holway 2, G. E. Retter (conductor)
3, Miss Q. Pring 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, B. Pidgeon 7,
A. Holway 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,260 Grand-
sire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: G. Townsend 1, A. McPiffin 2, G.
Latham 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, F. Garland 6.

BISHOPS CANNINGS.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,264 Bob
Major: T. Merritt 1, Joy Davis 2, J. Romain 3, W. A. Swift 4, F. W.
Hale 5, J. S. Weeks 6, W. G. Mortimer 7, S. G. Grant (conductor) 8.

WRINGTON.—On Sunday, December 16th, 1,277 Grand-
sire Caters:
W. H. Kingcott 1, T. H. Ferris 2, W. J. Gait 3, Mrs. H. W. Knight
4, T. E. Brice 5, A. E. Ferris 6, H. H. Yeates 7, C. H. Vowles 8,
H. W. Knight (conductor) 9, W. Hobbs 10.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Monday, December 17th, 1,280 Bob Major
on handbells: C. A. Levett 1-2, R. C. Noon 3-4, F. H. Hicks 5-6, W.
Birmingham (conductor) 7-8.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Monday, December 17th,
1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: L. Rose 1, B. Ridout 2, R. Ridout 3, E. T. P.
Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Monday, December 17th, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Triples: G. Epps 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, Miss B. Solly 3, L. J.
Twyman 4, J. Russell 5, F. Waghorn 6, A. Hinkley 7, F. A. Peall 8.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Friday, December 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, B. Ridout 2, R. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field
(conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Friday, December 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Doubles: Miss D. Hare 1, L. H. Bywaters (conductor) 2, J. Mayes 3,
J. Church 4, P. W. Tompkins 5, D. Pearson 6. Half-muffled for
Laurie Wilton, a ringer of Henlow, who lost his life while a prisoner
of war in Japanese hands.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, December 22nd, 1,260 Grand-
sire
Doubles: E. White 1, W. White 2, F. Symonds 3, W. Tiley (conductor)
4, W. Osborn 5, H. Lintern 6.

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ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Annual, Ely (8), Jan.
5th, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30, Ye Olde Tea
Rooms.—R. H. Bullen, 39a, High Street, Ely.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—
Winchester District.—Annual, Winchester, January 5th.
Cathedral bells 6 to 8.30 p.m., St. Maurice's 3.15 to
8.30 p.m. Meeting at Dumpers' Restaurant 3.45 p.m.
Buffet tea 4.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol
City Branch.—Annual, Jan. 5th, St. Mary's, Redcliffe, 3
p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual,
Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Martin's, 6 p.m. Business at
Tamworth Arms 6.15 p.m.—T. H. Reeves.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Cowfold (6),
Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Laker,
Balcombe.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Goole, Satur-
day, Jan. 5th, 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.), 4.30 in School,
Names to Mrs. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—
T. H. Foster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds, Jan. 5th (8
and 10 bell towers), 2.30 p.m. Tea and business 4 p.m.
to consider revised rules and subscriptions.—C. W. Pipe,
Grundsburgh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne
Branch.—Annual, St. James', Poole, Saturday, Jan. 5th,
2.30 p.m. Tea and business at the Old Rectory 4.30
p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Bells at Corfe Mullen avail-
able.—C. A. Phillips.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—
Fenitor, January 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.)
4.30 p.m.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Marv, Devon.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Harmston
(8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and busi-
ness 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 8th.—K. W. Mayer, 4,
Carline Road, Lincoln.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-
FORD.**—Meeting at Bloxwich on Saturday, Jan. 12th.
Bells at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.30; members 9d.,
others 1s. Numbers by Tuesday, Jan. 8th.—H. Knight,
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Hemel
Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for
tea by Jan. 10th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel
Hempstead.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual, Downham
Market (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Tea in National School 5 p.m.—W. Bucken-
ham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan.
12th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Kitchenside, South
Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Broughton-in-Furness (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—St. Anne's, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—J. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Newhey, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Ivan Kay.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Rish-ton, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Frome Branch. — Annual, Midsomer Norton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 8th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — Annual, Biggleswade (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Sawley (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Tea in School 5 p.m.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

BARNSELY SOCIETY.—Annual, Barnsley, Jan. 12th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Annual, Kettering, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District.—Annual, Southampton, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names by Jan. 9th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 9th.—G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division. — Annual, Ardleigh (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Ardleigh Hall. Names by Jan. 8th.—L. Wright.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Annual, Bath Abbey (10), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential, to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual, Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Market Harborough District. — Market Harborough, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting Cadena Cafe, St. Mary's Road, 5 p.m. Important business. Names by Jan. 8th. — H. W. Perkins.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch. — Chorley St. Mary's (R.C.) (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30. No tea. Cafes and snack bars nearby. — Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Jan. 12th. Leyton, E.10. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Business 5.45. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Bradford Cathedral (10), Saturday, January 19th, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. in Parish Room. No tea. Business in Parish Room 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Twickenham, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 17th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Hinckley, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.—W. A. Wood.

KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District. — Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to Mr. B. Aldridge, 49, Escreet Grove, Woolwich, S.E.18.—A. G. Hill.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual, St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich (8), Jan. 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.), Ber House, 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 16th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Melton Mowbray District.—Important meeting, Jan. 19th, at Melton Mowbray. Details later.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual, Horley, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, Six Bells, followed by meeting. Notify Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, for tea by Jan. 16th.—Alfred Gear.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Glaston Deanery. — Annual, Wells, St. Cuthbert's (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Wickendens, High Street. Names by Jan. 15th. — W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — North and East District. — Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEATH.

MALE.—Dec. 27th, at Warwick Hospital, William Male, for many years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, in his 92nd year.

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THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.

Mr. George E. Symonds' statement that 'Cambridge produces the worst music of any method I have heard' may surprise some of our readers, but hardly any of those who have thought the matter out and are competent to judge. On the one hand Cambridge is among the oldest and best known methods we possess. It is interesting to ring and can be adapted, as only a handful of methods can be, to all even numbers of bells; judged by almost every test it has held its claim to be reckoned among the select group of the Standard Methods; and in face of adverse criticism and the competition of older methods, during more than two centuries it has maintained its prestige and its popularity with ringers. Nor are there any signs that its popularity is likely to diminish. Yet, among well known methods, it produces the worst music of any, and that, not merely incidentally, but by reason of its structure and nature. How shall we account for this?

It is more than likely that many ringers will deny the whole statement. Cambridge, and especially Cambridge Royal and Maximus, when properly struck, will, they say, produce excellent music. These men include perhaps the majority of those who have had most experience of the actual ringing of the method; they are to be reckoned among the more skilled members of the Exercise; and their opinion is not to be lightly disregarded. Yet there are several things which forbid us to consider them as the final authority on the matter. Comparatively few of them have ever heard any other ten or twelve-bell method, except Treble Bob, which it is the fashion rather to despise. Twice within a course of Cambridge Royal or Maximus the big bells come together and for a while produce the familiar Treble Bob music. But now, just because it is so comparatively rare and fleeting, and such a contrast to the music of the rest of the course, it strikes most gratefully on the ear. It supplies Cambridge's only claim to the production of good music; and it is only a bit of Treble Bob set in a wilderness of most unmusical stuff.

Ringers talk a lot about the music of the changes, but it is quite a question whether many of them do appreciate and understand the music they talk about. What they do, as a rule, is to confuse two quite distinct sensations.* A man rings a good peal of Cambridge Royal, on a good set of bells, with a good band. He gets general satisfaction out of the performance, but it is

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mainly due to the intellectual pleasure of method ringing, and the æsthetic pleasure of hearing the music, though real, does not enter into the matter nearly so much as the man thinks. The more difficult the method, and therefore the more absorbing to the ringer, the less the quality of the music concerns him. Cambridge Royal and Maximus do not give good music, but they do give just those things the ringer looks for and for the sake of them he would put up with even worse music and not realise that it was worse.

We may conclude that for the average ringer, and especially for the average peal ringer, music is of no great consequence; but that does not mean that it is of no consequence at all. For the outside public it is the only thing that really matters, and for the ringer who desires to get everything he can out of his art it may be almost as important as method ringing itself. But to appreciate and enjoy bell music it is not sufficient to treat it merely as a pleasant accompaniment of method ringing. It must be studied carefully and the principles and nature of it understood. If this is done it is surprising what a wealth of good things can be found in change ringing, even in those methods which habit and example have taught men to despise. Spliced Surprise Major is most fascinating to ring, but really good Double Norwich on a fine ring of bells can supply a pleasure which in its own way is not equalled by the other.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	ERNEST T. ALLWAY ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 9
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON Treble	†HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
*PETER J. STANFORTH... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*VERNON J. BENNING ... Treble	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 6
RONALD C. NOON ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 7
PERCY J. SPICE ... 3	*SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... 8
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 9
*LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 5	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Royal.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL,

5160 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.	Tenor 37½ cwt.
HENRY TOOKE Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 8
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H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 7
HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 3	CHARLES A. POST ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 9
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN GOODMAN Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
*DAVID L. HINGLEY ... 3	KENNETH W. KNOWLES 8
AUBREY PICKERING ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... 9
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5	THOMAS SMITH ... Tenor

Composed J. E. GROVES. Conducted by CHRIS. WALLATER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Half-muffled for the fallen in the war.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 7
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 8
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 9
ARTHUR JONES ... 5	ERNEST J. CHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

*HAROLD A. MAY Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 6
†GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
†H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING

* First peal on ten. † First peal of plain ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILFY ... 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.**

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... .. 7
HENRY HODGETTS 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 19 cwt.**

*CYRIL WARD Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
SIDNEY CHAMBERS 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
JOHN FREEMAN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	JOHN HODSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.**

THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	WILLIAM OLDFIELD ... 5
*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.
* First peal in the method.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.**

*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	ALAN J. BROWN 6
EDWARD JACKSON 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
JOHN WORTH 4	*SAMUEL GRAHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

TWYFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.**

*NESTA D. SMITH Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
JOAN SALMONS 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE... 6
*RICHARD SMITH 3	JOHN CHESTERMAN... .. 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.**

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	*FREDK. G. BALDWIN ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	FRANK CORKE 7
DOROTHY FLETCHER 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.
* First peal in the method.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.**

HAROLD PAILING Treble	*T. VERNON JENNISON... 5
GEORGE E. PADGETT 2	†A. EDMOND CLEMENCE... 6
REGINALD ALEY 3	FRANK BRADLEY 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 4	*HERBERT CAWTHORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.**

VERNON J. BENNING ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT... 2	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
ALLISON PURDOM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.**

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	*JOHN PROCTOR 5
SIDNEY PROCTOR 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
REGINALD SCOTT 4	THOMAS HALL Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.**

FRANK RHODES Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
W. GEORGE TURNER 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. AMBLER.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.**

EDWARD R. COLES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... 7
JOHN H. HUNT 4	LEONARD STILWELL... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.**

REV. J. E. TREDENNICK Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 7
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2,880 Bristol, 1,266 London, and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative. Tenor 18½ cwt.**

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN... .. 2	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
RONALD SUELLING 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE A. THOMPSON...Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
PHILIP A. CORBY 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Major.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ...Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	*ERNEST COOPER ... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALAN N. BROWN ...Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	GERALD FARREER 6
EDWARD A. JACKSON ... 3	PETER LARLIN 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. BROWN.

* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ELIZABETH LAYTON ...Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
*MARGARET E. PITSTOW 2	DENIS N. LAYTON 6
†DENNIS J. PITSTOW ... 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... 7
PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ...Treble	JOHN A. AMES 6
MRS. B. WAYMAN 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN W. CARTER 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor
JOHN FREEMAN 4	

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

Or Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS F. E. BROCKELSBY Treble	JOHN R. KEMP 5
JOHN R. YOUNG 2	CYRIL WANDER 6
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 7
ARTHUR YOUNG 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents each called differently.

*EDWIN MOSS ...Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
*BESSIE MOSS 2	STANLEY SLANEY 5
DENNIS COOPER 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR B. COOPER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM POTTS ...Treble	*ERNEST STEEL 4
*KENNETH STEEL 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
*DAVID STEEL 3	*ARTHUR A. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN ...Treble	HARRY BARNES 4
ERNEST SHORT 2	FRANK LAMB 5
FRANK REED 3	ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. REED.

First peal as conductor.

STOWING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

PERCY PAGE ...Treble	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

G. CHERRY ...Treble	*D. PRICE 4
F. CROFT 2	D. C. MEARS 5
A. E. SYMONDS 3	W. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal of Minor.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER ...Treble	RONALD C. NOON 4
GEORGE MARTIN 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEC. GILBERT.



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**FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.
ALBERT PEARSON Treble | FRANK P. HARWOOD 4
FRANK DEWEY 2 | HAROLD HARPER 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3 | HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor
Conducted by HAROLD HARPER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2 | MRS. J. THOMAS 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7-8
THOMAS W. LEWIS 9-10
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | THOMAS W. LEWIS 7-8
Arranged by I. J. ATTWATER. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD 1-2 | *THOMAS BIRD 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4 | ALBERT CATTERWELL 7-8
Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. W. PYE.
* First peal of Major in hand. First peal in hand as conductor.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT SACKFORDS, MOLEHILL GREEN,
A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative.
EDWIN JENNINGS 1-2 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | *JOHN B. WOOLLEY 7-8
Composed and Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise. First peal of Spiced Surprise as conductor on handbells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.
FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble | FRANK BARLESS 4
CHARLES MARSHALL 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD... .. 5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON 3 | ERNEST MORRIS Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal for the Guild.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE FIELDS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART.

WALTER AYRE 1-2 | CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | GEORGE STEERE 7-8
Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently.
OLAVE BROYD 1-2 | THOMAS BIRD 3-4
ALBERT CATTERWELL 5-6
Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

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We are informed that the peal of Grandsire Triples at Mayfield on
December 22nd sent to us as by the East Grinstead and District Guild
was a Sussex County Association peal. By rule of the Central Council
peals may not be published under the heading of more than one
society.

Reports of quarter-peals, meetings and other matter must not be
written on the back of reports of peals and notices.

The peal of Double Norwich at Swanscombe on December 29th was
Mr. P. A. Corby's 50th during 1945.

The time of the peal of Minor at Kirkby-in-Furness on December
28th was 2 hours 43 minutes, not 3 hours 43 minutes.

The Stedman Cinques at Walsall on December 29th was Mr. F. E.
Haynes' 250th peal and Mr. George E. Fearn's 50th during 1945.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

January 6th, 1851. College Youths rang 7,524 Stedman Cinques (the
then record) at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

January 7th, 1767. College Youths rang 5,082 Grandsire Cinques at
Cirencester; the first peal on twelve bells outside London.

1817. St. Martin's Youths rang 5,004 Oxford Treble Bob Caters at
St. Martin's, Birmingham. The first peal in the method.

1846. What was supposed to have been the first peal of Kent Treble
Bob Maximus in London rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

1890. Henry Johnson died at Aston.

January 9th, 1841. Samuel Thurston died.

January 11th, 1717. London Scholars rang 5,040 Grandsire Caters
at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, the first peal in London and the first on
ten bells anywhere.

1911. The College Youths rang a peal of London Surprise Major
on the back eight of the old ring at St. Mary-le-Bow.

LENGTH OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung half-muffled on the
bells of Holy Trinity, Guildford, on New Year's Eve lasted 3 hours
and 27 minutes, the longest on record for a peal of Triples in this
tower. Now there is nothing peculiar in that, although the peal was
rung in two years, being not completed until after midnight. In
discussing this; the question arose what is the longest peal of Triples
on record? We feel certain that a 'Ringing World' reader can
answer this quest for knowledge. T. W. WHITE.

Guildford.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On December 22nd three new bells were dedicated at St. Michael's
Church, Heydour, by the Bishop of Grantham. They are the gift
of Brig.-Gen. R. L. Adlerson in memory of his wife, brother and
cousin. Messrs. Taylors have also retuned the old five and hung the
whole in a new H frame on ball bearings. After the dedication
service the four standard methods were rung, upwards of 30 ringers
being present from Grantham, Barkston, Caythorpe, Hough-on-the-
Hill, Folkingham, Sleaford, Surfleet, Bottesford, Radcliffe-on-Trent,
London, Bristol and the local belfry. The old five were cast by
Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham.

MAKERS OF LONDON BELLS.

(Continued from page 9.)

'Thomas Lester, who, after Phelps' death in 1738, was the sole proprietor of the Whitechapel foundry, is said not to have been so successful as his predecessor. He, however, cast two important rings in London — St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in 1739, and St. George's-in-the-East in 1742. The latter was among the bells destroyed in the air raids. Rotherhithe bells are by Lester, and his provincial rings include the octave at Coddendam and the ten at Stonham Aspal, both in Suffolk, and both paid for by Theodore Eccleston.



ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE.

In 1752 Thomas Lester took Thomas Pack into partnership. The latter, undoubtedly was one of the greatest of English bell founders, and his name appears on many a famous ring, first in conjunction with that of Lester, and afterwards that of William Chapman.

In London Lester and Pack's rings were St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, and Creechurch, 1754; St. Mary Bow, Stratford, 1760; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (except the tenor), 1762; and St. Botolph, Aldgate, 1764. Of these Lester had already cast the first four in 1744.

The ring at Isleworth is also by Lester and Pack, and among their many bells in the country were those at

St. Nicholas', King's Lynn, East Dereham, Beccles, Horsham, York Minster, Holy Trinity, Guildford, Seven Oaks, Erith, and St. Martin's, Birmingham. Of these, St. Mary's, Whitechapel, St. Mary's, Bow, Stratford, and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, were destroyed in air raids; the ten at York Minster perished by fire in 1840; St. Martin's, Birmingham, and Holy Trinity, Guildford, have been recast; and Beccles and Isleworth have been modernised.

Lester died in 1769, and then for 18 years the foundry was carried on by Thomas Pack and William Chapman. It was one of the most brilliant periods in the long history of the business. The firm published a broadsheet giving a list of 114 castings by 'Lester, Pack, & Chapman, Bell Founders, at the Three Bells in Whitechapel, London.' The 'Three Bells' is a reference to the stamp used by Robert Mot on his bells. It does not seem to have been used by his successors. The list includes many rings which had a great reputation.

London contained only two of Pack and Chapman's peals—St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Mary's, Islington—but they are numerous in the provinces, and among them were St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Dunstable, Luton, Newton Abbot, Carisbrooke, Lewisham, Pinner, Wye, Hornchurch, Kendal, Aston, St. Michael's, Coventry, and St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich.

St. Giles', Cripplegate, were destroyed in the air raids; so was the church of St. Mary, Islington, and, though the bells probably are safe, it is hardly likely they will be rung again. The ring at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was another war casualty. Aston bells have been recast.

Until the introduction of the modern style of bell the ring at St. Michael's, Coventry, was generally considered to be the best peal of ten, and the ring at Mancroft the best peal of twelve in the country. The latter enjoyed a greater reputation over a longer period than any bells in England, and they were the only ones that everybody used to consider superior to Rudhall's ring at Painswick. Like all old bells, it is probable that they have suffered in estimation since the changes in taste caused by the modern style of tuning, and the casual visitor of to-day who is familiar with the modern rings such as those at Beverley, or Worcester, or Shrewsbury, may perhaps wonder what there is in Mancroft bells to account for their great reputation. Perhaps only one who has been brought up in the sound of them and has shared in the pride that every citizen of Norwich used to take in them, can fully realise their charm. No doubt if they were taken down from the steeple to the foundry and subjected to the tests tuners nowadays apply to modern bells, they would fail; but, hanging in their own tower, there are no bells that can so successfully hold their own against the best that the modern foundries supply.

Coventry bells as a ringing peal came to an end when it was decided that it was no longer safe to ring them in the lofty steeple, and, though they hung dead for some years, they were replaced in 1927 by a chime of fourteen bells from Croydon, fitted for tune playing. These still hang in the tower, though the Cathedral was almost entirely destroyed in a great air raid.

(To be continued.)

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 9th, at 83, Bocking Church Street, 2,528 Bob Major: A. C. Rippingale 1-2, R. Suckling (conductor) 3-4, T. Bird 5-6, R. Rippingale 7-8.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, December 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dunkley 1, H. Clark 2, G. Parker 3, G. Allard 4, W. R. Hammons (conductor) 5.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The would be composer nowadays has a legitimate grumble: there is no demand for new methods, as the existing ones suffice to satisfy all but the very best of bands. And new compositions are very hard to come by, and are likely to be very difficult to call. In addition, it is an arduous task proving them original.

There is, however, one outstanding point left to prove, like a giant shipwreck deserted by the ebbing tide—whether or not it is possible to obtain a peal of Stedman Triples with ordinary bobs only.

It is definitely possible to obtain the extent on seven bells with triple changes only—for instance, Thompson's five-part peal ('Grandsire,' page 10) with 5ths place bobs, and J. W. Parker has asserted ('Ringing World,' November 24th, 1945) that it is possible to splice Erin and Stedman into a peal with bobs only. To quote another's reasoning, 'Stedman can be reduced to thirds place bobs in spliced original and reverse original triples, with, of course, fifths place bobs added. Now Grandsire is Original and thirds place bobs, and it is well known that by adding 5ths place bobs we can get extents, e.g., Shipway's five-part, so why not for Stedman?'

No one has ever composed the required peal, and there seems a tendency for some to write off the problem as impossible. This perhaps is due to the fact that in limited systems such as Hudson's, or the Carter odd-bob plans (or indeed any known plan?), it can be proved that singles are required, bobs giving an even number of round blocks. After spending many hours on the problem, I become more convinced that the matter is not the 'write-off' that others suggest.

If the feat is ever proved impossible, it will probably be proved by assuming that a peal is possible with bobs only, and so deducing conditions which lead to a contradiction. From the assumption can be reasoned many conditions; thus every bell must be 60 times quick, 60 times slow, and any bell must be affected an equal number of times by bobs in the three affected positions. But this seems perfectly feasible.

If the feat is ever pulled off, I feel sure it will be done by planning a system starting from an odd number of blocks. It seems fundamental that linking systems preserve the oddness or evenness of the numbers of blocks, so why not start with an odd number and finish with one?

BRIAN D. PRICE.

The Post Office, Ebbw Vale, Mon.

THE MUSIC OF METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I think that the music of an eight bell method depends entirely on the relative positions of 7 and 8. The 'bom-bim-bah' is all right, but there must not be too much of it. In Treble Bob it gets positively monotonous. The ear wants relief from it. Look at a lead or so of Double Norwich. It starts with a double dodge, which is very pleasing, a 3, 4 or 5 pull would be too long, then a few changes of 'bom-bim-bah' and enough relief is given for 4 changes. A few changes later comes double dodging on the lead, which is also very pleasing; 7 and 8, I think, should not get very far apart. I agree with Mr. Symonds about Cambridge and have always considered it to be a rotten method, the tenors never get on the lead together. Superlative is much superior, though perhaps the 5 pull dodges is overdoing it. Try Cornwall; I've rung it on my machine and it sounds fine. The heavy bells are kept well together.

G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Sedbergh.

CALLING THE BELLS ROUND.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In addition to Capt. J. L. Wright's rules to call Stedman Triples into rounds, in your issue of December 14th, I append the following:—

Keep 4-6 behind until the 7th comes out quick, 4-6-7 are now at home at the course-end. Then if 5 is in 1sts place call a bob at 3. If 5 is in 2nds place call bobs at 3.4.5.6.7.8.12.13. If 5 is in 3rds place call bobs at 4.5.6.7.12.13. If the bells are out of course call a single at either 5 or 10. Another way, call 6.7.12, which produces rounds at hand-stroke.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

THE GREAT BELL OF COLOGNE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Can anyone say what has happened to the great bell of Cologne, which was cast in 1887 out of captured French cannon and ranked as one of the biggest, if not the biggest, in Europe outside Russia? There was a report (true or false I cannot say) that it was broken up for munitions in the Four Years War and afterwards replaced.

Cologne Cathedral is probably ruined beyond redemption. The great towers and spires still stand and much of the broken walls, but the building is shattered by blast and may have to be pulled down completely. Most of it was modern, but the church, which claimed to be the largest in Europe north of the Alps, has had a Christian history for more than a thousand years, and its destruction cannot be anything but a grievous loss to the Christian Church and religion.

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A MÆDIÆVAL RING OF SIX BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The magnificent tower of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, with its fine ring of twelve bells, is well known to the majority of ringers, and it may be of interest to your readers to learn that in mediæval times there hung in this tower what must surely have been one of the earliest rings of six in the country, with a tenor slightly heavier than the tenor at St. Paul's Cathedral.

In the 'Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society,' volume xviii. (1893), p. 250, there is a quotation from the writings of William Wyrcestre, dating from about the year 1480, in which he gives the weight of the bells as follows:—

'Maxima campana de Radclyff continet in pondere de lyggeyng wyght septem milia 24 lib. Secunda campana fere v milia lib. id est IIII milia et. . . Tertia campana continet MMMCCCLVII lib. Quarta campana ponderat MMCC lib. Quinta campana minor continet MDLXX lib. Sexta minima campana continet MCCC lib.'

The composition of this heavy ring of six would therefore be: Treble, or fore-bell, 11 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. Second, 14 cwt. 2 lb. Third, 19 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. Fourth, 29 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. Fifth, 44 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. Tenor, or great bell, 62 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

This ring bears striking testimony to the skill of our bellfounders of five centuries ago. The bells may not have been tuned diatonically, but I am of the opinion that they were. For instance, if we assume that the note of the tenor was B flat, it would have been possible to obtain a good individual bell sounding the strike-note G natural with 11½ cwt. of metal, even though this may not have been powerful enough for a 62½ cwt. tenor.

The fate of these bells is not known, but doubtless their metal subsequently was re-used when the ring was recast. In 1553 there were six great bells and one other.

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Derwen, Launton, Oxfordshire.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alan Pink's letters are most interesting, but I should like to point out that he does not seem to have revealed the attitude of the Church dignitaries and officials towards our Exercise.

There are, undoubtedly, some keen Australian ringers, and the Press, broadcasting authorities and public seem to show a great deal of interest when something special is being done. However, I do feel that a full-time professional campanologist would require something more before he could confidently accept a commission to instruct strangers in a strange land in his art. One or even two or three would be quite inadequate and also they would be bereft of any advanced practice (so essential to keep them from getting stale). Any ringer who has done some instructing knows how necessary and how pleasurable it is to join in with and even, for a time, become the 'rabbit' again in an advanced company.

However, I have a suggestion to make. Could not the Church authorities in Australia be approached through the Central Council to find out the possibilities of appointing some English ringers to the other offices within their churches? The Melbourne Cathedral may want a verger or a vicar of an Australian church with bells or similar official. An English ringer could fill both the post of verger and bell instructor with great advantage and with a feeling of security. He would quickly get to know of some recruits, and, being more or less always on the job, he could arrange lessons and practices with greater facility than the free lance professional instructor.

With a dozen such appointments made during the course of a few years, I feel sure the Australian Exercise would soon show some results. The Central Council could help financially in the matter of travelling expenses, etc., but I fail to see how our Council could possibly maintain more than one or two men for an indefinite period.

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ARTHUR DAVIS.

HANDBELLS IN GERMANY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Eight weeks ago I returned from U.K. leave, bringing with me 16 of my handbells, the object being to introduce both change and tune ringing to two young German brothers with whom I had become acquainted some time previously, and as Christmas was well on its way, I chose to tackle the tune ringing first.

The two youngsters (both brothers aged 16) have made rapid strides, and on Christmas morning in our garrison church here in Spandau (Berlin) we took part in the special carol service, during which we played four carols accompanied with the organ, the organist previously transposing the four tunes to suit the key of the bells. In the evening we made a tour of the wards at the hospital, occupying a period of two hours.

I have been amply rewarded for my labours, as all our performances were well received. I hope in the New Year to start them on change ringing, but this will no doubt present many difficulties, as it is unknown in Germany, most churches possessing only two bells. The bells at Spandau Garrison Church are operated by electric motor and are rung only frame high. Perhaps this letter may be of interest to your readers, and I trust you can make use of it in 'The Ringing World.' With all good wishes to 'The Ringing World' in 1946.

S. HARRISON.

66 P.A. Centre, Berlin Area, B.A.O.E.

DEATH OF MR. A. C. FEARNLEY.

The death is announced of Mr. Albert Charles Fearnley, of York, which occurred on December 23rd in his 82nd year. The funeral was at St. Clement's Church and the interment at Fulford Cemetery on December 27th. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. L. Woodcock, E. Rickett, P. Johnson and H. Walker. Other ringers present were Messrs. J. Hardcastle, G. Horner, F. Atkinson, S. Steel and F. F. Earnshaw.

Mr. Fearnley began to ring on the six bells at St. Mary's, Bishopshill; in 1885 he joined the York Minster company, of which he was made an honorary member when he resigned three or four years ago. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1883 and for a time was on the committee. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and other societies.

Mr. Fearnley had taken part in over 100 peals on different numbers of bells. They included several on handbells. He was a life governor of the York County Hospital.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT EWELL.**

A meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ewell on December 29th was attended by nearly 40 ringers from Ashted, Banstead, Clandon, Croydon, Epsom, Erith, Ewell, Hersham, Leatherhead, Melksham, Twyford, Walton-on-Thames and Warnham.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. V. P. Davis, who presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Reference was made to the death of the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, formerly Vicar of Leatherhead, and chairman at nearly all the annual meetings of the district since the Guild was founded.

Four new members were elected and nominations made for district officers for 1946. It was hoped to hold the annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 9th.

The methods rung ranged from rounds and Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise Major.

MONK BRETTON, YORKSHIRE.**RESTORATION OF BELLS.**

On Wednesday, December 19th, the ring of six bells at Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, was rededicated after restoration by Messrs. Mears and Steinbank, who have strengthened the old oak frame, cleaned and retuned the bells, and rehung them on the old headstocks in ball bearings with modern fittings and clappers. A new belfry floor will be added as soon as the timber is available. This will give greater space in the ringing chamber.

The ceremony was performed by Canon Carton, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Barlow, Vicar of Felkirk. For the dedication the bells were rung by the Felkirk band, and after the service touches of Bob Minor were rung. Some of the local company took part in rounds. The Felkirk ringers have offered to help the local men, who are a struggling band.

The bells, a ring of six with a tenor of 10½ cwt., were cast at Whitechapel in 1877.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**MEETING AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**

Forty members of the Suffolk Guild were present at a general meeting held at Bury St. Edmunds on January 5th. Mr. C. J. Sedgley was in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Charles E. Fisher resigning the office of treasurer, and Mr. C. W. Pipe, the hon. secretary, was asked to carry on the duties for the time being.

In introducing the revised rules and subscriptions, the chairman said that very little alteration had been made. Much unnecessary wording had been taken out, and the objects, constitution and rules had been more correctly stated. The subscriptions of ringing members had been raised to 2s. 6d. per year, but he thought there would be no objections to that when the members considered the increase in the cost of reports and other items.

A proposal to postpone the matter to a later meeting was rejected and after some slight amendment the new rules were adopted, and a form of service drawn up by the Rev. Herbert Drake was generally approved.

DEVON RINGER'S WEDDING.**MR. J. E. LILLEY AND MISS A. B. CLATWORTHY.**

At Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, on January 3rd, the wedding took place of Mr. James E. Lilley, only son of Mrs. Lilley and the late Mr. Charles R. Lilley, of Perry Farm, Highweek, and Miss Alice B. Clatworthy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clatworthy, of Foxwell Cottage, Newton Abbot. As the couple left the church after the ceremony eight members of the Devon Guild rang 504 changes of Grandsire Triples.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

During the war the heavy ring of eight bells at Mayfield was taken down and distributed for safety in various parts of the parish. The peal has now been rehung in modern fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and was rededicated on December 22nd by the Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Oliver.

QUARTER PEALS.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, December 23rd, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, C. W. Denyer 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, J. W. Euston 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, A. Lathbury 3, A. Speed 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. Gill 7, W. Simmonds (conductor) 8.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Page 1, F. W. Burnett 2, E. T. Drake 3, C. A. Drake 4, F. C. Taylor 5, J. H. Hunt 6, R. E. Turner (conductor) 7, W. A. Theobald 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. E. Chilcott 1, H. Langdon (conductor) 2, W. S. Langdon 3, W. J. Paice 4, R. E. Mackrill 5, A. M. Houghton 6, H. Harris 7, H. Belcher 8, H. M. Page 9, R. E. Knights 10.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sydney Flint 1, Kenneth Rothwell 2, James Taylor 3, John R. Lunham (conductor) 4, John Brown 5, John Rothwell 6, Peter Crook, sen. 7, Henry Moorcroft 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffen 2, F. Garland 3, S. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, H. Lloyd 6.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Swann (conductor) 1, M. J. Morris 2, J. F. Atkins 3, J. Eaton 4, G. H. Williams 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, R. C. Ingram 7, E. Weston 8.

BANBURY.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Grainge 1, R. Cave 2, W. Watson 3, R. Grainge 4, F. Selwyn 5, J. Stretton 6, H. W. Impey (conductor) 7, H. Alexander 8.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Alfred J. Wyatt 1, Dudley Sheldon 2, George S. Coles 3, William Tarr 4, Arthur W. Hayward 5, Ronald W. Hayward 6, Arthur H. Reed (conductor) 7, William T. Clarke 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. C. Thain 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, J. R. Cotterill 5, T. C. Witts (conductor) 6, R. J. Thain 7, W. Brunt 8.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.—On Monday, December 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hart 1, G. Eagle 2, H. Tulk 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, F. Winter 6. Half-muffled for Mr. F. Arnold.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On December 24th, 1,260 of Doubles, in 11 methods, being one six-score each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Wickendon, April Day, Plain Bob. Reverse Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, London Singles and Antelope, and 60 of Grandsire: Mrs. G. Wareham 1, Miss V. Maberley 2, D. King 3, L. H. Pink (conductor) 4, H. E. White 5, M. A. Martin 6.

NORWICH.—On Monday, December 24th, at St. Giles', 1,280 Bob Major: Herbert Beckett 1, Nolan Golden 2, Michael Foster 3, Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick 4, Arthur Bason 5, Edmund Kett 6, Robert Barber 7, George Sayer (conductor) 8.

EBBW VALE.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, J. Lewis 2, R. Stephens 3, R. Hallett 4, J. Alsop 5, B. D. Price 6, W. Thompsett (conductor) 7, J. Jaynes 8.

FISHLAKE, YORKSHIRE.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Bob Minor: Ernest Padgett 1, Frank Lamb 2, Frank Reed 3, H. Cooper 4, R. Hirst 5, Leslie Woodhead (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Christmas Day at the Cathedral, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: Alfred Howes 1, Jack L. Millhouse 2, John Freeman (conductor) 3, Sidney Chambers 4, Lewis Snell 5, George Fintham 6, Raymond F. Smith 7, Walter Tomlinson 8, Harold Maroon 9, Geoffrey M. Mayer 10, John Walden 11, H. Leslie Pask 12.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Christmas Day, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Ellender 1, A. Roberts 2, F. Pervin 3, D. Ellender 4, F. Brassington 5, C. Parker 6, T. Sheppard (conductor) 7, E. Sibley 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffen 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, A. Howell 6.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Joan Winterbourne 1, C. Bousher 2, J. Flanders 3, C. Calcutt (conductor) 4, T. W. Bond 5, P. Trinder 6.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Gray 1, G. Seth 2, F. W. Lack (conductor) 3, H. J. Parker 4, A. Stapleton 5.

PULBOROUGH.—On December 26th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. G. Blackman 1, F. Tregas 2, E. J. Munday 3, P. R. Blackman 4, R. Wood, jun. 5, E. J. Charman 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

LYDLINCH, DORSET.—On Thursday, December 27th, 480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, B. Ridout 2, R. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Saturday, December 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): H. C. Cluett 1, W. G. Damen 2, B. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Saturday, December 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, F. J. Daniell 2, Miss N. A. Davis 3, Miss M. E. Richards 4, A. G. Wells 5, T. A. Palmer 6, W. A. T. Carter (conductor) 7, N. W. Hawkins 8.

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LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Harmston (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—K. W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan. 12th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Annual, Midsomer Norton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Sawley (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Tea in School 5 p.m.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Annual, Ardleigh (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Market Harborough, Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting Cadena Cafe, St. Mary's Road, 5 p.m. Important business.—H. W. Perkins.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, Jan. 12th. Leyton, E.10. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Business 5.45. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

SALISBURY GUILD—W.D.B.—Annual, Beaminster (8), Jan. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15.—C. H. Lathey.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge, Jan. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 4.30. Election of new district secretary.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Annual, Classroom, Chelsea Police Station, 5.30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18th. Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea, 7.30 p.m. New members please attend.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, S.W.12.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Bradford Cathedral (10), Saturday, January 19th, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. in Parish Room. No tea. Business in Parish Room 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Hinckley, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.—W. A. Wood.

KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to Mr. B. Aldridge, 49, Escreet Grove, Woolwich, S.E.18.—A. G. Hill.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District.—Twickenham, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 17th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual, St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich (8), Jan. 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.), Ber House, 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 16th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual, Horley, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, Six Bells, followed by meeting. Notify Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, for tea by Jan. 16th.—Alfred Gear.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual, Wells, St. Cuthbert's (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Wickendens, High Street. Names by Jan. 15th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual, Daventry (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Usual arrangements. Names to W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery.—Barrow Gurney, Jan. 19th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Bacup, St. Saviour's (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual, Edenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at Five Bells Inn 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 16th to Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne.—C. T. H. Bradley.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Annual, St. Albans, Jan. 19th. St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Institute 5 p.m. Cathedral bells (12) in evening. Names for tea.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Sunday School.—H. J. Parker.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Jan. 19th, 5.30 p.m., to form Melton District, at Colles Hall, Melton.—H. W. Perkins.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual, Crewe (10), Jan. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Names by Jan. 16th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Jan. 19th, Lancaster Priory Church, 2.30 p.m.—H. Parkinson.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.—Tibshelf, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—J. W. England.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Bells, St. Andrew's (10) after 2.30 p.m. Names to E. W. Marsh, Grandison, Moreton Avenue, Crownhill, Plymouth, by 15th.

HERTS ASSN.—Northern District.—Annual, Baldock, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — Annual, Bebington (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 or 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Harry S. Brocklebank.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch. — The Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Evensong 3.30 p.m. Business meeting.—Frank Reynolds.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge Branch.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 19th, St. Andrew the Great (8), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., St. Bene't (6) 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary the Great (12), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Andrew the Great. Tea, 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room.—H. L. Martin.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 to 4.30 and after meeting. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Names by 17th.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Silverton, practice on Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea provided.—F. C. Smale.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual, Ilminster (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 15th. — J. T. Locke.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. — Shireoaks (6), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring food. — H. Denman.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Swalcliffe (6), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.15. Notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

CHESTER GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual at Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Jan. 16th.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Netherton, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual, St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names by Jan. 15th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Luton District.—Annual, Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 16th to Mr. H. B. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linsdale, Leighton Buzzard.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Annual at Cathedral, High Street, Portsmouth, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 5, at Tudor Rose Café, Castle Road. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 16th.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Gravesend (St. George's), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern District. — Annual, Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — North and East District. — Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Ilchester Branch. — Annual, Martock, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Jan. 22nd.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch. — Annual, Evercreech (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Bell.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick (not Quorn), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to me by Jan. 23rd.—A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Annual, Streatham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Leonard's (8) and Immanuel (8), 3 p.m. Service, Immanuel, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 47, Stanford Way, S.W.16, by Jan. 23rd. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke, Annual, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m.—J. Chesterman.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN. — Annual, Shrewsbury, Jan. 26th, St. Chad's, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Ward's Café. Ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea to E. D. Poole, 20, Wrekin View, Madeley, Shropshire, by Jan. 24th.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Doncaster, annual, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Send names for tea next week.—W. E. Lloyd, Hon. Sec., 3, Cranbrook Road, Doncaster.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 26th. Bells, St. Peter's and St. George's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4 p.m. Tea at Corn Exchange (6d. a head) and business meeting to follow, 5 p.m. Numbers by Jan. 21st to Mrs. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Preliminary notice.—Committee and general meeting at Nottingham Feb. 9th. Important business. Details later. — Ernest Morris, Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WEEDON (Northants).—Ringers would like to get in touch with G. Freeman, late St. Peter's, Northampton. Will anyone who knows his whereabouts communicate with W. G. Elsigood, 8, High Street, Weedon, Northants.

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PROBLEMS IN COMPOSITION.

Nearly three hundred years ago the author of the 'Tintinnologia' remarked of the art of ringing that 'the very depth of its intricacy is found out,' and since then there has hardly been a time when the clever men of the Exercise did not lament that their predecessors had left them so little to do in composition, and so few interesting problems to solve. It was so especially in the last quarter of the nineteenth century; for then the appearance of 'The Bell News' and of Jasper Snowdon's books had given men an opportunity, such as had never occurred before, of getting their figures into print. The output of peals was enormous, the competition between composers was fierce, and the time came when men freely said of almost all the standard methods that composition in them was worked out. Even so well informed a man as Sir Arthur Heywood declared at a meeting of the Central Council that in the whole science of change ringing there was but one unsolved problem, the production of a seven part peal of Stedman Triples.

That was forty or fifty years ago, and it is quite true that by then the chances of a man producing a new peal on one of the simple, obvious plans were very slender. But the remarkable thing about change ringing, and one of the most potent reasons for its vitality, is that it seems capable of almost unlimited development and is almost inexhaustible in its interest. However much progress a man may make, there always remains more for him to do than he has already done. This is just as true of the theory of change ringing as of the practical side of it: of the science as of the art. To Richard Duckworth the development in his time had been so great and so rapid that he could hardly imagine any further great progress. Yet Grandsire Doubles and the standard extent of Bob Minor marked almost the highest point then reached; and, instead of the very depth of the intricacy of change ringing being found out, the Exercise was but standing at the beginning of a journey of discovery which was to lead step by step into unthought of lands and reveal undreamed of treasures.

More than two hundred years of development and discovery separated Arthur Heywood from Richard Duckworth. In actual knowledge of the art and science of change ringing there was no comparison between them, yet in some important things they were curiously alike. Each was a man of trained intellect, who saw his subject clearly and wholly, and was able to express his

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views and conclusions in plain and sufficient language. But neither seems to have been able to see far into the future, and in that they were typical of the best brains in the Exercise. Always to these men the final problem—the solution of which will leave nothing more to be done—seems to lie just ahead. But it never does. The clever young men of to-day may lament that it was not left to them to prove that a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only is not possible. They can console themselves with the thought that if they can prove that a peal of Stedman Triples with common bobs only is not possible, they will have done something worthy to rank with W. H. Thompson's great discovery.

The opportunity of producing a peal which is something really new in composition does not often occur. It never did at any time. We may, however, be pretty sure that problems will always present themselves for the best brains to work on. For some years men have been trying to produce a peal of Spliced Major in the four standard Surprise methods in which every working bell does all the work of all the four methods. It was a problem of very great difficulty, especially if (as was generally assumed) the condition is that one full 'natural' course of each method must be included in the composition. Men like Mr. A. J. Pitman and the late Joseph W. Parker showed the skill we expect of them in dealing with the problem, but they did not quite succeed, and it has been left to Mr. Harold Cashmore to produce a peal in which every bell does all the work of all four methods, although he had to use parts of incomplete natural courses to achieve his object. Here is a striking proof that composition is not yet worked out and that change ringing has still unsolved problems worthy of the attention of the best brains.

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On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN ... <i>Treble</i>	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 9
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... 10
BETTY SPICE ... 5	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 11
*E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 6	JOHN E. SPICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

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* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Fri., Jan. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*LEONARD HULBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	†A. PATRICK CANNON ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	R. EDWARD COLES ... 8
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	ERNEST COOMBS ... 9
FREDK. J. BAILEY ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Half-muffled for Canon Lewis, late Vicar.

DERBY.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER STEEN ... <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE WARRINGTON ... 6
*ALFRED MOULD ... 2	*RONALD FOSTER ... 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 8
JACK W. GLEW ... 4	WM. A. PARSONS ... 9
WILFRED BUXTON ... 5	JACK BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Royal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... 6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	*DENIS A. BAYLES ... 7
*JOHN A. BROWN ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9
JOHN HEDLEY ... 5	ERNEST WALLACE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SADDLEWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

VERNON BOITOMLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	IVAN KAY ... 6
HARRY NUTT ... 3	ROY MANN ... 7
ARTHUR HINCHCLIFFE ... 4	FRANK RHODES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Composed by F. RHODES.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS W. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 5
HAROLD A. MAY ... 2	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 6
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	*WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

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On Tues., Jan. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MONICA J. RICHARDSON <i>Treble</i>	†STANLEY E. DARMON ... 5
†JENNY PYM ... 2	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE ... 7
†RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First peal of Double Norwich.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
*MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ASHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

GERALD DARE Treble	ALLAN J. BROWN 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 3	IVAN KAY 7
ISAAC GARTSIDE 4	FRANK RHODES Tenor

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. RHODES.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES ... Treble	ROBERT E. TURNER ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT... 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
WALTER C. ROSE 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEO. A. THOMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM L. PERRY ... 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 2	THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 6
†RONALD E. CONSTANT... 3	SIDNEY M. BAILEY ... 7
RICHARD K. DIXON ... 4	FRANK B. LUFFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Major. Half-muffled for the fallen in the war.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT 5
GEORGE HESKETH 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

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AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
LEONARD TREVOR 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

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A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S C LLEIC BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT Treble	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5
SAMUEL BRYANT 2	JOSEPH WEST 6
GEORGE W. HUTCHINSON 3	ROLAND PARK 7
GEORGE W. PARK 4	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. N. PARK.
First peal in the method by all and by the association.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Treble	ERNEST SHORT 5
FRANK REED 2	*ERNEST PAGETT 6
*HAROLD DENMAN 3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY 7
ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Arranged by H. CHANT. Conducted by D. SMITH.
* First peal of Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
BETTY SPICE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
*GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. RIDGEWELL ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	GEORGE AMBLER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL 5
F. GORDON GRAHAM ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.



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On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... <i>Treble</i>	*JEFFERY C. BIRT 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 7
*DEREK R. JUDD 4	FREDK. A. FINCH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.
 * First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL A. BURGESS 5
*ALBERT DISERENS 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
*GEORGE C. GOODMAN 3	H WILLIAM BARRETT 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	GEORGE GILBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
 * First in the Oxford Variation.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5059 CHANGES;
 MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
 * First peal in the method.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALI SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. TAYLOR <i>Treble</i>	†HUBERT G. SUMMERS 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 3	ERNEST STONE 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BASS <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD CHANCE 5
*JOSEPH SOUTHALL 2	BERNARD C. ASHFORD 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	PERCY RICHARDS 7
J. WILLIAM SMITH 4	*CHARLES RICHARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.
 * First peal of Major. Half-muffled for the Rev. Robert Burns, late Rector.

WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

SEDMAN STEELE <i>Treble</i>	FRED TERRY 5
MARGARET HAWLEY 2	*BERT SUTTON 6
DONALD H. DOVE 3	HAROLD WALKER 7
ERNEST RAYNOR 4	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by D. WOODS. Conducted by E. M. BRADLEY.
 * First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.	
R. CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	*J. POUNDS 4
J. LUNHAM 2	C. ACKERS 5
W. CARE 3	A. MAWDSLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.
 * First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
STUART SMITH <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD WALSH 3
*BRIAN SMITH 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON 4
ROGER LEIGH <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by R. LEIGH
 * First peal.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JACK R. TAYLOR <i>Treble</i>	JAMES W. KNIGHT 4
FREDK. W. BUDGEN 2	JOHN O. WELLER 5
*WILLIAM G. COOK 3	LEONARD A. TIDY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.
 * First peal in the method.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
JAMES E. FIGGURES 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	LEONARD HARRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
 First peal as conductor.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of six extents each of Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*MRS. F. C. GOODMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN 3
†FREDK. W. MIDDLETON ... 2	HENRY TOOKE 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF CRANSDIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*JOHN SHATFORD <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. CLARKE 3
*ALLAN F. KIRKMAN 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
 * First peal.

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*On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND LAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... <i>Treble</i>	VINCENT A. HEMMING	4
FRANCIS BIRD 2	LEONARD TUFFREY ...	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	*ALBERT G. DAVIES ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Dec. 30, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At 117, WIDDRINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LONDON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1946, in Two Hours,

At 1b, WEST CROMWELL ROAD, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ROSEMARY HOOD 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	5-6
BETTY SPICE 3-4	JEAN A. SOUTHERST ...	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

LEICESTER.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

JILL POOLE 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE	5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	7-8

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 9-10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' by all.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 12, STANLEY CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON 3-4	ANNA SELLORS	7-8

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Triples on handbells.

SHREWSBURY.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT BREWERY COTTAGE, CHESTER STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

A. EDWARD REEVES ... 1-2	F. HECTOR BENNETT... ..	3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS		5-6

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT FOX YARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD	3-4
ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ...		5-6

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

First peal as conductor on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5075 CHANGES;

G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	9-10

PERCY L. HARRISON ... 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS	11-12
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The peal at Saxlingham Nelhergate on December 9th was rung for
the Norwich Diocesan Association; the fact was omitted from the
report sent in by the conductor.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

January 13th, 1753. James Barham and his band rang at Leeds
in Kent half the extent of Bob Major, 20,160 changes. It was rung
by relays of ringers.

1772. The Norwich Scholars rang 6,048 Imperial the Third Major at
St. Miles'.

1903. The Birmingham men rang the first peal of Forward Maximus
at St. Martin's.

January 14th, 1726. Benjamin Annable and a band of College
Youths rang the first peal of Double Bob Major at St. Dunstan's-in-
the-West, London.

1818. James Barham died, aged 93 years.

January 15th, 1771. The Norwich Scholars rang 6,720 Double Nor-
wich Court Bob Major at St. Miles'.

January 16th, 1926. At Crayford, the first peal of Crayford Little
Bob Major.

January 17th, 1866. At Liverpool, the first peal of Kent Treble
Bob Royal on handbells.

January 18th, 1844. At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the then
record peal of Stedman Cinques, 7,126 changes.

1932. At Ashtead, the first peal of Ashtead Surprise Major.

January 19th, 1725. The College Youths rang at St. Bride's the
first peal of Grandsire Cinques. Matthew East called the bobs and
it was the first recorded peal by the society.

LENGTH OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Three hours and twenty-seven minutes is by no means
too long for a peal on bells like Holy Trinity, Guildford, when they
are muffled. At St. Mary's, Ealing, where the tenor is 19 cwt., we
rang Grandsire in 1933 in three hours and 36 minutes, and in 1936
Bob Major in 3 hours and 45 minutes. ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing.

Dear Sir,—On August 11th, 1925, we rang (with all due respect for
yourself and your leading article some weeks ago) a 'perfect' peal
of Stedman Triples on the back eight at Wells Cathedral in 3 hours
54 minutes.

There was nothing exceptional in the time taken in our own tower,
as the New Year's Eve peal the previous year was only three minutes'
difference with the same composition, but a different conductor. The
last 20 old year out peals differed a matter of ten minutes except one
year when we had to race them and spoilt our pleasure. Our bells
happen to be one of those peals which ought to be rung very slowly,
especially half-muffled, to hear them at their best. Then they are
lovely, but unfortunately very slow ringing does not please three of
our bells, otherwise we would have taken an additional ten minutes.

Guildford.

A. H. PULLING.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 510.)

At one time there used to be one of these 'lytel belles' on a side-screen of a chapel at Cherry Hinton, Cambridge. Sometimes the bell hung on a wall in a case, as is represented on the font at Cley, Norfolk. Again it developed into a whole chime of bells. Achurch, Northants, in 1552 possessed 'viiij lyttel Belles in a chyme hangynge on a wele.' The same was the case at Lindridge in Worcestershire. At Brokenborough, Wilts, it was remembered that 'in the tyme of the old lawe 18 little bells hung in the middle of the church which the pulling of one bell made all to ring, which was done at the elevation of the Hoste.' The will of John Baret shows that a chime of little bells was rung at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, at the Elevation, for he directs the sexton to 'do the chymes goo at ye sacry of the Messe.' On the west wall of the south transept of Milton Abbey Church, Dorset, and on the north wall of the presbytery of Tewkesbury Abbey Church, there are little wooden turrets which probably once contained a small bell or a chime. At St. Mary, Woolnoth, London, chimes of bells are mentioned in Edwardian Inventories. Winchester Cathedral, at the Reformation, possessed four sacring bells of silver-gilt and one of gold. On the other hand, there was a time when neither sanctus nor sacring bells were known, and many parishes seem to have had neither the one nor the other.

Wheels of sacring bells are most common in Spain, as for instance at Gerona, Manresa, and Toledo, and are in regular use. The most remarkable wheel of bells was that in the Abbey church of Fulda, Germany. It bore the date 1515 and was of brass, 24 feet in diameter. It was in the shape of a star, and its fourteen arms had suspended therefrom about 150 little bells. Its axis was connected by silken ropes with a treadmill turned by a man who walked inside it.

Frequently the sanctus bell was placed in a bellcote on the eastern gable of the nave, the rope from it hanging down into the chancel, so as to be accessible to the server at the altar, as illustrated by a manuscript in the British Museum. The reason for its being thus placed is clearly that it should be audible to the outside world. We may also explain the very puzzling 'low side windows' which occur sporadically in all parts of England. The same constitutions of Archbishop Peckham (as before noticed) direct that 'At the time of the elevation of the Body of our Lord, a bell be rung on one side of the church (*in uno latere*) that the people who cannot be at daily Mass . . . may kneel down and so gain indulgences.' These words seem to suggest that a handbell was rung near the low-side window, its shutter having first been opened, and that if there was more than one church window, it was rung at each. Some suppose these little windows were for convenience of lepers; others think they were employed as confessionals; others again, for almsgiving. There are, in fact, a dozen or more theories advanced to account for their use, but objections of one kind and another have been raised against them all. The sacring bell theory, however, seems to have probability and reasonableness on its side, and is opposed by fewer difficulties than the others. There is one peculiar feature about these windows. They do not seem to have been formed before an earlier period

than the beginning of the thirteenth century, a period coinciding with the coming of the Friars, and naturally an attempt has been made to show that the two circumstances were closely connected.

Cranmer, in his Visitation Articles (1549) condemned the use of 'ringing of sacryng bells' in the time of Communion. He classed it among the customs kept up by those ministers who 'counterfeited the Popish Mass.' Ridley, soon after his appointment to the Bishopric of London, issued Injunctions (1550) for that diocese in which he forbade the 'ringing of the sacryng bell.' Indeed, the necessity for its use passed away when the Reformed Liturgy, or Order of the Holy Communion, was commanded to be used in English in the year 1549. This will account for the very few sacryng bells mentioned as existing in the churches when the Edwardian Inventories of church goods were drawn up. Many, doubtless were stolen or 'defaced' and some may have been classed under the name of small bells, or of hand-bells.

The use of the sacryng bell is thus referred to by Barnabe Googe in his translation of Naogearge's 'Popish Kingdome' (1570):—

'Yea if the bell of sacringe toule and farre from thence
thou bee
And cannot come but earnestly doe wish the same to see
A merite great you gotten have . . .
The like at Masse they doe, while as the bread is lifted
well
And challys shewed aloft when as the Sexton rings the
bell.'

John Myre, in 'Instructions to Parish Priests,' thus refers to the sacryng bell:—

'And when the Gospel is y. done
Teach them eft to kneel down soon:
And when they hear the bell ring
To that holy sacryng,
Teach them kneel down, both young and old
And both their hands up to hold
And say then in this manner
"Jesu Lord, welcome Thou be
In form of bread as I Thee see."'

Existing small ancient sacring bells are, of course, rare; but, as already noted, there are still examples left. In 1870 a small bell was found at Bottesford, Leics, walled up in the south aisle of the church. It is not more than five inches high, and is ornamented with fleur-de-lys and rosettes. It is now in the possession of the Society of Antiquaries, and has been described in the proceedings of that Society. A highly ornamented sacring bell, dated 1555, was discovered in 1845 under the floor of the rectory at Penton Mewsey, Hants, and is still preserved there. Bloxam quotes other examples found at Barnstaple, Church Lawford (Warwicks), Warwick and Gutfreeston, Pembrokeshire.

Longfellow, in 'Divine Commedia,' says:—

'And the melodious bells among the spires
O'er all the house-tops and through heaven above
Proclaim the Elevation of the Host!'

(To be continued.)

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.—On December 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Muskett 1, Miss N. Evans 2, Miss D. C. Osborn 3, R. Worrall 4, Eric Nobles (conductor) 5.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Sunday, January 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Whittle 1, D. Sheldon 2, W. Clarke 3, E. Causley 4, A. Hayward 5, A. Wyatt 6, G. Coles (conductor) 7, W. Cording 8.

RINGING IN THE DOMINIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is only one way for ringing to make any headway outside the British Isles. It must just grow. If it cannot take root naturally, no amount of hot-house production will bring about the desired result. Mr. Trollope has told us that ringing grew up primarily as a sport or game in England in the 17th and 18th centuries. Perhaps it will have to do the same in other lands and not be too much associated with the Church, though if the connection can be retained, so much the better.

I think I am right in saying that the majority of ringers in the Dominions are emigrants from the old country. A very small proportion are citizens born and bred there. This is not surprising. Even in this country we know how hard it is to train recruits, and once trained to keep them interested until such time as they practise the art of their own free will; and in this country we have a wealth of towers, peals, ringers, societies, meetings, peal attempts, etc. When you consider the dearth of all these things in the Dominions, and the enormous distances to be overcome, the surprising thing is that there is any ringing done at all. Take British Columbia, Canada, for instance. More than 100 miles of water separate the ringers and the peal at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in the city of Vancouver from those at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria on Vancouver Island. It would be the equivalent of having only two towers in the British Isles and two bands of ringers, one in Liverpool, the other in Belfast. I guarantee that the majority of ringers over here would throw in their hand under such circumstances. And yet a month or two ago they rang a peal of Grand sire Triples in Victoria without any team from this country to help them. As fine an achievement as any peal of Spiced Maximus over here.

No. There is no immediate remedy to the problem. In fact, it can only be remedied at all if there is large scale immigration into the Dominions from this country, and amongst those immigrants a fair proportion of skilled ringers. I note that Australia is planning such immigration. So possibly she will shortly receive ringing reinforcements. In which case it is up to the various societies in this country to keep track of any ringers that do go and to see that they get all the help and encouragement it is possible to give them from this end. A good deal more could be done in this way than has been done in the past.

Artificial methods are of some help, but not enough. Tours by individuals and teams can do a great deal, but they are bound to be the exception rather than the rule. In the case of individuals, it would be better for the Dominion ringer to come to England rather than vice versa. Over here he could get thoroughly steeped in the art and could carry what he had gained back to his fellows. His influence would be greater and more lasting than that of a champion sent from this country to a dominion for an equal period. It is better for a student to go to a university than for the university to send him a tutor.

Teams, on the other hand, from this country to a dominion would be a far more possible and effective proposition than vice versa, as, for instance, the pre-war Australian tour. Another such tour should be organised at the earliest opportunity. It should go in a spirit of service, and the claims of Canada and South Africa should not be overlooked because there are less towers and less ringers than in Australia.

Finance, of course, is at the root of a lot of the difficulty. If ringing organisations are unable to meet requirements, I suggest that the aid of outside societies be asked for, even at the risk of disappointment. What about the British Council, the Overseas League, the Royal Empire Society and other bodies which say they exist for the 'projection' of Britain abroad? ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN.
9, Knockdarragh Park, Belmont, Belfast.

THE GREAT BELL OF COLOGNE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was in Cologne from December, 1918, to March 9th, 1919, so I paid a visit to the tower of the Cathedral (Dom). There were eight bells there then, which were hung on an iron frame and swung up high enough to clapper both sides by electric power. There were about four rung like this, and it is what we change ringers call a terrible noise. The large bell was missing from the centre of the frame.

I send a copy from Cologne guide.

The Cathedral towers rise some 520ft. above the threshold and about 530ft. above the street. The S tower may be ascended and affords a comprehensive view of the town. In the S tower is the famous Kaiser glocke (Gloriosa). This bell was cast in 1875 at a cost of 21,000 marks by Andr. Hamm, of Frankenthal, out of 22 cannon captured in the Franco Prussian war, and presented by Kaiser William I.: height of bell 14½ft., diameter 11½ft., weight without clapper 25,000 kilograms, and bears the inscription, "Die Kaiser-glocke heiss'ich. Des Kaisers Ehre preis'ich Auf heiliger Warte steh'ich, Dem Deutschen Reich erfle'ich Dass Fried und Ihm Gott bescheer."

I heard through 'The Ringing World' that this bell was replaced about 1922. I am very sorry to hear the Cathedral is so much damaged. It is a loss to the whole world.

1, Charlton Place, Leckhampton.

JOHN F. BALLINGER.

THE BELLS OF RANGOON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I recently had the privilege of visiting some of the bells of Rangoon, which were luckily spared by the Japs. The first place I visited was the Shwe Dagon Pagoda, which contains many ancient bells, the largest reputed to weigh 42 tons. It is pure bronze and is 9ft. high, 7ft. 8in. wide and just over 1ft. thick. I was not able to hear its note as it rests on some wooden blocks.

I next visited the Cathedral, which has not been seriously damaged with exception of the interior effects, such as seats, altar and its much valued organ, which the Japs took away complete. The building itself was used as a brewery whilst in their hands and was left in a filthy condition, but has since been cleaned out by the Army authorities. The tower with its lofty spire has only one bell by Mears and Stainbank in 1905, and at a rough estimate weighs about 16 cwt.

My next walk brought me to the R.C. Cathedral, which also has escaped with some broken stained glass windows. It is a 19th century building, built of red brick, and has two towers with spires. I had some difficulty in gaining entrance to both church and belfry, as both are kept locked owing to thefts. On reaching the belfry of the eastern tower I was met by two large bells, both of which were cast in France in 1906. The bigger one measured 5ft. wide and its note sounded very much like D. or C sharp; the other one was somewhat smaller with a corresponding note. Both bells are hung on steel girders and are fitted with bearings and wheels, but no stays. The clappers are heavily counter-weighted up inside the bells, which are also tucked up in their steel headstocks.

The western tower contains two more bells also cast at the same time by the same founder. These, like the other two, are hung on light girders and have the ropes tied to the clappers. All the bells have numerous names chalked on them, none of which I could recognise. J. G. GIPSON, Sgt., R.E.M.E.

RINGERS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think very little can be added to the store of knowledge our bellfounders, diocesan advisers and members of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council already possess. An example of this can be seen in the excellent engineering work that enabled Stedman's bells at St. Benet's, Cambridge, to be rung with safety, we hope, for many years to come.

Equally important, and I regret to say sometimes overlooked, is that the bells should be left in a musical condition tolerable to the ears of the public and ringers alike, before the scaffolding is taken down, so to speak. There are instances of good peals lying idle, simply because the science of acoustics of the belfry was neglected, and an infuriated public has placed a ban on the use of the bells.

May I suggest, as a post-war measure, that this matter should be thoroughly explored by both bellfounders and diocesan advisers, and no new or restored peal left in a condition which jeopardises practices and occasional peals afterwards? T. R. DENNIS.

Cambridge.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The problem Mr. Price has set is a very interesting one from the composer's point of view. To prove by analysis that peals of Stedman Triples are or are not possible by the use of ordinary bobs only would be an elaborate and complicated business. It should not, however, be beyond the capacity of a first rate mathematician able and willing to give the necessary time and application to its solution.

On the other hand, the problem can be approached more easily from another angle, namely, that of analogy. Mr. Price himself uses this, but if he will allow me to say so I think he has tripped up here. The instances he cites actually go far to negative the possibility. For in all the cases he quotes of 5,040 changes—all triple—two kinds of variation from the plain course working of the method are employed.

Following out his reasoning, I agree with him that it is at the least possible that peals of Stedman Triples could be got with the help of thirds place bobs in addition to those in fifths place. Any such peal would have great interest for the composer; it would be hardly likely to appeal to the man in the tower.

All available evidence goes to show that peals of Stedman Triples with fifths place bobs only and no singles are out of the question. Staverton Vicarage, Daventry. E. S. POWELL

CHURCH NOTICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just been released from the Army and during the last three years I have found that the best way to find the ringers was to see the Vicar and obtain the local foreman's name from him. The church notice board usually gives the Vicar's name and address.

Some of the towers are short of ringers, while others have enough. I feel that in order to overcome the shortage it would be a sound idea for in the branches of the guilds to stimulate the local clergy into a more active part of the work of the branch. If possible, to elect the Rural Dean on to the branch committee would be a step in the right direction. C. H. KINCH.

3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DINNER.

The second annual dinner of the Universities' Association was held in London on January 2nd. During the day there was ringing, ranging from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, at St. Mary's, Putney, All Saints', Fulham, St. Mary Abbot's, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields. A service was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, when the preacher was the Rev. R. H. Preston, study secretary of the Student Christian Movement. A collection for Christian Reconstruction in Europe amounted to over £3.

Fifty-seven members and guests, including the Rev. R. H. Preston, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. G. H. Cross, sat down to dinner at S'ater's Restaurant, Strand. After the loyal toast, the Misses Spice and Southernst and Messrs. Leese and Woolley rang a course of Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the association, said that last year he had been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm of the members; this year he had been even more impressed by the quality of the ringing and the great improvement apparent.

The secretary, Mr. J. E. Spice, said the association now had a membership of more than 150, and a balance in hand of just over £5. A successful ringing week had been held in Norwich, and the speed of the peals rung had provided 'The Ringing World' with material for several weeks. The University of London Society had been properly constituted, and a Liverpool University Society had commenced operations.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, in proposing the health of 'The Visitors,' said that at first he had been doubtful about the point of having a Universities' Association. Now he was convinced of its usefulness, but he still had an open mind on the question of ladies in the belfry; he would like to point out that at the same time as the standard of ringing in the association had gone up, so had the proportion of ladies decreased.

Mr. G. H. Cross replied. He was pleased to see the large attendance and had been glad to welcome the association to St. Martin's. They were not everyone's bells, and he thought that those who rang there had made a very good job of it.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow proposed the health of 'The Ladies.' He was not sure that it was the thing to toast necessities, but perhaps the ladies were luxuries. Miss Tutt responded. She drew attention to the ringing capabilities of various lady members of the association, but thought that it was unnecessary for the ladies to be pulled out and toasted in this way, and she hoped the toast would not be proposed on future occasions.

During the business meeting which followed, the Rev. C. E. Wigg was elected Deputy Master of the association.

DEATH OF MR. A. E. PEGLER.

The death is announced of Mr. Arthur E. Pegler, which took place at Bangor on January 8th at the age of 75 years. He was taken ill in the belfry of St. David's Church, Glanadda. Medical aid was summoned and the assistance of the police and N.F.S. obtained to convey him down the spiral staircase to his home, where he passed away without regaining consciousness. The funeral, which took place on January 12th, was attended by over 100 railwaymen and many ringers.

Mr. Pegler and his brother, the late W. T. Pegler, were natives of Stroud, Gloucestershire. He lived for some years in Birmingham and when there rang in many peals. He was a noted heavy bell ringer and took part in several long lengths. Among them were the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, the record peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Clent, and 10,000 Treble Bob Major at Rhyl, the longest peal ever rung in Wales. In all he rang about 500 peals. He was one of the men who attempted to turn in the tenor at Exeter Cathedral to a peal of Royal, and he rang the tenor at Hootonstall for over ten hours in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. He was a joiner by trade and worked for some years for the L. and N.W. Railway, now the L.M.S.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT LEICESTER.

The first meeting of the Leicester District of the newly-formed Leicester Diocesan Guild was held on January 5th, when 70 ringers and friends were present from Anstey, Belgrave, Countesthorpe, Groby, Knighton, Leicester (St. John's Cathedral and St. Margaret's), Markfield, Wigston Magna, South Wigston, Asfordby, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Braunton Astley, Burbage, Coventry, Croft, Ibstock, Loughborough, Northampton, Syston and Warkton.

Tea was in St. Martin's School's, and at the business meeting the following officers were appointed: Mr R. F. Ellington, chairman; Mr. W. J. Root, secretary; Mr. J. S. Carter and Mr. G. S. Morris to serve on the committee. One new ringing member, Miss Ella Thorold, was elected.

The bells of the Cathedral and St. John the Divine were rung during the afternoon and evening; and at a social gathering at the Hind Hotel there was change ringing and tune playing on handbells. The next district meeting will be at Wigston Magna on February 16th.

QUARTER PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On December 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Garrison 1, J. W. Conduct 2, W. J. Meers (conductor) 3, F. S. Sanders 4, J. Lindon 5, J. Gison 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On December 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sandle 1, B. Guy 2, Miss F. M. Hope 3, W. Godwin 4, H. Acock (conductor) 5, F. Evans 6, E. Cooper 7, C. Arkell 8. With 7-6-8 covering.

SHILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On December 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Coombes 1, R. H. Jarvis 2, I. D. Harris 3, B. S. Nichols 4, F. Soden (conductor) 5, A. Miles 6, H. Miles 7, G. R. Miles 8.

LINCOLN.—On December 27th, at the Cathedra, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. M. Lyon 1, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 2, K. S. B. Croft 3, J. Freeman 4, L. Snell 5, S. Chambers 6, W. Tomlinson 7, J. Hodson 8, J. Walden 9, G. M. Mayer 10, H. L. Pask 11, K. W. Mayer 12.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On December 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, R. J. Thain (conductor) 4, T. Witts 5, A. Howell 6.—On Sunday, December 30th, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, S. C. Thain 2, G. Latham 3, R. J. Thain (conductor) 4, T. C. Witts 5, F. Garland 6.—On January 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McMillan 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, A. Howell 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Saturday, December 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): L. Gerrard 1, J. Martin Thorley 2, T. Leask 3, J. Thorley 4, E. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (conductor) 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Saturday, December 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): D. Neate 1, W. Wicks 2, J. Cook 3, E. Nash 4, G. Cleave (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, N. Tanner 7, A. Sheppard 8.

LONGSTANTON.—On Sunday, December 30th, at All Saints', 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bavin 1, Sgt. F. L. Harris 2, G. E. Crisp 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, F. G. Leaves 5, R. Smith 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8; and 1,440 Cambridge Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. L. Harris 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Leaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, M. Ginn 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On December 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Holborough 1, W. J. Dixon 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, B. Cook 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Peter's, 1,480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: J. Knight 1, R. Darvill 2, G. E. Debenham 3, T. J. Southam 4, W. J. Southam 5, A. Dale 6, F. J. Spicer 7, C. F. Sayer 8, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 9, W. Ayre 10.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 30th, 1,945 Treble Bob Minor: G. Whitehead 1, W. Greenwood 2, S. Whitehead 3, J. S. Robertshaw 4, A. Rushworth 5, A. Birstow (conductor) 6.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' on December 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chidzey 1, H. Walker 2, W. H. Tarr 3, A. Walker 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (conductor) 7, T. Jeanes 8.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary's, on December 30th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. Chidzey 1, W. Millard 2, A. Hayward 3, D. Sheldon 4, A. Walker 5, A. Wyatt 6, W. H. Tarr 7, H. Mockridge 8, W. Gigg (conductor) 9, T. Jeanes 10.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, December 30th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. James 1, C. Pooey 2, J. King 3, Rev. E. W. Blyth 4, L. Risebrow 5, N. Golden (conductor) 6.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On December 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Burton 1, Miss B. Butterfield 2, Miss Laura Mottishaw 3, D. Wilson 4, Miss Lucy Mottishaw 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, E. Cooper (conductor) 7, B. Burkitt 8.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Sunday, December 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Martin 1, L. Harrington 2, W. G. Damen 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, F. Crew 6.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, December 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Cornell 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, S. Smith 3, W. Jarvis 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Pryke 6, L. Offord 7, M. T. Symonds 8.—On Sunday, January 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Cornell 1, S. Smith 2, Miss O. B. Lambert 3, S. H. Symonds 4, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 5, F. Boreham 6, L. Pryke 7, W. Jarvis 8.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Mundy 1, T. Price 2, A. L. Evans 3, F. E. Manns 4, R. E. Turner (conductor) 5, T. Macey 6.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Oxford Bob: W. Ranford 1, W. Nutt 2, T. Pratt 3, R. Lewis 4, F. Morris 5, C. Rowers 6.

BARNBY DON, DONCASTER.—On December 31st, 1,945 changes (505 Plain Bob, 720 Kent, 720 Oxford): H. Cooper 1, H. E. Willis 2, F. Reed (conductor) 3, R. Lunn 4, F. Lamb 5, E. Padgett 6. Rung half-muffled.

HARROW WEALED, MIDDLESEX.—On December 31st, half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. I. W. Cox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (conductor) 2, H. G. Hart 3, H. D. Rutter 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, F. A. Vincett 6, W. Wenban 7, W. Harrod 8.

CHILVERS COTON.—On January 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. V. Godderidge 1, J. Gibbons 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 5, J. E. Moreton 6.

SOUTH NEWTON.—On Tuesday, January 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eustace Smith 1, Sidney Macey 2, F. E. Manns 3, Leonard Harris 4, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 5, G. Smith 6.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN MONDAY.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Bradford Cathedral (10), Saturday, January 19th, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. in Parish Room. No tea. Business in Parish Room 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District. — Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Twickenham, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual, Horeley, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, Six Bells, followed by meeting.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Annual, Edenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at Five Bells Inn 5 p.m.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Annual, St. Albans, Jan. 19th. St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Institute 5 p.m. Cathedral bells (12) in the evening.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

HERTS ASSN.—Northern District.—Annual, Baldock, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge Branch.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 19th, St. Andrew the Great (8), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., St. Bene't (6) 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary the Great (12), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Andrew the Great. Tea, 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room.—H. L. Martin.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 to 4.30 and after meeting. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual, Ilminster (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—J. T. Locke.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Swalcliffe (6), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.15.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern. — Netherton, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual at Cathedral, High Street, Portsmouth, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 5, at Tudor Rose Café, Castle Road.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—(Miss) Margaret Fidell.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury District.—Fornham-St.-Martin (6), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food.—A. Gillings.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2.30. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30.—H. W. Perkins.

SUSSEX ASSN.—St. Peter's, Brighton, Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, 2.30 p.m.—(Mrs.) E. L. Hairs.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Gravesend (St. George's), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District. — Annual, Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Ilchester Branch. — Annual, Martock; Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Jan. 22nd.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch. — Annual, Evercreech (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Bell.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick (not Quorn), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to me by Jan. 23rd.—A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Annual, Streatham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Leonard's (8) and Immanuel (8), 3 p.m. Service, Immanuel, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 47, Stanford Way, S.W.16, by Jan. 23rd. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Shrewsbury, Jan. 26th, St. Chad's, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Ward's Café. Ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea to E. D. Poole, 20, Wrekin View, Madeley, Shropshire, by Jan. 24th.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Doncaster, annual, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m.—W. E. Lloyd, Hon. Sec., 3, Cranbrook Road, Doncaster.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 26th. Bells, St. Peter's and St. George's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4 p.m. Tea at Corn Exchange (6d. a head) and business meeting to follow, 5 p.m. Numbers by Jan. 21st to Mrs. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester, Dorset.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual, Holy Sepulchre, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Hintlesham (6), Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Corder.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Langley, Bucks, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 21st. Committee after tea. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Axbridge (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Pool Farm, Sandford, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Bristol Rural.—Annual, St. Ambrose's, Bristol East (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cosham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

SUSSEX ASSN.—W. Tarring (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Annual, Bedford, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Peter's (6) 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. St. Paul's (10) 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea at Trades Club, Alexandra Road, 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 24th to L. H. Bowler, Maisonette, Bromham, Bedford.

NORWICH ASSN. — King's Lynn, St. Margaret's, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bakewell (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea, Wheatsheaf Hotel, 5 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. Names to H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch Priory (12), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Tea and business, Warren Café, 5 p.m. Names to Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

LLANDAFF AND MONS ASSN.—Merthyr Tydfil, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. —Syston, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 23rd.—G. T. H. Walker, Southfields, Goodes Avenue, Syston.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual, Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Temple Lounge, West Street. Names for tea by 22nd. — C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Deanery. — Annual, St. James', Taunton, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. Walker.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual, Stockport, St. Mary's, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify Mr. A. S. Gordon, 46, Commercial Road, Hazel Grove, near Stockport, by Jan. 22nd.—T. Wilde.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby, St. Peter's (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Committee 3 p.m., Parochial Room. Tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting 5 p.m., Parochial Room. Names by 23rd to W. Lancaster, 82, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

DONCASTER SOCIETY.—Annual, Doncaster, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Apply for tickets by Jan. 22nd, to W. E. Lloyd, 3, Cranbrook Road, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Lindfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. E. Laker, Balcombe, Sussex.

OXFORD GUILD.—Swanbourne (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 28th to Mr. J. Price, Homeleigh, Swanbourne, Bletchley, Bucks. — R. H. Howson.

KENT ASSN.—Leigh, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at the Bat and Ball. Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, The Chestnuts, Leigh, near Tonbridge, by Jan. 30th.—T. Saunders.

KENT ASSN.—Willesborough, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. S. Ruck, 3, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—P. Page.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Annual, St. Thomas', Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Annual, Bocking, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4.30.—Hilda G. Snowden.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual, Sudbury, Feb. 2nd, St. Peter's (afternoon), St. Gregory and All Saints'. Meeting, St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., at Pimpernel, 5.30. Names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Brecon, St. Mary's (8), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 28th.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — A. Prior has removed from 12, Wallwood Road, to 33, Southwest Road, Leytonstone, E.11.

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THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.

A large part of the musical effect of church bells—perhaps by far the greatest part of the musical effect of church bells—is not really music in the strict and formal sense of the word. It would be more correct to call it pleasant and pleasing sound. The reader will readily understand the distinction, for it is common enough in the world generally. The sound of the breakers on the sea shore; the sighing of the wind among the leaves of the forest; the song of the birds at sunrise; the ring of the smith's hammer on his steel anvil; the drowsy hum of insects at nightfall—all these are musical and often are, not improperly, called music, but they are not music in the sense we use the word when we speak of some favourite song or hymn tune, or of the music of Handel or Mozart. There is a profound difference which is not merely one of degree. Where to draw the line between them and how to describe the essential difference are not easy, but it will suffice for our present purposes to say that music, as distinct from musical sound, calls for conscious and understanding hearing on the part of the listener; it needs the more or less active co-operation of the intellect as well as of the vaguer feelings.

Judged by this test the sound of church bells is not for the average man to be classed as music. Musical it certainly can be and usually is. It can affect a man's feelings and stimulate his emotions most profoundly. But he does not listen to it with his brain as well as with his ears as he does to a song. If he tries he almost certainly fails, and even those who are most impressed by it will complain that there is no 'tune' in change ringing. That the sound of bells is not a thing an ordinary man can listen to for long deliberately and consciously and with pleasure, is shown almost every time hand-bells are rung to changes in church or public hall. For a very short time the hearers are charmed, but the charm passes speedily. Three leads of Grandsire Triples is about as much as any audience can stand. But suppose, instead of the people having to listen with strained attention, the changes formed an unobtrusive background to other thoughts and activities, then they might go on for hours and afford unalloyed satisfaction.

Ringers are, of course, much more concerned with the details of the sound of the changes than are the outside hearers, and they must listen much more deliberately and consciously; but it is doubtful whether, in the case of a very large proportion of them, the actually musical ap-

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peal is any different from the general one. A number of ringers will gather outside a steeple when a touch or peal is being rung, and their full attention is occupied by the ringing. Their ears hear the full sound of the bells as the ears of an audience in a concert hall hear the full sound of an orchestra. But what do their brains hear? In other words, what are they listening for and taking notice of? The quality of the ringing and the number of trips made. How So-and-so is turning in the tenor or Such-a-one is ringing the treble. Whether the ringing is too fast or too slow. What the last course end was and how soon it will be before the bells come round. You might find that one or two would go to a convenient place so as to judge the quality of the bells. But you would not find a man who had come to listen and enjoy Double Norwich in the same way he would go to listen to and enjoy Handel's 'Largo' or 'Drink to me only.'

All this is true; but it is not, and should not be, all the truth. Change ringing can produce real music for those who know how to listen for it. The men who are themselves ringing are in by far the best position to hear and appreciate the music and, when they do, it adds enormously to the charm and pleasure the art affords. But it is not a privilege men can fully enjoy unless they fit themselves for it by taking thought and trying to understand what the real nature of bell music is and what it is not. We doubt if the majority of ringers do pay any attention to the music of the changes they ring or realise how much they lose by their neglect.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	*HENRY E. GREEN ... 7
ARTHUR BOGGERILL ... 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 8
*AUBREY M. PICKERING... 4	HAROLD SMITH ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	WILLIAM WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Half-muffled for Mr. John C. Adams.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DOWDING... Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... 8
*ALBERT WALKER ... 4	*HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
*LEONARD TUFFREY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal and for the Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE E. PADGETT ... Treble	JOHN E. HORBS ... 6
*REGINALD A. ALEY ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	I. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
*HAROLD PAILING ... 4	EDWARD F. GOREY ... 9
JAACK BAILEY ... 5	FRED. A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble	ROBERT EASTHAM ... 5
WALTER GORTON ... 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 6
MRS. MARY KENYON ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
WILLIAM BAXENDALE ... 4	HAROLD GORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TRERE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
MRS. H. W. ROGERS ... 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 7
H. W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS ... Treble	ROBERT HIGGINS ... 5
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
THOMAS N. LANAGHAN ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
RONALD SUCKLING ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	*REGINALD W. REX ... 5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE 4 JOI. 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT C. CHADDOCK <i>Treble</i> ... 1	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 3	ERNEST THORPE ... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 3	*BURLEY MORRIS ... 7
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 4	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	JOHN GIBBONS ... 5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 2	HARRY HARRIS ... 6
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 3	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.
Half-muffled for C. E. RAYSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
ALBERT LAMBKIN ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LEONARD BULLOCK ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 6
RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 3	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 4	FREDERICK FREESTONE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by S. M. BAILEY.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
RICHARD A. POST ... 4	*WILFRED CROSS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

SIX B L L PEALS.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
JOHN PERKINS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4
FRANK M. HARRIS ... 2	MANSFIELD GINN ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK MUSSEL ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	THOMAS PRICE ... 4
H. CHARLES BOND ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
JAMES E. FIGGURES ... 3	LEONARD F. HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First on the bells.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and three each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY E. WILLS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
FRANK REED ... 2	FRANK LAMB ... 5
HARRY BARNES ... 3	ERNEST PADGETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. PADGETT.

First peal for the Guild.

WITHINGTON, HERFFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and Double Bob spliced, one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	RAY J. CARLTON ... 4
MICHAEL P. MORFON ... 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5
GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	MISS DOROTHY OSBORN ... 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2	HARRY PARKER ... 5
ERIC NOBLES ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. PARKER.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

L. EDGAR CHAPMAN ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 4
ARTHUR W. RIDDINGTON ... 2	*RICHARD T. F. HUBBARD ... 5
*NEVILLE MOVES ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

* First peal.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON <i>Treble</i> ... 1	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

**BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*DEREK REED Treble | LESLIE WOODHEAD 4
*RICHARD WILLCOCKS 2 | FRANK LAMB 5
FRANK REED 3 | ERNEST PADGETT Tenor
Conducted by FRANK REED.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

**LLANELLY.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
J. HURREN Treble | J. T. WILLIAMS 4
MRS. G. E. PARMENTER... .. 2 | G. E. PARMENTER 5
A. HOARE 3 | C. HAWKINS Tenor
Conducted by C. HAWKINS.

**HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent
and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH Treble | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 4
PERCY PAGE 2 | HENRY G. KEELEY 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEFF 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

**FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Being one 720 of Cambridge and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent
Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... Treble | EDGAR G. SWIFT 4
WILLIAM HENLEY 2 | HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3 | WM. L. GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.
Half-muffled for George H. Gutteridge.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Wed., Jan. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5940 CHANGES;*
ERIC A. DENCH 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | RONALD SUCKLING 7-8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Jan. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;*
MRS. E. A. BARNETT 1-2 | EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4 | RAYMOND OVERY 7-8
Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

**ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Wed., Jan. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER'S, 5021 CHANGES;*
MISS L. M. HUBBERT 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7-8
PHILIP A. CORBY 9-10
Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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

*On Fri., Jan. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,
A PEAL OF 'GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;*
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
MARY E. DAVIS 1-2 | *ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEARN 7-8
Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* 100th peal.

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LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**MEETING AT WINCHESTER.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on January 5th. Ringing was at the Cathedral and St. Maurice's, and about 40 ringers were present at the business meeting after tea. The Ven. Hedley Burrows, Archdeacon of Winchester, presided.

Archdeacon Burrows was re-elected district chairman, Mr. W. G. Goodchild was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Wilfred Andrews and Newnham district representatives.

The accounts showed that 100 ringing members had paid their subscriptions for 1945; that number, with 18 members serving in H.M. Forces (whose subscriptions had been waived), brought the total ringing membership up to 118—the highest it had ever reached. Forty-three hon. members had subscribed to the Guild during the year.

The hon. secretary stated that the bells of Winchester College would, as soon as circumstances permitted, be put into ringable condition. A band of learners from the college were now receiving instruction at the Cathedral, and would, it was hoped, form a nucleus of a band for the college.

The headmaster of Winchester (Canon Spencer Leeson) said that, on behalf of the college, he wished to express thanks to those who were giving instruction to their boys. The position at the moment was that they had not yet received the report of the architect who had watched the effect of the ringing on the structure of the building, but it was hoped that his report would soon be before the Warden and Fellows. Their oldest bell, a gift from the founder, and 500 years old, was irretrievably cracked and they had been advised that nothing could be done with it. In view of its age, it was felt that it should be preserved as a museum piece.

After tea service was held at the Cathedral, and an address was given by Canon Spencer Leeson, who recalled the tremendous impression which had been made upon his mind when 40 years ago he first entered St. Mary's College as a student and on a Sunday afternoon had heard the Cathedral bells for the first time. Ever since that day he had been conscious of that mysterious power which the sound of the bells conveyed.

MEETING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

The annual meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at St. Michael's, Southampton, on January 12th when 50 members were present from a wide area. The visitors were Mr. E. P. Field, Miss P. Marsh and Mr. E. T. Trimmer from Dorset, Mr. E. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants, and Mr. R. E. Turner, Salisbury. During the afternoon and evening a variety of methods up to London Major were rung.

Service was conducted by the branch chairman who gave an address. The members were entertained to tea by the Rev. K. and Mrs. Felstead. At the business meeting the Rev. K. Felstead was in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Williams and the district officers. The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a sum due to general fund of £5 and £2 12s. 9d. carried forward in the district fund.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. K. Felstead; secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. C. Fray; district representatives, the Rev. K. Felstead and Mr. Brown. It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Southampton, and meetings at Romsey, Broughton, East Tytherley and Netley Abbey.

In his report, the secretary mentioned that an order had been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to rehang the octave at Netley Abbey, and that there were great hopes of the ring of ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, being restored within a year or so. No information was available regarding the destroyed octave at Dibden, and it was almost certain that the ring of eight at Holy Rood, Southampton, would not be replaced.

Six new members were elected. Pleasure was expressed that Mr. G. Williams was present and able to take his place again in the tower after his long illness.

MEETING AT PORTSMOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on January 19th, and was attended by 40 members from Alverstoke, Curdridge, Bishonstoke, Havant, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Southampton, Shedfield, Fareham, Titchfield, Milbrook and visitors from Chichester and Bognor Regis.

The Provost, the Rev. Porter Goff, conducted service, and tea at the Tudor Rose Cafe was followed by the business meeting, the district chairman, Mr. W. Linter, being in the chair, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams, and the general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers. The secretary's report showed an increase of membership of 10 honorary members and 17 ringing members. The total receipts for the year were £14 3s. 9d. and the expenditure was £4 13s. 11d., leaving a balance of £9 9s. 9d., of which £3 15s. was sent to general fund.

Sixteen new members were elected, 14 from Shedfield and one each from Alverstoke and Portsmouth Cathedral. The methods rung were rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to the ringers at home to learn some of the difficulties Australian ringers are up against, and some of our efforts to entertain our English visitors while here.

We have had a number of ringers from the Services come into our towers while stationed here, among whom were E. F. Connock, Lieut. W. F. J. Cope, A. G. Williams and Lieut. A. R. Pink.

As Messrs. Pink and Williams found, and expressed surprise at, the only method practised here was Grandsire Doubles. After moving about to our various towers and seeing the difficulties under which we worked, they realised that it was not from the lack of enthusiasm but rather a lack of instruction of the right sort which retarded our advancement.

With the arrival of the English ringers the course method of ringing was explained to us, and we have them to thank that there has been a great improvement both in the ringing and interest shown by the general public, which is not at all bell minded here.

When these men started to arrive we made arrangements so that they could get a couple of nights a week. We have only five ringing towers in Sydney, a city with a population of over 1½ million people. They are St. James', Tarramurra, 14 miles out with a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., cast by Taylors in 1941; All Saints', Parramatta, 15 miles out, with a ring of six tenor 10 cwt.; St. Mark's, Darling Point, a ring of eight with tenor 8½ cwt. and four miles from the city. The city towers are St. Philip's with a ring of nine bells, including a semitone, giving two rings of six and a ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt.; and St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, a ring of eight with the tenor 26½ cwt. St. Mary's have ordered four more bells to make a ring of 12 bells. From these five towers have to come the future peal ringers of Sydney, and if we had a man with ability to teach and conduct I feel sure we could ring peals with the talent we have in our towers.

I made arrangements to take a band of eight ringers to West Maitland, a large country town 130 miles from Sydney. Included in the band were Messrs. E. F. Connock and A. G. Williams. We left on an early morning train for a week-end of ringing. When we'll on the way handbells were brought to the fore and useful practice indulged in. We arrived at West Maitland at 12.15 p.m. and were met by the Rev. Carlos Stretch, Vicar of the church. After lunch we made our first of several visits to St. Paul's, West Maitland.

The church is of brick, the tower (also of brick) standing separate from the chancel. The tower is well buttressed and of fine proportion. It is 80ft. high and a wonderful view of the surrounding country was obtained from it. Mr. Stretch showed us a number of the places of interest from the top.

Ascending to the belfry by an outside wooden stairway, we found the chamber about 15ft. square and of comfortable height. A local man had fitted the ropes and the bells were up, so we pulled off only to find that the ropes were about 3ft. too long and the salies too low on the ropes. After making a fearful clatter we set our bells and proceeded to the bell loft, where it was discovered that two bells had a main support bolt missing. Otherwise the bells were in fair condition considering that they had not been rung for four years or more. They are a ring of six steel bells cast by Vickers and Sons in 1870, the tenor is 14 cwt. and the key A flat.

Several ringers set about taking the ropes up on the wheels, while others sorted a pile of bolts found in a corner until two suitable were found. Then we again took the ropes, and this time made a good show, bringing several touches round. The bells were still very hard going though, and we had to stop every ten minutes for a rest. During the evening we again rang, finishing up the day with handbells.

On Sunday we were at church by 10 o'clock and fitted half muffles (which had been brought from Sydney) in commemoration of Armistice Day. For 40 minutes prior to service we rang touches in several methods and were all very pleased with our efforts. Our hard work on Saturday proved its worth, as we were able to ring through without any extraordinary exertions. The half-muffles proved very effective, more especially as they allowed us to concentrate on getting good striking at hand. After service we, at the request of the Vicar, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells to the obvious mystification of the congregation, who nevertheless enjoyed the performance.

During the afternoon we again rang the tower bells and had tea in the Rectory. Before leaving Mr. Stretch expressed the hope that this visit would result in some of the local talent taking an interest in the bells so as to have regular Sunday ringing, also that it would not be our last. We arrived back in Sydney about 11.30 a.m. after an enjoyable week-end, which I have no doubt will be repeated again in the future.

W. M. ROWE.

Sydney, Australia.

REACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Christmas Day, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Howard 1, A. Routh 2, M. Routh 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, I. Harrison 5, Miss D. Fletcher 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, Rev. R. Routh 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's, on January 1st, 1.946 Grandsire Triples: Harry Wolstencroft 1, Arthur Burgess 2, Herbert Ludkin 3, Robert Wimmenny 4, William Hawke 5, Alfred Roberts 6, Walter W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, Vernon Turner 8.

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Mr. Walter Gorton, who rang the second in the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Saviour's, Bolton, has been a member of the local band for sixty years. He is 84 years of age.

The peal of Yorkshire Major at Enderby was rung on Mr. John O. Lancashire's 81st birthday.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Treble Bob at Ashton, Lancs, on January 5th is Herbert Ludkin, not Edwin C. Birkett, as in the report sent us.

THE MONTH'S PEALS.

During the month of December 142 peals were rung, 130 of them on tower bells and 12 on handbells.

The tower bell peals were: Grandsire Doubles 1, Triples 13, Caters 4; Bob Minor 7, Major 13, Royal 1, Plain and Gainsborough 1; Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Major 11, Royal 2, Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent and Oxford Royal 1; Little Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 13; Stedman Triples 10, Caters 3, Cinques 2; Erin Caters 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Maximus 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major 4, Maximus 1; Superlative 4, Lincolnshire 1, Cornwall 1, Ashted 1, Bristol 2, London 2, Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London 1; Minor 14, Doubles 4.

The handbell peals were: Bob Major 2, Little Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Stedman Caters 1; London Surprise Minor 1; Cambridge Major 1; Superlative 1; Spliced 21 Plain Major Methods 1; Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major 1.

In January 60 peals were rung, in February 74, in March 77, in April 84, in May 164, in June 163, in July 90, in August 147, in September 111, in October 120, and in November 139, making a total for the year of 1,422. During December, 1944, 70 peals were rung and in the whole year 619.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

January 20th, 1817. At Norwich, the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.

1934. At Bushey, the first peal of St. Albans Surprise Major, and at Leatherhead, the first peal of Leatherhead Surprise.

January 21st, 1854. The College Youths rang the first true peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

1923. James Metts died at the age of 63.

January 24th, 1885. The Sussex County Association founded.

January 26th, 1735. 10.080 Bob Major at Fulham.

1865. Elijah Roberts committed suicide.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your account of Arthur E. Pegler you mention that he rang Heptonstall tenor over ten hours in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal: but you omitted to state that he rang this same bell to the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob in the previous year. He might well have completed the longer and far heavier attempt for 22.09% Double Norwich but for two or three adverse circumstances which afflicted us on that day and which need not be detailed here. P. LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

MAKERS OF LONDON BELLS.

(Continued from page 19.)

Towards the end of the eighteenth century there were two founders who cast bells that still hang in London steeples. Robert Patrick was a 'cheesemonger of Whitechapel who had married Sarah Oliver, Thomas Lester's grand-daughter, and who set up for himself as a bell founder. Through his wife's family connections he obtained several important jobs, but evidently he was not a skilled craftsman, and he did almost all his work in partnership with other men. Hackney bells bear his name, but actually were cast at the Whitechapel foundry; and his other octave in London, that at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was cast in conjunction with Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market in Norfolk, the founder of many excellent bells, including the fine ring at the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, and who perhaps may be considered the real maker of Bishopsgate bells. Robert Patrick was a skilled ringer and a member of the Society of College Youths; and though there is no direct evidence, it is more than likely that he was a descendant of John Patrick, the composer, and the other John Patrick, who was master of the College Youths in 1736.

Thomas Janaway's foundry was at Chelsea. His most important rings in London were the octaves at All Saints', Chelsea, 1762, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1772, and St. Mary's, Battersea, 1772. The first was broken up to supply metal for the ring of ten at St. Luke's, Chelsea; the second was increased to ten by Warners, who added a tenor and treble, and did some recasting. All Saints'—better known as Chelsea Old Church—was one of those destroyed in the air raids.

Janaway cast the six at Edgware, and there is a number of his bells in towers in the Home Counties. His bells are rather poor in quality, and the rhyming couplet he was fond of using as an inscription is perhaps the most unsuitable and in the worst taste of any on bells: 'The ringer's art our graceful notes prolong. Apollo listens and applauds the song.' It seems strange that such an inscription should have been allowed in a Christian church even in the eighteenth century.

William Chapman recast the tenor at Canterbury Cathedral. He did the work on the spot, and while engaged on the job noticed a young man who was greatly interested in the process. It was William Mears. He went up to Whitechapel and joined Chapman, and then, after the death of the latter, carried on the business. During the following eighty years a succession of members of the family of Mears cast hundreds of bells which are to be found in all parts of the country. Perhaps the greatest of these founders was Thomas Mears, William's brother, who was casting from 1787 to 1810, at first in partnership with William, then by himself, and finally for five years in partnership with his son, Thomas Mears the younger. The fine ring at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, is the work of Thomas Mears. The noble tenor at St. Sepulchre's, Newgate, is by his son, as are also the rings of ten at Poplar and St. James', Bermondsey, and the eleventh—the Lady Bell—at St. Saviour's, Southwark. Stepney bells, fortunately, survived the air raids of the last war, but they had many narrow escapes. The surrounding district was almost entirely devastated. Poplar bells some years ago were retuned on modern lines.

A very old London firm of engineers and founders was that of John Warner and Son. The business was started by Jacob Warner, who about 1740 was carrying on a business at Wood Street as a brass founder, although he was only 'free' of the Tinplate Workers' Company. The Founders' Company regarded this as a breach of their privileges, and in February, 1740, they wrote to him requiring him to desist from exercising the craft of a casting founder, but apparently he successfully resisted the order.

John Warner was apprenticed to John Culleridge, a founder and a member of the Society of Friends. He was made free of the Founders' Company on August 1st, and 'being one of the people called Quakers,' affirmed. Being a Quaker did not hinder him from being churchwarden of St. Giles', Cripplegate, in 1783. It was an office which carried civil duties as well as ecclesiastical; the leading men of the parish were expected to serve as their turn came round, and no excuses were accepted. The only way service could be avoided was by the payment of a fine which often took the form of an offer to provide something for the good or use of the parish; as at St. Bartholomew-by-the-Exchange in 1629, where the vestry agreed that George Pryor should be free from the offices of churchwarden and questman in consideration of his erecting a cupola on the top of the church steeple and hanging the saunce bell therein. Or, as at Fulham in 1653, where the parish excused Colonel Langham in consideration of his paying towards the restoration of the bells.

While John Warner was churchwarden of St. Giles' the bells were repaired and his name as 'contractor' was on the tenor which was recast by Robert Patrick. It is possible he may actually have done the job under the other's instructions, and so have been led to take an interest in bell founding. A few years later he recast the peal of five at St. Peter-le-Poor, in Broad Street in the City, a church pulled down some fifty years ago.

John Warner and Tomson Warner, his brother, carried on their business at the sign of the Three Bells and Star in Cripplegate parish. Afterwards they removed to Jewin Crescent, where the business remained for more than a century. In the nineteenth century the firm was well known as makers of high class horticultural goods, and they took to bell founding rather as a sideline; but during the second half of the century and in the years before the first great war they cast a large number of bells for churches in the different parts of the country.

In London their most important work was the chime bells at Westminster. The original hour bell was theirs, but it was cracked before being hung, and the recasting was done at Whitechapel. Other of Warner's rings in the metropolitan area are St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway, St. Mark's, Dalston, St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, St. Mary Magdalen, Enfield, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, St. Paul's, Hounslow, and St. Pancras. Five of the bells at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, including the tenor, are from the Jewin Crescent foundry. These bells vary a good deal in quality. Some are quite pleasing, but others are not well thought of.

BEACONSFIELD.—On January 6th, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy R. Fletcher (conductor) 1-2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3-4, Ethel M. Fletcher 5-6.

PETTERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: William Rose (conductor) 1, T. Vaughan 2, H. Goakes 3, William Alderman 4, R. Dawson 5, William Waldron 6.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. MEETING AT BLOXWICH.

A meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Bloxwich on January 12th, at which more than sixty members and friends were present.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, conducted the service and delivered an address. Tea was in the Parish Hall. It was announced that the bells of Lichfield Cathedral are to be relunged with modern fittings. The order has been given and the work will be taken in hand immediately. Mr. H. Garratt, of Bloxwich, was admitted a new member.

The next meeting will be at Stafford, by invitation of the Archdeacon.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. MEETING AT CHILVERS COTON.

At a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, held at Chilvers Coton on January 19th, upwards of sixty members and friends were present from Allesley, Bedworth, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, Meriden, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke and Warwick. Service was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Murray (president), assisted by the Rev. — Newton (curate), and tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the president presided. The question of providing instructors for towers who required them was raised by the Master (Mr. F. E. Pervin). Volunteers were asked for and half a dozen names were soon forthcoming. It is hoped that the efforts of these gentlemen will be amply rewarded.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT DOWNHAM MARKET.

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its annual meeting at Downham Market on January 12th, when ringers attended from Bexhill, Sussex, Chatteris, Downham Market, Elm, Hilgay, King's Lynn, Leverington, Marham, Shouddham, Terrington St. John, Tilney (All Saints'), Tydd St. Mary, Walsoken, Wisbech and Yaxham.

Service, conducted by the Rector, was followed by tea and business, the Rector taking the chair. The officers elected were: President, Archdeacon Ward; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; district secretary, Mr. W. Buckenham; committee, Messrs. E. Mastin, L. Bush, G. Mason, E. Barker, W. Rose and F. Wigmore. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Elm on February 9th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ARDLEIGH.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Ardleigh on January 12th, when 35 ringers attended from Shimpling, Lavenham, Hadleigh, Suffolk, Harwich, Holbrook, Ardleigh, Springfield, Ipswich, Little Clacton, Mistley, Thorington, Clacton-on-Sea, Langham, Sudbury, Wormingford, Rushmere, Great Holland and Hasketon. The methods rung were Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, and at the business meeting Mr. C. J. Ellis was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. L. Wright was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. G. Waterman and Mr. H. J. Millatt were appointed to the committee.

LENGTH OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir—On November 11th, 1922, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Gorseinon, Glamorgan, in 3 hours and 35 minutes, tenor 9 cwt. Since then an open peal has been rung in 2 hours 56 minutes and a peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hours. What made the half-muffled one so long I do not know, except that it was very slow. I rang in all three. E. STITCH.

21, Cambrian Place, Glam.

Dear Sir—Two peals of Grandsire Triples recorded at Painswick took 3 hours 37 minutes and 3 hours 36 minutes. Both of them were performed in 1731 and are the two earliest recordings of any peal in this tower. L. H. JONES.

Painswick.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TANNER.

The death occurred on January 10th of Mr. John Tanner, who for 58 years had been a member of the band at Banpton, Oxfordshire. For 50 years he was steeplekeeper and for about 20 years captain. He was 73 years of age.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Tamworth Arms on January 5th. The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, was in the chair and about 60 members were present. The following new members were elected, Messrs. C. Bragg, H. Hofton and C. Dale, with Mr. John Scott as a life member.

A gift by Mr. James George to the Guild's library, consisting of a complete bound edition of 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' up to the end of 1940 and the subsequent years up to the end of 1945 ready for binding, was announced by the secretary. In a letter received from Mr. George the gift was made to commemorate his long life and having attained the 92nd anniversary of his birth. The gift was suitably acknowledged. It was decided that the volumes of 'The Ringing World' should be suitably housed in a bookcase in St. Martin's belfry, and as St. Martin's already had a complete edition of 'The Bell News,' the gift of the late Mr. John Carter, those from Mr. George should be kept in the belfry of St. Philip's Cathedral.

It was decided to hold meetings at Aston in April and at Northfield in February. The treasurer reported a satisfactory financial year, showing an increased balance in the bank. The past year had been a record in the amount of members' subscriptions. Possibly in the future a peal booking fee might have to be introduced, as the cost of peal booking in the illuminated style had considerably increased. An interesting discussion ensued, and it was decided that for the present no peal booking fee should be introduced.

The officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. Albert Walker; Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Fearn; trustees, Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

It was decided that the Henry Johnson Commemoration should take place on March 2nd and be a dinner in the evening, and that the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, be invited to take the chair. Provisional arrangements had been made with the Imperial Hotel but the food situation was still very difficult and the number would have to be strictly limited.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The annual meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on January 19th, at which members and friends were present from Bromham, Dunstable, Great Billington, Linslade, Stoney Stratford, Stanbridge, Woburn and the local tower.

At the business meeting the Rev. G. S. R. Dale was re-elected as district chairman, and as Miss D. C. Liddetter is leaving the district, Mr. H. C. Hillyard was elected to serve as district secretary and treasurer. Messrs. H. D. Harris and H. B. Whitney were appointed to represent the district on the General Committee.

The members were pleased to welcome back Mr. F. Plummer, general secretary of the County Association, after serving several years with the Forces at home and overseas.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Tisworth on February 16th and to recommend the general committee to increase the annual subscription.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT GOOLE.

At the first monthly practice meeting of the recently formed Selby and District Society, held at Goole on January 5th, there was a good attendance of ringers from Fastrington, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hassle, Sherburn, Selby and the local company. During the afternoon and evening the methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob, most of the ringing time being given up to learners.

Tea was served to about 30 ringers in the church schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. H. S. Morley presided.

The next meeting will be at Howden on February 2nd.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES IFFS

The death is announced of Mr. James Lees, of Oldham, which took place on January 12th, in his 72nd year. The funeral on January 17th was attended by ringers from Ashton, Middleton, Moorside and the local band. The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. C. E. Platt, W. Wolstencroft, B. Thorpe and H. Barlow.



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DEATH OF MR. F. W. ROMAINE.

The death is announced of Mr. F. W. Romaine, of Salisbury, who passed away on January 7th at the age of 63 years. The funeral service was at St. Martin's, Salisbury, where Mr. Romaine was captain of the local band.



Mr. G. Norton, vice-president of the Salisbury branch of the Diocesan Guild, represented the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, the general secretary of the Guild, and many local towers were represented, including the city churches (St. Martin's, St. Thomas' and St. Paul's), with Downton, Dinton, Tisbury, Shrewton, South Newton, Wishford and Berwick St. John.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Messrs. H. C. Bond, W. A. Thebald and F. E. Manns.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Martin's.

Mr. Romaine was secretary of the Salisbury District of the Diocesan Guild and one of the representatives on the Central Council.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**BURTON AND DISTRICT.**

The first meeting of this newly-formed Guild was held at St. Matthew's, Overseal, on Saturday, January 19th, when ringers were present from Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Measham, Ticknall, Repton, Lullington, Derby Cathedral and the local company.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, and at the business meeting which followed the officers were appointed: President, Mr. W. W. Worthington; chairman, Mr. B. Key; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; committee, Messrs. W. H. Curson, E. W. Beadsmoore, W. J. Leach and Syd Jones. Two new ringing members were elected, the Rev. J. F. Styles, of Repton, and Thomas Kirkland, of St. Modwen's, Burton, and the honour of becoming the first honorary member of the Guild fell to the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, Rector of Seae and Vicar of Lullington.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Measham on Feb. 16th. The bells of St. Matthew's were rung during the afternoon and evening.

This new Guild now covers the area of the old Burton District of the Midland Counties Association.

DEATH OF MR. J. C. ADAMS.

The death is announced of Mr. John C. Adams, of Bloxwich, Staffs. in his 78th year. The funeral service was at Bloxwich Church, and the interment at Bloxwich Cemetery on January 10th was conducted by the Vicar of Bloxwich.

Mr. Adams joined the Stafford Archdeaconry Society in 1894. He was connected with the peal ringing band formed by the late J. E. Groves and took part in many performances, including 11,563 Grandsire-Caters at Wolverhampton. He joined the Walsall band when the new ring of twelve was installed and continued as a regular member until June, 1940, when a serious illness overtook him. He continued to keep an interest in the Walsall band to the last. He rang about 200 peals.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. ROGERS.

The death is announced of Mr. William J. Rogers, which took place at Northampton on January 6th, at the age of 72 years. The funeral was at St. Giles' on January 9th.

Mr. Rogers, who had been a ringer for over 60 years, learnt to ring at Penicumbury. He came to Northampton 50 years ago and became captain of St. Giles' band about 30 years ago. Besides being a ringer he was 17 years vergier and 16 years previously a Sunday School teacher.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Linnett, P. Jones, G. Care and W. Hammons, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was rung half-muffled by Messrs. R. A. Pearson, G. Gavton, G. Care, W. J. Dove, J. Linnett, B. P. Morris, W. R. Parker, F. Hopper, W. R. Hammons (conductor) and F. R. Pearson.

Mr. Rogers had rung over 200 peals, of which he conducted many.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT POOLE.**

At the annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Poole on January 5th, over fifty ringers were present from Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Corfe Mullen, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Swanage, Wareham, Wimborne, Shroton, Warminster, Wool, Stoke Wake and Poole.

Service in St. James' Church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. Harris, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips. After tea, served in the Old Rectory, a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Canon Eddrup, of Corfe Mullen. All the retiring officers were re-elected, and Messrs. H. A. Mitchell and A. R. Macdonald were elected deputy ringing masters to assist the Master, Mr. F. W. Townsend, who is physically unable to take part in tower bell ringing. The members wish to maintain his long connection with ringing in the district. Poole Church and tower still carry the marks of bomb blast and few windows remain intact, but, happily, the bells escaped damage, and during the afternoon and evening methods from Treble-Ten, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich to rounds and Doubles were rung.

MEETING AT DEVIZES.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on January 5th at Devizes, and was attended by 80 members from Bishop's Cannings, Bromham, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Holt, Keevil, Marden, Market Lavington, Melksham, North Bradley, Rowde, Seend, Southbroom, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Upavon, Urchfont, Warminster and Westbury, with visitors from Swindon, Salisbury, Wishford, South Newton, Gillingham, Reading, Bunsdon and Lydiard Millicent. During the afternoon and evening the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles, Bob Major, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Double Norwich.

The Rev. J. S. Yorke conducted the service in St. John's Church; Mr. Edwards read the lesson and Mr. Percy Lawes accompanied on the organ. Tea was in the parish room, and Mr. E. F. White presided over the meeting which followed, at which all the branch officers were re-elected, and Mr. J. S. Weeks was appointed assistant secretary. The Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to the loss the town and guild had sustained by the death of Mr. F. Green and to the hard work he had put into the Guild.

MEETING AT BEAMINSTER.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Beaminster on January 12th. Members attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Evershot, Litton Cheney and Lyme Regis. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, the address being given by the Master, the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

At the business meeting after tea the officers were all re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. Barratt as a deputy ringing master. The chairman welcomed the return from the Forces of the Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. D. W. Bishop and C. W. Powell, and nine new members were elected, seven from Bradpole and one each from Lyme Regis and Bridport.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Powell for his excellent observations, but I cannot allow him to state unchallenged that the analogy is false. It is true that there is only the 5ths place bob in Stedman Triples, but for purposes of composition this is in effect two separate types of call—a bob after a slow six, and a bob after a quick six; there are in effect two types of variation from the plain course working of the method, provided by the common bob.

In any case, such comparisons provide hope, but not proof. Stedman with bobs is equivalent to Spliced Stedman and Erin with a more rigorous arrangement of the sixes. While spliced Stedman and Erin cannot have two consecutive quick sixes, pure Stedman in addition cannot have two consecutive slow sixes. The existence of such restrictions does not warrant a 'write-off.'

May I assert that any 'available evidence' is purely that of failure?
B. D. PRICE.

Ebbw Vale.

DEATH OF MR. C. E. RAYSON.

The death at the age of 37 has occurred of Mr. C. E. Rayson, of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, who had just completed three weeks in civilian employment after serving since August, 1940, in the R.A.F. He had been a ringer at Coton for 21 years and had taken part in about 20 peals.

At the interment in Coton Churchyard a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Mrs. A. H. Beemish, Mr. J. F. Clarke, Mr. A. H. Beemish and Mr. J. E. Moreton. The other ringers present were H. Harris and P. Yates and Mrs. P. Billington. A half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on Coton bells in the evening. Amongst the many floral tributes was one from the All Saints' Society of Ringers, Chilvers Coton, and one from the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

QUARTER PEALS.

NORWICH.—At St. John de Sepulchre on Friday, January 4th, 1,440 Bob Major: R. Barber 1, M. J. Foster 2, J. Moor 3, Mrs. F. Moor 4, Dr. F. Moor 5, J. Clark 6, E. J. Kett 7, W. G. Mayers (conductor) 8.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Friday, January 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. T. Godwin 1, H. J. Steed 2, J. H. Hayne 3, W. J. Simons 4, J. W. H. Crabb 5, F. Precey (conductor) 6, J. S. M. Squire 7, E. T. Smith 8.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On January 4th, 1,260 Doubles, being 180 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 600 Grandsire: Thomas E. Stead 1, John D. Rock 2, Fredk. R. Harris 3, Leslie Evans 4, E. Peter Roek (conductor) 5, Denis S. Goulding 6.

BANSTEAD.—On Sunday, January 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Spooner 1, Jill Brittain 2, Elizabeth Layton 3, Winifred Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, D. N. Layton (conductor) 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, A. G. Oliver 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 6th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: William May 1, Richard Dixon 2, William James 3, William Perry 4, Frank May 5, Roy Brown 6, John E. Fowler 7, Fredk. Souter 8, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) 9, Charles Chambers 10.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. J. Burnett 1, J. Hosgood 2, E. Piley 3, C. J. Hosgood 4, R. Truman 5, W. Fairchild 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, H. Will's 8.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, January 6th, at All Saints', 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: P. K. Williamson 1, V. J. F. Bennett 2, N. I. Allnatt 3, H. R. Badder 4, C. F. Andrews 5, W. C. Porter 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, W. F. Judge (conductor) 8.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, January 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. R. Callow 1, L. M. Callow 2, H. Polwell 3, W. A. Stote (conductor) 4, S. J. Oughton 5.

SALISBURY.—On January 10th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, J. Maidment 2, H. C. Bond 3, A. Fry 4, L.A.C. T. Price 5, W. Romaine 6, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8. Half-muffled for Mr. F. W. Romaine, who died on Jan. 7th.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Friday, January 11th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: L. Rose 1, Bertram Ridout 2, Benjamin Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

HEDDINGTON, CALNE, WILTS.—On Friday, January 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, W. Hacker (conductor) 3, F. Hacker 4, H. Burry 5.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harris 1, F. Whitworth 2, D. Potter 3, A. J. Martin 4, F. Potter 5, F. Crump 6, H. F. Martin (conductor) 7, A. Barrett 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Michael's, 1,275 Grandsire Cinoues: B. Thorp (conductor) 1, J. Carter 2, W. Robinson 3, Miss M. Elkins 4, H. Reynolds 5, H. Ludkin 6, H. Ford 7, S. Marshall 8, S. Thompson 9, F. R. Williams 10, R. Benson 11, J. Turner 12.

SEVENOAKS.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guy 1, Miss O. Matthews 2, Miss D. Corke 3, R. Guy 4, P. Turley 5, H. Baker 6, E. Andrews (conductor) 7, S. Etheridge 8.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: John Webb 1, Mrs. S. Hough, jun. 2, Sidney Hough, jun. 3, Norman Hough 4, Ronald Hough 5, Sidney Hough, sen. (conductor) 6.

ELVEDEN.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: Bert Atkins 1, Thomas Stagg 2, Samuel Atkins 3, R. Price 4, William Paul 5, Wilfred Bowers 6, John Sharp 7, James W. Paul (conductor) 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. P. Vowles 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, J. Hayward 4, T. A. Blow 5, P. Gray 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Potheary 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. Miller 3, E. E. Bish (conductor) 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman 7, S. Howard 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffen 2, F. Garland 3, F. Rieby 4, G. Latham (conductor) 5, R. J. Thain 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harrison 1, G. Harrison 2, W. J. Leach 3, A. Sherr 4, S. D. Ainger 5, G. Roden 6, B. G. Key (conductor) 7, E. White 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Cornell 1, A. F. Turner 2, F. A. Poulson 3, S. H. Semonds 4, L. Pryke 5, L. Poulson 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8.

ROTHERFIELD.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rogers 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, F. Hemmond 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. Kitchenside 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, S. Russell 7, E. Bishop sen. 8.

OXHEVY.—On January 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hodgnett 1, G. Savill 2, F. W. Alloway 3, G. C. Tarr 4, W. Attwood 5, L. R. Tarr (conductor) 6, F. W. Brinklow 7, C. Wenban 8.

SOUTHBOROUGH, KENT.—On January 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on handbells: Frederick White 1-2, Thomas E. Sons 3-4, Stafford Green 5-6, William Rogers (conductor) 7-8.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received **NOT LATER THAN MONDAY.**

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Gravesend (St. George's), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Annual, Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Annual, Streatham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Leonard's (8) and Immanuel (8), 3 p.m. Service, Immanuel, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Langley, Bucks, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Committee after tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX ASSN.—W. Tarring (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

NORWICH ASSN.—King's Lynn, St. Margaret's, Saturday, Jan. 26th.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bakewell (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea, Wheatsheaf Hotel, 5 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONS ASSN.—Merthyr Tydfil, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Syston, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District.—Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual, Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Temple Lounge, West Street.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual, Stockport, St. Mary's, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby, St. Peter's (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Committee 3 p.m., Parochial Room. Tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting 5 p.m., Parochial Room.

DONCASTER SOCIETY.—Annual, Doncaster, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual, Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service at St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Woodley, 40, Mortimer Lane, Basingstoke, by Jan. 23rd.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Lindfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. E. Laker, Balcombe, Sussex.

KENT ASSN.—Leigh, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at the Bat and Ball. Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, The Chestnuts, Leigh, near Tonbridge, by Jan. 30th.—T. Saunders.

KENT ASSN.—Willesborough, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. S. Ruck, 3, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—P. Page.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Annual, St. Thomas', Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Annual, Bocking, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4.30.—Hilda G. Snowden.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual, Sudbury, Feb. 2nd, St. Peter's (afternoon), St. Gregory and All Saints'. Meeting, St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., at Pimpernel, 5.30. Names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Brecon, St. Mary's (8), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.). Names to Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by Jan. 31st.—Frank Ainsley.

ELY ASSN.—Doddington (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. H. Bullen, 39a, High Street, Ely.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hampstead Norris (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Bartholomew, 3, Railway Terrace, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, by Jan. 30th.

DEVON GUILD. — Practice Awliscombe, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea.—F. C. Smale.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Cresswell (8), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. For tea, names to L. W. Bacon, Newlyn, Skinner Street, Cresswell, Worksop, Notts, by Jan. 30th. — H. Chaddock.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual, Stanground, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Road, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s., Winnard's Café.—Names by Wednesday to S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton District.—Annual, Alton, Feb. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea, at Church Room, 5. Numbers by Jan. 30th to C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Annual, Grimsby, St. James', Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. No tea. Cafés nearby. Business, Church House, 6 p.m.—H. I. Mingay.

HERTS ASSN.—Watford District.—Annual, Rickmansworth, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names by Jan. 30th to F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth.—H. G. Cashmore.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN. — Longton (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. No tea. Cafés nearby. — Andrew Thompson.

LEEDS SOCIETY.—Pudsey, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Bring food. Tea to drink provided. Business follows tea.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Annual, Thrapston (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 29th. — W. R. Butcher, Brigstock, near Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch. — Morecambe Parish Church, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Parkinson, 76, Lancaster Road, Morecambe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Stephen's (10), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Meeting date 1st Saturday, as from above.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 4.45, at the Duke's Head. Numbers to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 6th.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 6 p.m. Bells 3.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers by Feb. 4th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—General meeting Feb. 9th, Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) 2.30 to 4.30. St. Peter's (10) after meeting. Committee 3 p.m., St. Peter's Vestry. Tea and business 4.30. Notify T. Groombridge, 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham, by Feb. 5th. — Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual, East Grinstead, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 7th to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify by Feb. 4th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general, Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business and handbell contest in Church Hall 6 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921.

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THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.

The musical effect of change ringing is based largely—for many people entirely—on rhythm. Rhythm is one of the most important things in life but, like other similar things, such as beauty, symmetry, proportion, and the like, though it is easily recognised it defies description. Most men have some natural appreciation of it, but in common with other good things it must be cultivated if anything like its true value is to be realised. It is not music and not necessarily musical, though music cannot do without it. It is the quality which gives life to music and all other sounds such as words and poetry. It can make sounds attractive that in themselves are harsh and unpleasing, and it is the supreme quality which change ringers, so far as they value the effect of their art, should cultivate.

There used to be a saying among the best of the old ringers which showed that they did understand and value what rhythm means, though most of them probably had never heard the word, or, if they had, never understood what it means. They talked about the bells 'settling down to a beat,' and it is hardly possible to describe better really good ringing. Men whose instinct was not nearly so sound sometimes talked about 'clockwork striking,' and in doing so showed that they did not know what first-class ringing is, or, if they did, did not recognise its nature. For rhythm is not strict regularity: in almost everything it is the negation of strict regularity. Regularity there must be in ringing, but strict, unrelieved regularity is lifeless in changes as it is in music and almost everything else.

It is not possible to explain by words what rhythmic ringing is or how to produce it. That knowledge can come to a man only if he cultivates what natural sense of rhythm he possesses, if he tries to understand its value, and if he follows the best examples that are set before him. We make no apology for bringing this matter before the Exercise, because we firmly believe that for several reasons the standards of ringing in some things are much lower than they need be. The absorbingly fascinating art of method ringing, the great increase in methods, the rapidity with which beginners are pushed on, and the supposed superiority of Surprise methods—these and other things have insensibly set up false standards, so that the majority of ringers think it a finer thing to take part in a moderate peal or touch of a com-

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plex method than in a superlatively excellent peal in a simpler one. It would be absurd to underrate ringing in the higher methods and all that it means, but that is only one branch of the art of change ringing, and, by itself, by no means the most important. It is only by paying careful attention to the style in which these more complex methods are rung that they become really worth while. It is no doubt nice for a man to be able to boast that he has rung peals of London and Bristol, but if discerning critics are of the opinion that the man cannot ring rounds or stoney really well, he has not gained so sound a reputation as he hoped for.

Change ringing is an art which calls for the exercise of almost all the faculties a man possesses, and the use of one cannot be cultivated at the expense of another without serious loss. The tendency at present is for a man to concentrate almost entirely on what his eyes tell him and to ignore or slur over what he hears. But the competent ringer is he in whom eyes, ears, arms and body work together in complete unison and in obedience to what is passing through his brain.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST RAWSON Treble	HERBERT W. PERKINS 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 8
ALFRED BALLARD 3	SYDNEY O. CHENEY 9
JILL POOLE 4	ERNEST MORRIS 10
SHIRLEY BERTON 5	G. STEDMAN MURKIN 11
JOSIAH MORRIS 6	ARTHUR DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by JILL POOLE.
First peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 250th peal.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
STEPHEN HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1946 in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*LEONARD W. ROGERS Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
†CHARLES A. BASSETT 2	JAMES G. POWELL 6
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ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major inside.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE DARBYSHIRE Treble	WILLIAM PERKINS 5
EDWARD ST. PLE 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 6
WILLIAM CARNWELL 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE 7
*THOMAS HAWRY 4	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Composed by F. H. P. O. Conducted by G. CAITING.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM S. MAY Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 5
RICHARD DIXON 2	FREDERICK SOUTER 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
*JOHN E. FOWLER 4	CHARLES R. CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, January 21, 1946 in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS Treble	LEONARD TUFFEAY 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First in the method by the Guild and by all.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	HARRY HOFFERD 6
E. WIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
PHILIP A. CORBY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1946 in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY Treble	ISAAC GARTSIDE 5
*GERALD DARR 2	ALBERT FORD 6
†MARY WALSHAW 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	*BURLEY WALSHAW Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

**THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday January 24 1946 in three hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS R. MOGG Treble	WILLIAM A. OILFIELD 5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	†HENRY G. KVELEY 6
PERCY PAGE 3	†HILFRED S. WICKENS 7
†FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES F. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK W. HALL 5
FRANK TUFFBY 2	*T. ARTHUR PALMER 6
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER 3	SIDNEY G. GRANT 7
JOSEPH S. WEEKS 4	WILLIAM G. MORTIMER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. GRANT.

* First peal of Triples.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1946 in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble	LRSLEIE C. W. HUNTER 5
ALBERT LAMBKIN 2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARRNOR H. DOBBIE 7
HAROLD A. MAY 4	KENNETH A. GIRDLER Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

in Saturday, January 26, 1946 in three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY Treble	WILLIAM T. BRESON 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 2	ALBERT HAPMAN 6
*TOM PAGE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	*JAMES E. BAILEY 5
*EDWIN BARNETT 2	*VYRIL BRETT-SMITH 6
*HENRY G. KVELEY 3	*HARRY HOWRD 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method; and by the association.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26 1946 in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK VAPEY Treble	JOHN E. SPICE 5
GEORGE HENKETH 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWIN C. BIRRETT 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 26, 1946 in three hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES W. WILLIAMS Treble	*FRANK LITTLEFAIR 5
FRED LONGWORTH 2	ALBERT MORLEY 6
C. W. BLAKY 3	A. TOMLINSON 7
*A. V. WILLIAMS 4	JAMES BARNES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES BARNES.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*DENIS R. MORRIS 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
CLIFFORD SKDMORE 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT 7
*GEORGE E. LARGE 4	GEORGE AMBER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARROWBY, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CICIL H. JALLANES Treble	I. WILLIAM KIRTON 4
ARTHUR W. WARD 2	H. REGINALD WOODS 5
JOHN F. PROCTOR 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal of Minor.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1946 in two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*LOUIS R. CALLOW Treble	HAROLD FOLWELL 3
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW 2	ALBERT E. BRISTOW 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal.

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On Saturday, January 26, 1946 in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's: (1) Norwich Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (5) Double Court; (6) Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK LISHMAN Treble	STANLEY PRODD 4
JOHN A. BROWN 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB 3	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEVOR THOMAS Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
CYRIL JOSEPH 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
THOMAS SCOTT 3	*EDMUND ROWLANDS Tenor

Conducted by H. BOYCE.

* First peal.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday January 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. B. James' Arrangement.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
HARRIS C. JONES Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 4	WALTER LEE 5	WALTER AYRE Tenor
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2			
WILLIAM C. HUGHES 3			

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 10, 1946 in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	REV. P. J. BOULSOVER 7-8

Arranged by I. J. ATTWATER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, January 21, 1946, in One Hour and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 12, PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*R. F. B. SPEED 1-2	K. S. B. CROFT 3-4
*S. E. DARMON 5-6	

Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

* First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1946 in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	MRS. I. THOMAS 5-6
ALBERT M. TYLER 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

Composed by E. GUISE. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

QUARTER PEALS.

CURRY RIVEL.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Maile 1, T. Locke (conductor) 2, R. Beale 3, F. Dabinett 4, S. Dabinett 5, H. Perry 6, J. Stevens 7, E. Stevens 8.

SHEFFIELD.—On January 19th at St. Marie's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Harry Bower 1, Ernest Thorpe 2, John Thorpe (conductor) 3, Herbert O. Chaddock 4, Hezekiah Thorpe 5, Haydn Thorpe 6, Norman Chaddock 7, Francis Ward 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. J. Southam 1, C. F. Sayer 2, G. E. Debenham 3, W. J. Southam 4, A. Dale 5, B. C. Johnson 6, H. V. Frost 7, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. E. Davis, J. Bennett, C. T. Coles, J. E. Chilcott, G. A. Parsons, W. H. Hewett (conductor), F. C. W. Knight, H. Belcher.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. P. Cook 1, E. A. Jurd 2, J. O. Neville 3, S. E. Cook 4, W. Tate 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, C. Philpotts 8.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, January 20th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. J. Lambert, sen. 1, E. Bromley 2, F. Bromley 3, R. T. Lambert 4, W. Gorringe 5, R. E. Lambert 6, S. H. Green, A. W. Durham (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On January 20th, 1,280 Bob Major: G. C. Cookson 1, R. Lees 2, Miss F. L. Wright 3, A. Whatmore 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6, F. W. Gibbs 7, J. W. Smith (conductor) 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hayward 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, J. Perrot 4, W. A. Hughes 5, F. Jones 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, January 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bavin 1, Sgt. F. L. Harris 2, R. Smith 3, G. E. Crisp 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. C. Thain 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Thain 5, T. C. Witts (conductor) 6, W. Dean 7, C. Cannon 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 20th, 1,257 St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffin 2, S. C. Thain 3, F. Garland 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, A. Howell 6.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Windle 1, T. Candling 2, H. Oglesby 3, L. Rawnsley 4, F. Dalby 5, L. Thompson 6, V. Bairstow (conductor) 7, A. Bairstow 8.

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SALFORD PRIORS.**DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.**

The ring of eight bells at Salford Priors, which has been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was dedicated on January 18th by the Bishop of Coventry.

Immediately after the dedication the bells were raised by the local ringers, and at the close of the service touches in various methods were rung by members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild from Allesley, Chivers Coton, Keresley, Leamington, Nuneaton, Stoke Coventry, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.

The original peal was installed in the church in 1735, and when, in 1836, it was proposed to increase the peal to one of eight bells, the churchwarden of that day recorded the fact that a letter had been received from Stratford-on-Avon Church to say that if Salford Priors (then a village of some 400) was going to have eight bells, then Stratford would increase its peal to ten bells.

Regular ringing ceased about fifty years ago, when the bells became unsafe, and though a few years before the 1914-18 war, and at intervals since, it was suggested they should be recast and made safe for ringing, nothing was done until May of last year. The ringers' society was re-formed, and agreed to raise the cost of recasting one bell; and a few days later it was decided to have the bells recast at a cost of £1,250, £500 being allocated from the church maintenance fund.

The sixth, one of the original bells of 1735, has been retained on its old cannons and stock and will be kept in the church as an example of bell founding of the eighteenth century. It was made by Richard Sanders. The new bell which takes its place has been named the Peace Bell, and is inscribed with the names of seven men from the parish who lost their lives in the war.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HIGHAM FERRERS.**

The annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Higham Ferrers on January 19th, was attended by members from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Great Doddington, Wilby, Mears Ashby, Irchester, Ecton, Bozeat, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Stanwick, Rushden, Raunds, Rothwell, Burton Latimer, Warkton, Weston Favell, Brafeld and the local belfry. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 11s.

After the service, more than 70 ringers and friends had tea in the Church Rooms, and at the business meeting the Rev. S. F. W. Powell (Vicar of Bozeat) presided in the absence of the branch president (the Rev. W. R. Flex).

The secretary, Mr. A. Bigley, reported that meetings during the year had been well attended, with an average of 58. Thirteen new ringing members had been elected. Against this, he was sorry to record the death of four members. The branch register now showed 152 ringing members, four hon. life and 12 hon. members, 68 of whom were free, either by serving in the Forces or by reaching the age of 65.

After paying £6 6s. subscriptions and £5 1s. 9d. collections to the general secretary for Guild funds, a surplus of 12s. 6d. remained.

The officers appointed were: President, the Rev. W. R. Flex; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough); Central Committee, Messrs. F. Barber and A. E. Plowman; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Tyler, C. Payne and A. Boddington; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Main; auditor, Mr. E. W. Johnson; branch organist, Mr. E. J. Holloway. Sixteen new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wollaston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WOOLWICH.**

A meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, held at Woolwich on January 19th, was attended by upwards of sixty members and friends from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Eltham, Erith, Greenwich, Lewisham, Sidcup, Woolwich, Balham, Brasted, Camberwell, Croydon and Walthamstow. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. Thompson, who gave an address.

The tea and business meeting were in the Rectory Room, the Rector presiding. Twenty-one new members were elected and the election of another was ratified. Eltham was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on April 27th.

A tribute was paid to the memory of the late Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, formerly Vicar of Leatherhead and some time Vicar of Christ Church, Erith, and a valuable friend to the Lewisham District. The ringing consisted of rounds and all the standard methods.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT NORWICH.**

At the annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, held at St. John-de-Sepuchre, Norwich, on January 19th, 38 members attended from Attleborough, Buxton, Diss, Fornoct St. Peter, Gorleston, Hethersett, Haddiscoe, Muibarton, Norwich, Northrepps, New Buckenham, Norton, Scottow, Swaffham, Wroxham, Wymondham, Yaxham, Great Yarmouth and Yaxley.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. P. Wallis, and tea was served by the Sisters at Ber House. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. E. W. Blyth was in the chair. The officers were elected as follows: The Rev. E. W. Blyth, chairman; Mr. H. Tooke, secretary; committee, Messrs. G. Bailey, W. C. Duffield, G. Mayers, P. C. Goodman and the Rev. G. W. Wilson. On the Standing Committee, Mr. R. W. Curson and the Rev. G. W. Wilson. Six new members were elected.

The methods rung included Minor, Triples and Major up to Surprise. The next meeting will be at Northrepps on May 25th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.**

About 40 ringers and friends from Abbots Langley, Bromham, Ewell, Hampstead, Hatfield, Harpenden, Leverstock Green, Leicester, Luton, Maulden, North Mymms, Silsoe, St. Albans (Cathedral and St. Peter's), Toddington, Tunstall, Turvey and Wembley Park were present at the annual meeting of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association, held in St. Albans on January 19th. St. Peter's bells were rung in the afternoon, the methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Royal, and a service at the church was conducted by the Rev. K. C. Davis, of St. Francis', Ewell.

Tea was at the Sundial Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed four ringing and two non-resident members were elected. St. Albans was again chosen for the next annual meeting.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted, and the following officers were elected: R. Darvill, secretary; H. V. Frost, deputy secretary; A. Day, Ringing Master; Messrs. Darvill, Frost, Day, A. Lawrence and A. W. Coles, committee.

A proposal to redivide the association to even up the size of districts (which at present have from nine to 33 towers) was raised by the secretary, but it was agreed that changes were fraught with snags and should be opposed. At the same time, a suggestion that the association should join with that in Bedford to form a St. Albans Diocesan Association was unanimously considered desirable and will be taken further.

The Cathedral bells were rung in the evening to various methods, including Stedman Cinques, Bob Maximus and London Surprise Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT TWICKENHAM.**

A meeting of the South and West District of Middlesex County Association was held at Twickenham on January 19th, at which 20 members and friends were present from Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Ewell, Fulham, Hershham, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Hounslow, Twickenham and Willesden. Among those present was Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, assistant secretary and Central Council representative, who has returned to civil life after some years' service in Africa, Italy and Greece.

The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, president of the association. Tea in the Church Room was presided over by the president.

Mention was made of the death of Mr. George Gutteridge, of Iver Heath, and it was announced that Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, at one time hon. secretary and for years intimately associated with the ringing first at Ealing and then at Hillingdon, had moved to Leeds. Mr. V. Chilcott was elected a member.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT BEBINGTON.**

The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Bebington on January 19th. Service was taken by the curate, the Rev. Sutton, owing to the illness of the Rector. Tea was served in the Schoolroom. About forty ringers were present, Mr. J. Cooke being in the chair. The officers were re-elected. A letter was read from the general secretary, the Rev. E. Pearson, about the welcome of the Guild to returning members. This would be decided at the general committee meeting.

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ductors, and no matter how satisfactory to themselves
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tion outside the walls of the tower as will the produc-
tion of accurately struck changes in the most simple
method.'—Jasper Snowdon.

The total number of peals rung last year was 1,304, not 1,422 as
stated in last week's issue.

The Grandsire Triples at Prittlewell on January 20th was the 100th
peal on the bells.

SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOB MINOR.

	720		720
	23456	-	23456
S	32564 1		42356 5
	32645 1		S 24563 1
	32456 1		24635 1
	25643 2		43562 2
	25436 1		43625 1
S	52364 1		43256 1
	35264 5		S 34562 1

Each four times repeated.

JOSEPH J. PARKER.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

	1,280					1,280			
23456	B	W	R		23456	B	W	R	
52436	—	—	—		52436	—	—	—	
35426	—	—	—		23564	—	—	—	
35264	—	—	—		23645	—	—	—	
23564	—	—	—		42635	—	—	—	
23645	—	—	—		42356	—	—	—	
42635	—	—	—		34256	—	—	—	
23456	—	—	—		23456	—	—	—	

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

	1,280					1,280			
23456	B	M	W	R	23456	B	M	W	R
23564	—	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	42563	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	64523	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—	23456	—	—	—	—

A PROBLEM IN COMPOSITION.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your leader of the current issue you state, referring to Spliced Surprise, that it was 'generally assumed' that it was a condition that one full natural course of each method must be included in the composition, and there seems to be an underlying suggestion that the composition of mine to which you refer is 'not quite the thing' because it does not conform to the 'generally assumed' condition.

Now, I do not think that any such general assumption ever existed. When composers turned their attention to this problem it was obvious to them that a complete natural course must contain all the work on all the bells and that the inclusion of such a course was the easiest way out.

If a natural course of each of the four methods could be found leaving sufficient material free to complete the peal, the conditions could be satisfied in 28 leads and the peal completed with anything which was available.

But, for the purposes of practical ringing, the inclusion of a full natural course is a definite blemish, unless it can be inserted in more than one piece. One just does not want to ring seven consecutive leads of a method in a spliced peal.

In my composition there are two full natural courses, London and Bristol. The London is inserted in two pieces, five leads being consecutive, and the Bristol in one piece. In my opinion those two courses are the weak spots in the composition. I used them because I could not see a way of satisfying the conditions otherwise, and if I could have dispensed with them I would have done so.

I think that it would be possible to include London without using a full course, indeed, without using more than one lead of any one course, but it would hardly reduce the chances of including any appreciable amount of Bristol.

I do not know whether it is possible to produce a peal including a full natural course of each method. I never have investigated the possibilities, but if I myself did produce one I should rate it as inferior to the one I have already produced, and if one were obtained with no full natural courses at all I should deem it a better peal.

H. G. CASHMORE.

24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

[Our article dealt with problems in composition only, and considerations of practical ringing did not enter into the matter, nor was there any underlying suggestion that Mr. Cashmore's peal is 'not quite the thing'—The Editor.]

THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have always got a certain amount of pleasure by listening to what I consider musical changes, the course ends, Queens and Tittums, etc., which come up occasionally if the method or touch allows. Much depends on the conductor, because 4, 5 and 6 in 6th place are definitely more musical than 2 or 3 in 6th.

The orthodox way of calling Stedman Triples by 7th observation in 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12-13 robs the method of some of the best music. All the 3 pull dodges should, if possible, be made by 4, 5 and 7, and this can be done by a little pricking out and practice by the conductor. We have had some very musical touches of this kind published in 'The Ringing World.' An easy touch of 240 changes can be had by calling the 3rd, make bob in Quick and Slow alternatively: 216 by calling the 6th, 2 bobs in 6-7 down, 7-8, and 2 bobs in 6-7 up, repeated, or 216 changes, 7th observation, 2 bobs wrong, 3-4 and 2 bobs Home repeated. In conclusion, the scale is the foundation of music. Therefore, rounds, well struck, is music.

A. BIGLEY.

30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With regard to the comments of Mr. F. E. Haynes concerning ladies in the belfry, I feel that it is time someone rolled up her sleeves in defence of the fair sex.

Perhaps he will tell us in what way the ladies have crossed his path. Was it a disappointment in love? In any case it would not be fair to condemn all the male ringers by the idiosyncrasies of a few of them.

JILL POOLE.

Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Winchester District annual meeting in 'The Ringing World' it is stated that no less than 100 full members paid their subscriptions, together with 18 members in the Services, whose subscriptions had been waived, which brought the total to 118, the highest it had ever reached. In the year 1936 we had members from 16 towers in the Winchester District, totalling 125, and 112 paid £11 4s., together with 92 honorary members, who paid £23 10s.

G. NOICE.

6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have just received my copy of 'The Ringing World' for December 7th and am interested to read Mr. Alan Pink's letter regarding a plan for our colonies and concerning Australia in particular.

Before proceeding to my present station in May last year I had a short stay in Sydney, and in company with Marine 'Ted' Connock (who, I believe, has now returned home) I rang in all the Sydney towers and enjoyed the overwhelming hospitality of the ringers.

Mr. Pink hits the nail right on the head when he says that the crying need in Australia is for capable conductors. At St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, and in the suburbs of Parramatta and Terrumurra I was surprised to find keen bands of youngsters of both sexes eager to make progress, but with no one capable of leading them. Never before have I regretted so much my own inability to conduct. The books on change ringing which I brought out with me were much in demand, and copies of 'The Ringing World' were eagerly read and passed round.

The suggested scheme for helping ringing in Australia consisting of immigration and professionalism is not, in my opinion, by any means impracticable. To my mind, professionalism would have more chance of success than immigration. It may be possible to find capable teachers and conductors prepared to settle in Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart, but jobs in these already overcrowded cities are hard to come by. Our Australian colleagues would be very glad to assist in this respect, but, even so, I am doubtful if jobs sufficiently attractive to induce the right men to settle would be forthcoming. Australia badly needs immigrants, but she wants them to assist in opening up and developing the country and not add to the burden of the towns, where housing and accommodation is a problem possibly even more acute than back home.

An alternative to immigration and professionalism is a scheme whereby Australians could be sent to England for tuition. This would be no more expensive than sending our men to Australia, and may perhaps ultimately produce the best results. The ambition of many of the Sydney ringers is an English ringing tour. A scheme for a combined tour and course of instruction would not only enable our colleagues out here to realise their ambition, but, what is more important, enable them to gain the knowledge and experience so badly needed.

The final sentence in Mr. Pink's letter, 'What are we going to do about it?' is a challenge that cannot be ignored. The war-time visits of English ringers have resulted in interest and enthusiasm out here reaching a high pitch. Is there not a danger that with their departure interest may tend to wane unless the lack of knowledge is remedied?

Mr. Pink's scheme has no doubt provoked a deal of thought and I trust that action will soon follow. So far as Australia is concerned, the time for putting ringing firmly on its feet will never be more opportune than at present. The foundations exist in the form of peals of bells and ringers to man them, but the framework badly needs cementing with the practical help that can only be given by the ringers of Eng'and.

W. F. J. COPE, Lieut., R.N.V.R.

H.M.A.S. 'Melville,' Darwin.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

January 27th, 1727. The College Youths rang St. Dunstan's Triples at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, Fleet Street.

1925. A peal of Spliced Erin and Stedman Caters at Newcastle.

1926. A peal of Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples at Bridgend.

January 28th, 1911. The College Youths rang at St. Michael's, Cornhill, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London.

January 29th, 1885. John Cox died. 1886, Henry Haley died.

1921. At Chesterfield, the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

1927. At Bolton, the record peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 11,232 changes.

January 30th, 1780. The London Youths rang at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The composition was false.

January 31st, 1900. At Kidderminster, a peal of Shipway Major.

February 1st, 1756. Benjamin Annable died.

1832. Kent Treble Bob Caters at Birmingham.

February 2nd, 1765. At Leeds in Kent, James Barham's band rang Morning Pleasure Ten-in.

SACRING BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in reading Mr. Morris' account of chimes of little bells on wheels. Though familiar with them in Spain, I do not recall ever reading before that they were to be found in English churches. They were in use in Seville Cathedral when I was last there. As far as I remember, there was one each side of the choir, and I think that they were rung at other points in the choral services besides the consecration. The ringing there is done by choristers.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.

When John L'Estrange wrote 'The Church Bells of Norfolk' he states on page 21: 'After 1660, with scarcely an exception, the bell inscriptions no longer excite interest. Where they do not simply record the founder's name and date (in themselves inoffensive) they degenerate into irreverent and doggerel rhyme.'

Of these doggerel rhyme inscriptions there are many, and they are to be found in all parts of the country, but whether they are irreverent or not is a matter of opinion. Take a 1750 inscription:—

Come rais us well and ring us right
Then all that hear will take delight.

An invocation, occasionally varied, which is fairly common; it tells us that ringers of old, like those of to-day, had to be reminded that striking was all important.

Many inscriptions became stereotyped and do not arouse much interest; as soon as one has read the first line, the reader knows the rest, but when the bell-hunter comes across one like the following, he sits up and takes notice:—

'We trebles came by small consent
Our birth we hope will give content
Twins from the tenor our lost old dad
Some we make merry and some make sad.'

This is to be found at Banham, Norfolk.

Amongst journalists it is said that if a dog bites a man, that is not news; but if a man bites a dog it is news—so what about old Dad at Banham having twins? That ought to have reached the headlines long ago.

Certainly this inscription raises a smile, but does it not tell us a lot too? We note that the old tenor was broken up to make two additional bells, a scheme approved by a small majority. Those who have served on bell committees can visualise what happened at the meeting to decide the Banham scheme.

Inscriptions such as this you do not find repeated time and time again with dull monotony. They certainly have more meat in them than

'Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round,'

which was used by many founders. Some of their voices have anything but a joyful sound and many hang far from hills and valleys. Such an inscription found its way to the Bull Ring, Birmingham—far from hills and valleys.

Frequently I have wondered who decided upon inscriptions, both common and uncommon. I have long suspected that some founders took a 'take it or leave it' attitude and patrons had to accept what they put on.

John L'Estrange says: 'Bell founders, however, do not encourage the placing of inscriptions upon church bells; a charge of fourpence is made for each letter, and I know one case in which the founder declined to cast a bell with the inscription required unless the parishioners pledged themselves either to take it, whether in tune or not with the other bells, or pay for its recasting, if necessary.' Well, well, imagine a founder taking up the same attitude to-day; also, can you imagine any of our modern founders putting on:—

'To much against us may be said

To speak for ourselves we are not afraid,'
or like Joe Smith, of Egbaston, who placed the following on a bell at Barford, Warwickshire:—

'By misinformation made was I its
the Founders loss—Pray think on he.'

I wonder what went wrong here. It would appear he had the bad end of a bargain and let everyone know it. There is no record of the churchwardens' reactions on seeing this inscription; perhaps it was a 'cash before delivery' contract, so he had the last laugh and they had left on their hands the permanent reminder of a bit of good business. I do not suppose we shall ever know the reason for such an inscription.

In Warwickshire we come across this gem of 1702 at Walsgrave:—

'Hearken do ye heare
Our clappers want beere.'

Of course, it is no use looking at this through modern eyes, and I don't suppose the total drinks were known then; in any case and whichever way you look at it, clappers do occasionally require a little lubricant.

In 1675, this appeared at St. John's, Coventry:—

'I ring at six to let men know
When to and from their work to go.'

There would be nothing amusing in this when that bell was hung, but now there are talks of forty-hour weeks it puts on a different aspect, and yet it does not seem many years since the knocker-up came round at 5 a.m., so that people could be at work by six. I wonder what the modern version of this inscription would be.

The old treble at Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, seems to have had a rough time of it, judging by the following:—

'My Noble Founders they have been so many,
Because not all I will not here name any.'

From this one would surmise it had been recast many times. On occasions when a bell has been recast, a somewhat boastful inscription creeps in, such as we get at Brailes, Warwickshire:—

4th: Ime not the bell I was but quite another,
Ime now as rite as merry George my brother.

Whilst Brother (or should it be sister) George flings this one at us:—

'He crack no more, now ring your fill;
Merry George I was and will be still.

Alas for poor old George. I am afraid it is many years ago since he was merry. The bells of Brailes are the heaviest six in Warwickshire, and have been unringable for quite a long time.

When compared with some of old and young Bilbie's inscriptions, the Brailes ones are tame. The Bilbie lines give some indication of the rivalry which existed between the bell founders of old, and they fairly throw their weight about. Strange to relate, this particular type of inscription is confined to Somerset, in which county the Bilbie foundry was situate.

An early effort was at Somerton (1714), when he had a smack at the bell founder Wroth and someone named Night, possibly a bellhanger.

'Frind Wroth and Night for all youre spite
Ould Ed Bilbie hath me rund.
Pull me round and heare me round,
Frind such work you never dun.'

Not much 'frindship' about that, and so far I have not found Wroth's reply to that. In one at Bruton he is not quite so personal and yet his boastfulness creeps in. Here it is:—

'Once Id a note that none could beare,
But Bilbie made me sweet and clear.'

At Chewstoke, where he had his foundry, he placed:—

'My sound is good well understood,
As plainly doth appare,
It twass owld Bilbie and his frinds
As caste me to be heare 1718.'

Certainly he had full confidence in his product when he set this on the mould.

Years pass, but the same style remains. In 1727 this appeared at Mark:—

'Come here, brother founders, and here you may see
What sort of workman young Bilbie may bee;
Hele challenge all Ingland for casting a bell,
Who will be the workman who will be but done well.'

As G.I. Joe would say, 'Well, what do you know about that?'

In 1728, young Bilbie again lets rip at Wroth, and a companion named Wright, and Yeovil tenor was the medium:—

'Alone let us sound out Ile keep my place,
No doubt you Wrath and Wright,
Pray speak the right, come see how I am run,
'Twas young Bilbie that cast me, suche work you
never done.'

At Publow, in the same year, he is a little milder:—

'I am a good bell and Bilbie cast me, which that a
good workman may com hear and see.'

In 1732, at Dunkerton, he has a jibe at Cockey, another West Country founder. Apparently Cockey had recast a bell which did not prove satisfactory, and Bilbie had to recast it again. He could not resist having a crack at the unfortunate founder, and so the bell bore this:—

'Before I was broke I was as good as any,
But when that Cokey casted I near was worth a penny.'

The following year Rudhall is brought into the picture, for what reason one can only guess, and this inscription went to Kilmersdon:—

'You Ruddle and Cockey and see
Which is the best workman of all us three.'

We have to wait twenty-five years before we find anyone treating Bilbie with a dose of his own medicine. In 1758, Evans, of Chepstow, had to recast a Bilbie bell, and inscribed the bell as follows:—

'Bilby and Boosh may see
What Evans and Nott have done by me.'

Boosh or Bush was a bellhanger and occasionally he gets a line, as at Cullompton:—

'Bilbie the founder, Bush the hanger,
Heathfield's the man that rings the tenor.'

As far as I can discover, the Rudhall family only once strayed from the straight and narrow path, and that was at Badgworth, in Gloucestershire, where the following appeared:—

'Badgworth ringers they were mad
Because Rigbie made me bad;
But Abel Rudhall, you may see,
Made me better than Rigbie.' 1742.

Most of the products of the Rudhall foundry bear simple inscriptions that are repeated over and over again. The number of towers and churches he has wished prosperity to are legion, and his tenors, whether used as passing bells or not, usually got this one:—

'I to the church the living call
And to the grave do summon all.'

Whenever I see, 'All ye that hear my mournful sound repent before ye lie in ground,' I cannot help wondering whether our forebears were a bad lot, or what? The clergy of to-day tell us the same but in different words. To use a common expression, we are going to the dogs, so we cannot be any better than they, and, are we any worse?

Another example of professional jealousy cropped up at Wickham Market, when Brend recast the second in 1651. He put on the following:—

'The monvment of Gray
Is past awaie,
In place of it doth stand
The name of John Brend.'

Dr. Raven, in his 'Church Bells of Suffolk,' after writing about John Brend and Thomas Draper, states, 'A little ring' was thus formed by the brothers-in-law, which kept out Miles Graye, of Colchester, from the north of the county, and led to a 'mighty pretty quarrel' at Wickham Market, the traces of which yet remain. Presumably he was referring to the inscription.

Thomas Gardiner, the last of the Sudbury founders, put on an original one at Edwardstone. According to Dr. Raven, Gardiner started after Thornton, his earliest date being 1709, when, like others of his craft, his first efforts were not fully appreciated. Edwardstone was the earliest scene of his labours, where he was entrusted with splicing in three Miles Graye's as third, fourth and fifth of a ring of six. No fault apparently was found with his treble, but a local genius, one William Culpeck, otherwise to fame unknown, disagreed with him about the note of the second, designated him as a 'want wit,' then no uncommon term of reproach, as we know from the 'Pilgrim's Progress,' and humbled him to cast on that bell these words, 'Tvned by Wm. Culpeck, 1710.' But a quarrel with a founder is like a quarrel with a newspaper editor, and Gardiner had his revenge of the last word on casting the tenor, which he inscribed:—

'About ty second Culpeck is wrett
Because the founder wanted wett;
Thair judgments were but bad at last,
Or elce this bell I never had cast.'

(To be continued.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT GREAT BADDOW.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Great Baddow on January 26th, at which members were present from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Danbury Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Little Waltham and Stock, with visitors from Brentwood, Bentley, Harwich, Colchester, Wanstead and Bardfield. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Casson, who also presided at the tea and the business meeting. The hon. secretary reported that seven meetings had been held during 1945 with an average attendance of 35. 22 new members had been elected and a balance of £6 14s. 8d. handed to the general secretary. The collections for the year to the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £6 9s. 11d.

Mr. H. J. Mansfield was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Shadrack as hon. secretary and Mr. G. Green and Mr. E. Runter as committee members. Five new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Fryerning on March 16th.

TIME OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following extremes for a tenor 25½ cwt. will take a bit of beating. The first mention of change ringing at the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire, is recorded on a tablet in the tower. On Shrove Tuesday, February 11th, 1777, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 62 minutes. On March 17th, 1896, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, in 2 hours and 45 minutes, in which I rang the treble, then being in my 'teens.

Maghull, Liverpool.

S. FLINT.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.**

The Cambridge Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its annual meeting in Cambridge on January 19th. Ringers and friends were present from Cambridge, Chiddingfold, Croydon, Epsom, Fulbourn, Harston, Hershaw, Little Shelford, Sawston, Trumpington and Walton-on-Thames. Ringing during the afternoon at St. Andrew's the Great and St. Bene't's was followed by a service at St. Andrew's, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier.

Tea in St. Andrew's Parish Room was by invitation of the Vicar, who presided at the business meeting. The officers elected were: President, the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier; Ringing Master, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; district secretary, Mr. H. L. Martin; committee, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, F. Hurry, A. Hurst and P. Webb. The company then adjourned to St. Mary's the Great. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Whittlesford. The methods rung ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Grandsire Caters on tower bells, and from Kent Treble Bob Minor to Bob Royal on handbells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HORLEY.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Horley on January 19th, when 34 members were present from the various towers in the district, together with ringers from the North-Western District. During the afternoon and evening a variety of methods were rung. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Laker, conducted the service and gave an address.

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, was in the chair. The treasurer presented a very satisfactory balance sheet. In his report, the secretary stated that ringing throughout the district had been maintained during the year and the membership had increased by 22. The retiring officers who did not seek re-election were thanked for their services.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT WOKINGHAM.**

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on January 19th. Service at St. Paul's was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. J. H. Scott, who gave an address. Tea followed at the Parish Rooms, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Canon G. F. Coleridge, chairman of the branch, supported by the Rev. St. G. Edwards, Mr. W. J. Paice and the hon. secretary, Mr. B. C. Castle. The officers were all re-elected with the exception that Mr. W. H. J. Parker succeeds Mr. J. Moth as branch representative on the Guild Committee. It was decided to hold a half-yearly meeting in the summer and a combined practice each month. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at St. Paul's and All Saints' Churches. About 65 ringers were present.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT MELTON MOWBRAY.**

A meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at Melton Mowbray on January 19th to organise the Melton District. The following towers were represented: Asfordby, Buckminster, Croxton-Kerrial, Great Dalby, Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, Somerby, Twyford, Wymondham and Waltham, and there were visitors from Anstey, Leicester, Loughborough and Syston.

At the business meeting after tea, the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, took the chair and explained the objects of the Guild. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. R. Mount; secretary, Mr. J. H. Cook; committee, Messrs. J. Fenton and A. J. Stimson. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on Feb. 23rd. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT MERTHYR TYDFIL.**

A meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Merthyr on January 26th, at which about 40 members were present from Newport, Cardiff, Penarth, Caerphilly, Ebbw Vale, St. Mellons, Aberavon, Cowbridge, Whitchurch, Aberdare, Pentre, Pontypridd, Porthcawl and the local belfry. Touches in the four standard methods were rung. The service, conducted by the Rector, Canon T. M. Hughes, was followed by tea and business meeting, at which 21 new members and nine life members were elected. The next meeting will be the annual at Newport (St. Woolos') on Easter Monday.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH.**

The first of the North Dorset Branch five-bell by-meetings was held at Winterborne Whitechurch on January 26th. Unfortunately, it was a pouring wet afternoon and only seven ringers besides the local band were present. The Rev. G. H. Moule conducted the service and 14 ringers from Hazebury Bryan, Stoke Wake, Lytchett Matravers and the local tower sat down to tea. There was no business meeting. During the evening various Doubles methods were rung as well as Bob Minimus for the local learners. The local band hope soon to be able to have a sixth bell installed and are showing great enthusiasm in their efforts towards this end.

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KENT ASSN.—Leigh, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at the Bat and Ball.

KENT ASSN.—Willesborough, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual, St. Thomas', Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Annual, Bocking, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4.30.—Hilda G. Snowden.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hampstead Norris (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Cresswell (8), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual, Grimsby, St. James', Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. No tea. Cafés nearby. Business, Church House, 6 p.m.—H. I. Mingay.

HERTS ASSN.—Watford District.—Annual, Rickmansworth, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Practice, Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 4.45, at the Duke's Head. Numbers to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 6th.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 6 p.m. Bells 3.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers by Feb. 4th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—General meeting Feb. 9th, Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) 2.30 to 4.30. St. Peter's (10) after meeting. Committee 3 p.m., St. Peter's Vestry. Tea and business 4.30. Notify T Groombridge, 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham, by Feb. 5th.—Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 7th to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general, Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business and handbell contest in Church Hall 6 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual, St. James, Teignmouth (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 5th.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121).

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify by Feb. 4th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

LANCS. ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Broughton, near Preston, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCS. ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—All Saints', Hamer, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea by Wednesday, to Mr. James Taylor, 96, Greenbank Road, Rochdale.—Ivan Kay.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Southern Division.—Practice, Hurst, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify J. Dearlove, Cloverdale, Colledge Lane, Hassocks, by Feb. 6th.—E. L. Hairs.

LANCS. ASSN.—Furness and Lake District.—Practice, St. James', Barrow-in-Furness (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m.

LANCS. ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Prescot, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—G. R. Newton, 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool 17.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY.—Silkstone, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Mrs. Cooper, Ring o' Bells, Silkstone, near Barnsley, by Feb. 6th.—D. Smith.

LANCS. ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Church Kirk, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business in tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Elm (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (provided) 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.15 p.m. Business meeting to elect new district secretary 4.30 p.m. Teashops near.—C. W. Pipe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Sandy (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at King Alfred's Chambers.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Parish Church, Northfield, Saturday, Feb. 9th.—T. H. Reeves.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service at S. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and business S. Nicolas' Parish Hall. Names by Feb. 11th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 13th.—W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Throwley, Feb. 16th. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual, Blofield (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 12th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District.—Annual, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. No tea. Committee 5.30 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Both in Vicarage Room.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13 (Perival 5320).

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ESSEX ASSN.—South Western Division.—Woodford, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Feb. 13th.—Mrs. J. H. Crampton, Hon. Sec., 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

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The report we publish to-day of the death of Mr. Charles Thomas Coles will be read with great regret in belfries all over the country, and in not a few there will be a feeling of deep personal loss. For Mr. Coles, during a long and active career, had gained a position in the Exercise which has seldom been equalled by any man. As a practical ringer he was generally recognised as belonging to the highest class, and his peal ringing record has been surpassed by very few. That in itself would have gained for him a name in the history of change ringing, but it by no means constitutes his chief claim to remembrance. He was one of those men who are the real leaders of the Exercise, and who by their work and devotion shape the destinies of ringing and make possible the achievements of others.

Yet he would not have claimed, nor will his friends need to claim for him, any outstanding brilliance as a ringer either in the practical art of the belfry, or in the knowledge of the science of composition. A first class ringer he was, with a wide and thorough knowledge of methods; a conductor fully equipped with all that is needed in actual ringing; and, though not a specialist, one sufficiently familiar with composition and the problems of the science of change ringing to understand and judge the questions that from time to time come up for debate. But it is not in connection with these things one thinks of him. There have been men far more brilliant than he, men who are associated with much more showy achievements. His merit was that, starting in quite a modest way, he devoted the energies and the abilities of a long life and career to the advancement and good of his fellow ringers. The late William Pye made a record unequalled as a peal ringer. For that he owed much to his own character and abilities, but he could not have done what he did, had not Mr. Coles been his mainstay and support. And what Tom Coles did for William Pye he did for many another and less prominent ringer. For years the Middlesex Association owed its success and prosperity mainly to the steady and unobtrusive work he did. He was eminently one of those most valuable men who have abilities, but—far more important still—have character; and it was because of his character that he has left his mark on the ringers of his generation.

To those who had been associated with him in his earlier and more restricted activities it seemed only
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natural that when he was elected to the Central Council he should be accepted without question as one of the influential members of that body, and in the end there was no man whom the members more honoured and respected or whose opinion carried more weight.

The life and work of men like Charles Thomas Coles are an example, an inspiration, and a challenge to the younger members of the Exercise. They have inherited the privileges they enjoy from their predecessors. It is not mainly by their own merits that they can now ring methods and peals once thought beyond a ringer's capacity. What the men who went before them have done for them they must do for the men who come after them, and the life and work of Tom Coles are an assurance that if they devote themselves to the service and interests of others they will get their full reward in the respect, honour, and friendship of their fellow men.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS M. TELFORD ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 8
*JOHN WALDEN ... 3	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 10
†DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 5	H. LESLIE PASK ... 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... 6	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 100th peal together. † First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
*WM. H. A. COMPTON... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 7
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES... Tenor

Composed by RD. F. DEAL.

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal on ten bells.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD Treble	*PHILIP JONES ... 6
CECIL CALCUTT ... 2	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 7
*GEORGE CARE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
*JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal on ten.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ERNEST FLETCHER ... Treble	ED. C. GOBEY ... 6
*JACK BAILEY ... 2	*ED. FRED GOBEY ... 7
*ALFRED MOULD ... 3	*GEO. WARRINGTON ... 8
*†WM. LANCASTER ... 4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 9
*JACK W. GLEW ... 5	WM. A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by ED. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. FRED GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET RASEN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. W. STOKES ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

FRED DUNKERLEY ... Treble	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 5
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	ALBERT FORD ... 6
FRANK RHODES ... 3	IVAN KAY ... 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT... 4	ROY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 5
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD GRANT ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
*ERNEST RAWSON ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
SYDNEY O. CHENEY ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
*MRS. A. J. B. WAYMAN 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN W. CARTER ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 7
JOHN G. AMES ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First tower-bell peal of Major 'inside.'

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS, BASFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER... 5
*MISS MAVIS WHITEHEAD 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	GEORGE CREASEY ... 7
†RONALD FOWKES ... 4	†SYDNEY PINDER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Half-muffled for Miss K. B. Spencer.

EWHRUST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN V. HARDING ...	5
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	7
*HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Major on an inside bell.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ...	6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ...	7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Composed by ALAN R. PINK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;
H. EARLE BULWER'S No. 7.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. HESKETH ...	5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ...	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDERICK S. ALMOND... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	6
HENRY FOOKE ... 3	CEDRIC CURSON ...	7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ...	6
FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
FRANK H. HICKS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... <i>Treble</i>	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	DAVID MACKAY ...	6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ...	7
FREDERICK A. TARGETT... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26½ cwt.

MISS NORA M. BIBBY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	5
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	JOHN E. SPICE ...	7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	7

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MERTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Jan. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*EDMUND W. GIBBONS... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM MASSEY ...	3
L. FRANK HOPGOOD ... 2	WILLIAM H. SEABROOK ...	4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Doubles by all.

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge, Primrose, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ...	4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	5
JOHN R. KEMP ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... <i>Tenor</i>	5

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

HUGH M. PAGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN E. CHICOTT ...	4
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ...	5
HORACE BELCHER ... 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... <i>Tenor</i>	5

Conducted by W. J. PAICE.

* First peal.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK LEECH ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	GEORGE BERRY ...	5
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	HARRY VICKERS ... <i>Tenor</i>	5

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At Swan Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

RONALD SUCKLING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ...	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4	*REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major in hand.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At 117, WIDDINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... 1-2	*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5-6
*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	†ERNEST SIBLEY ...	7-8

*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Royal in hand. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in hand as conductor and for the Guild.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	ALBERT J. WALLMAN ...	5-6
Mrs. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ...	7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The second session of the nineteenth Council (49th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1946, in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Norwich (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor).

Notices of motions should be in the hands of the honorary secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees are now due.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Sec.

Next Sunday evening the bells of Bradford Cathedral will be broadcast at 7.45 p.m.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Cambridge at St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, on January 26th, was Thomas W. Hesketh, not George.

The 720 Bob Minor given in our last issue with J. J. Parker's name attached is false. Somebody has blundered badly and it may not have been Parker.

DEATH OF MR. ERNEST W. MARSH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest W. Marsh, of Plymouth, which occurred on January 23rd at the age of 63. Mr. Marsh joined the Devonshire Guild about 50 years ago, and, when the South-West Branch was formed, became its hon. secretary and treasurer, an office he held at his death. He was re-elected for the 26th consecutive time at the annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on January 19th. He was a member of many guilds and associations and had rung a number of peals, including 112 for the Devon Guild, 42 of them as conductor. The following were the first in Devon by resident members of the Guild: Grandsire Caters (his first peal) on November 9th, 1901, and Bob Royal on November 18th, 1903, both at Charles' Church; Kent Treble Bob Major on June 30th, 1909, at Emmanuel Church, and Grandsire Caters and Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on January 14th, 1905, and January 9th, 1926.

Over 20 ringers were among the large congregation at the funeral at Emmanuel Church on January 26th. The Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, and the Rev. F. W. Moore, chairman of the South-West Branch, assisted the Rev. L. Jones at the service. The tower bells were rung half-muffled, and handbells were rung over the open grave at Efford Cemetery by Messrs. T. G. Myers, W. Wonnacott, W. Lavers and G. Lavers. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the members of the South-West Branch.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES T. COLES.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles T. Coles, which occurred suddenly last Saturday. About six o'clock in the evening he complained of sharp pains and was induced to go to bed, where he passed away at 6.30. The cause was heart failure.

The funeral service will be to-morrow, Saturday, February 9th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, at 11.15 a.m., and the interment at Chingford Cemetery at 12 noon. There are frequent trains from Liverpool Street Station to Hoe Street, from which it is a short walk to the church. The bus to the cemetery is No. 38.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

February 4th, 1861. 10,032 Grandsire Major at Walsall.
1879. The Cambridge University Guild founded.
1928. At Nuneaton, the first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.
February 5th, 1869. Thomas Hurry died.
1931. C. D. P. Davies died.
February 6th, 1835. At St. Giles', Norwich, 5,376 Superlative Surprise Major. The second peal in the method.
February 7th, 1783. The bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, opened. Three peals rung—one by the Society of College Youths, one by the Society of Cumberland Youths, and one by the ancient Society of College Youths.
1801. At St. Mary Malfelon, Whitechapel, John Reeves called his variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples for the first time.
1925. Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's.
February 8th, 1889. At St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, the first peal of Forward Major.
February 9th, 1850. At Bethnal Green, the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in London.

THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a term used locally—and possibly elsewhere—to describe the effect produced by perfect ringing; this is, 'hearing the other peal of bells.'

I think this term goes just a bit further than 'settling down to a beat,' since it is possible to 'get a beat' on a peal of bells, but not hold it long enough to produce the effect of 'another peal of bells' ringing in harmony with the notes of the bells in the peal.

On peals with the old type tuning the 'other peal' effect is harder to produce than on peals with modern tuning, when the effect is more like an organ than another peal of bells. In either case the ringing has to be perfect and sustained.

May I suggest that 'hearing the other peal' is another way of describing the quality which marks perfection in ringing?

J. E. BAILEY.

20, Swaisland Road, Dartford, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EDMONTON.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, held at Edmonton on January 26th, was attended by upwards of 45 ringers.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. Knight, and at the business meeting the officers elected for the year were: Mr. A. Cutler, Ringing Master; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. E. H. Kilby, assistant secretary; and Mr. W. N. Genna, auditor. Messrs. E. M. Atkins, H. G. Hart and R. G. Spears were re-elected representatives on the Central Committee. The provisional elections of the Rev. P. Boulsover and Messrs. F. W. Brinklow and R. Suckling were ratified, and the following new members were admitted: Lt.-Col. J. S. Forsyth (honorary), Messrs. D. Neal (Upper Clapton), A. Wenban (Stanmore), A. Warren, A. Richardson and W. Harwin (Finchley), M. Penson (Southgate), R. J. Bootman (Enfield) and the Misses D. Watts and M. Lane (Kilburn).

The secretary reported that the district had lost two members through death, and two honorary, eight non-resident life and 23 ringing members had been elected. Twenty-one quarter-peals had been reported from eight towers, but that did not represent the full total. The statement of accounts showed a slightly increased balance in hand compared with the previous year.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT STREATHAM.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association, held at Streatham on January 26th, was attended by 65 members and friends. The bells of St. Leonard's and Immanuel Churches were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held at Immanuel, in the vestry of which the business meeting was held after tea.

Sixteen new members were elected, and the district officers were all re-elected except that Mr. F. E. Collins was appointed District Master in place of Mr. D. Cooper, who had been nominated as Master of the association. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Epsom on Easter Monday.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.HIST.S., F.R.G.S.

(Continued from page 31.)

'Bishop Hooper, in his 'Articles of Visitation,' inquired 'whether they ring or knoll the bells at the time of Communion, or between the Morning Prayer—which is commonly called Matins—and the Communion, as they were wont to ring out of Matins to Mass.' The object of this inquiry appears to have been to stay excessive ringing at that time, for the same Bishop in his Injunctions of 1551 ordered: ' . . . and in case there be any pause between the morning Prayer and the Communion, then to advertise and signify unto the people of the ministration of the Holy Sacrament, to toll one bell, such as the parish shall think most meet and convenient.'

This custom, so useful to invalids, has been followed at Brackley, Northants; Boreham and Pitsea, Essex; Uppingham in Rutland and elsewhere. At Worfield, Salop, thirty-two strokes were tolled for this purpose after Matins; and at Thurning, Hunts, thirty-three were similarly given. (The number of strokes has reference to the years of Our Lord's life on earth.) At Winterton, Lincs, the bell was rung after the sermon; and at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, the Sanctus was used. At other churches a bell was sometimes rung before the commencement of Divine Service when Holy Communion was to be administered. Thus at Lutterworth, Leics, the ancient Sanctus bell was then rung in lieu of the Sermon bell; at Uppingham the seventh bell was tolled instead of ringing the usual fifth or sixth; so, too, at the churches of All Saints, St. George, St. Michael and St. Mary, Stamford, a smaller bell was rung after chiming instead of the usual tenor.

Other means of giving warning of the approaching Celebration were adopted elsewhere—thus at Eye and Staverton, Northants, a bell was rung at 9 and 10 respectively; and until recently, the custom at Horn-castle was to ring the fifth bell at 6 o'clock on the preceding evening. A bell was sometimes rung at the conclusion of a midday Celebration, as at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks (where the Sanctus bell was used); Spalding, Lincs; Culworth, Northants; and Barcheston, War-wicks.

This is hardly to be distinguished from the following usage. The Sunday midday peals are most perplexing. Some of them are probably post-Reformation uses, the bell or bells being rung merely to give notice that there will be an afternoon or evening service. In the days of pluralist rectors and vicars, it must have often been necessary to ring a bell early in the morning to give notice of a morning service; or at or about midday to give notice of afternoon or evening service, and such peals are still rung at some places. It is possible, however, that the Sunday midday peals may be the survival of the 'knolling of the Aves' which were ordered to be discontinued by the Injunctions of 1538. Shaxton, Bishop of Sarum, in that year, said 'that the bell called the Pardon or Ave bells which of long tyme hathe been used to be tolled three tymes after and before Divine Service, be not hereafter, in any part of my diocese, any more tollyd.' The saying of the Aves was between the tolling: among the Articles of Enquiry in 1547 was one whether the knolling at the Aves be used? The ringing or tolling of a bell or bells before the chiming commences for divine service in many parishes may be, and probably

is—as well as the ringing at the close of the service—a continuation of this knolling of the Aves.

Whatever the original ritual, it was turned to baser usage. At Louth it was called the 'leaving off bell' and was supposed to warn servants that their mistress was leaving church, and that it was not safe to stand gossiping in the streets. At Watford a bell used to be rung after morning service 'to give notice to gentlemen's servants to get their masters' carriages ready.' At some places, as at Leighton Buzzard; Mistley, Essex; Llany Clodwell, Salop; and Barston and Kineton, Warwicks, it was called the 'Pudding bell,' because cooks took advantage of it to dish up the Sunday dinner in readiness for the return of the family from morning service. At Tingrith, Beds, it was rung immediately after morning service and called the 'Potato bell' because, on hearing it, the cook puts the potatoes in the pot for boiling. At Tingewick, Bucks, it was rung at 2.30 and called the 'Oven bell'; at Aston Abbots, in the same county, it was called the 'Dinner bell,' as also at St. Peter's, Bedford, where the treble was rung for five minutes, followed by the third or fourth for a similar period. In some Lincolnshire parishes a bell was rung at 4 p.m. to give notice of evening service, and similarly at 5 p.m. at South Kelsey, while at Swingshead one bell was rung at 4 p.m. and two at 5 p.m. At Tanworth, Warwicks, where the Sunday uses were formerly as complete as at Edenbridge in Kent, a bell was rung at 5 and 6; and at Haseley, in the same county, one was rung after Evensong.

Sir Walter Scott thus refers to the Evening or Vesper Bells in 'The Grey Brother':—

'And the Convent bell did Vespers tell,

Newbottle's oaks among,

And mingled with the solemn knell,

Our Lady's evening song:

The heavy knell, the choir's faint swell,

Came slowly down the wind,

And on the pilgrim's ear they fell

As his wanted path he did find.'

Again in the 'Songs of the White Lady of Avenel':—

'I see the Abbey, both turret and tower,

It is all astir for the Vesper hour;

The Monks for the chapel are leaving each cell,

But where's Father Philip,—should toll the bell?'

Longfellow, in 'Birds of Passage,' refers to bells at Matins:—

'Grey mists were rolling, rising, vanishing,

The woodlands glistened with their jewelled crowns,

Far off the mellow bells begin to ring

For Matins in the half-wakened towns.'

Scott, in 'Norman the Forester's Song,' thus refers to it:—

'The monk must arise when Matins ring,

The Abbot may sleep to their chime;

But the Yeoman must start when the bugles sing

'Tis time, my hearts, 'tis time.'

For the week-day services seldom more than one bell was rung, and in small parishes often tolled by the parson himself. Moreover, such uses are obviously modern. It is worth noticing, however, that at Pitsea, Essex, the day of the month was tolled after chiming for service; and at Shenley, Bucks, the same after Matins. At Cudworth, Warwicks, thirty-three strokes were rung before the daily service, with reference to the years of Our Lord's earthly life. (To be continued.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT FARNHAM.**

At the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Farnham on January 26th, members attended from Frensham, Dorking, Aldershot, Farnham, Amesbury (Wilts), Seale, Farnborough, Bentley, Clandon, Pirbright, Bagshot, Yorktown and Shepton Mallet.

A short choral service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), and Mr. G. C. Macklin was at the organ. In the course of an address the Rector stressed the importance of sincerity in all the work done for the Church of God, whether as sidesman, chorister or bellringer. A ringer who only rang the bells because of the fascination of change ringing was of no value to the witness which those bells rang forth to the world around.

Tea was at the Temple Lounge, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. J. Corbett took the chair. Mention was made of Mr. George Upshall, of Farnham, and Mrs. J. Amos, of Farnborough, who had passed away during the year.

The balance sheet showed receipts of £27 19s. 5d., including a balance brought forward of £13 6s. 11d., and expenditure £16 7s. 7d., leaving a balance of £16 11s. 10d. to start the year. The district officers elected were Mr. R. Hasted, Ringing Master. Mr. C. W. Denyer, hon. secretary, and Messrs. W. A. Dollimore, T. Upshall and W. Viggers, executive committee representatives. The Guild officers were renominated, viz., Mr. A. Harman, Master; Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary; Mr. J. Corbett, hon. treasurer; and Mr. R. Hasted, hon. auditor.

Mr. Viggers reported that 11 peals were rung in the district during the year. Six were rung at Aldershot, three at Farnham and two at Yorktown. The peal of Stedman at Farnham on September 26th was rung half-muffled for Mr. George Upshall, who was for 41 years a ringer at the Parish Church. Three district meetings had been held, at Bentley, Bagshot and Seale, and a joint meeting with the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild at Upton Grey. Mr. Viggers appealed to all ringers to attend to their striking and thus ensure better music of the bells.

It was decided to hold meetings in 1946 at Farnborough (6 bells), Frensham (6), Yorktown (8) and Aldershot (8), the latter in conjunction with the Winchester Guild. New members elected were the Rev. H. E. Paterson and Mr. A. Hunt (Yorktown), Mr. J. King (Farnborough), Mr. P. Collins and Mrs. C. W. Denyer (Aldershot).

A proposition by Mr. Viggers that incumbents of churches affiliated to the Guild should be hon. members without payment of subscription was carried and will be submitted to the Guild annual meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT GRAVESEND.**

A meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association at Gravesend on January 26th was attended by 60 members and friends.

After service and tea in the Church House, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. M. Mitchell. Nine new members were elected and three elections ratified. Monthly practices for eight-bell methods were discussed and it was decided to hold them on the last Saturdays of each month. Northfleet was chosen for the February practice and Rainham for March, at times to be advertised later.

The secretary drew the younger ringers' attention to 'The Ringing World,' and urged those not already taking the journal to give it a trial, as he felt sure they would find it very interesting and helpful.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Upchurch in April.

MEETING AT LEIGH.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Leigh on February 2nd was attended by 30 members from Brasted, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Westerham, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, East Peckham, Hawkhurst, Brenchley, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Avlesford, Wrotham, Hereford and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Sealey, and tea was at the Bat and Ball. Twenty-three new members were elected. Brenchley was selected for the next meeting to be held in April, and Benenden for the first Saturday in June. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

The restoration of the Salford Priors bells referred to in our issue of February 1st was the first complete restoration of a peal since the war. The bells were not only recast, but rehung entirely in a new frame with modern fittings.

A record of part of the service, described by Mr. Eric Sanders, and the ringing of the bells was broadcast in the Midland Regional programme on Wednesday evening, January 30th.

DEATH OF PTE. R. GOODMAN.

News has been received that Private R. Goodman, of the R.A.S.C., died on October 21st, 1943, when a prisoner in Japanese hands. He went to Singapore in March, 1941, and was reported a prisoner in October, 1942. He was a member of the band at St. Thomas', Dudley, and had rung about fourteen peals.

NOTICES.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 4.45, at the Duke's Head.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 6 p.m. Bells 3.30. Tea 5.15. — G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual, East Grinstead, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Annual general, Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business and handbell contest in Church Hall 6 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Annual, St. James, Teignmouth (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Parish Hall, 5 p.m. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121).

SUSSEX ASSN. — Eastern Division. — Annual, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. — John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice, Hurst, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — E. L. Hairs.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2.15 p.m. Business meeting to elect new district secretary 4.30 p.m. Teashops near. — C. W. Pipe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Parish Church, Northfield, Saturday, Feb. 9th. — T. H. Reeves.

ACLE, NORFOLK. — Dedication of recast bells, Sunday, Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing after service. — J. E. H. Williams.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Practice, St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 6.45-8. Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. — A. B. Peck.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District. — Annual Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service at S. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and business S. Nicolas' Parish Hall. Names by Feb. 11th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Leicester District. — Wigston Magna, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 13th. — W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

KENT ASSN. — Canterbury District. — Throwley, Feb. 16th. Special bus leaves Court Street, Faversham, 2.35 p.m. Names for seats to me before Feb. 11th. Cups of tea provided; bring food. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

NORWICH ASSN. — East Norfolk Branch. — Annual, Blofield (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 12th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — South and West District. — Annual, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. No tea. Committee 5.30 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Both in Vicarage Room. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13 (Perival 5320).

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Burton and District. — Measham (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea 4.45; bring food. — J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

ESSEX ASSN.—South Western Division.—Woodford, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Feb. 13th.—Mrs. J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec., 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Blaydon Parish Church (6), Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Audlem (6 bells), Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. No tea.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSN. and DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. (Chesterfield Branch). — Clay Cross, Feb. 16th. Names to J. W. Grice, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, 13th.—J. W. England, Sam Scattergood.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Allesley (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. W. Taylor, Paybody Cottage, Allesley, Coventry, by Feb. 13th.—W. A. Stote.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District. — Annual, Eynesbury, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea. Cafes open St. Neots.—H. J. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Luton District.—Tilsworth (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bring food. Cups of tea. Note address of district hon. sec.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Longcot (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Farlington.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual, Ross (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.30. Names by Feb. 14th to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Hinckley District. — Earl Shilton, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Schools 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics.—W. A. Wood.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Sacred Trinity, Salford, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. — F. Reynolds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery.—Nailsea, Feb. 16th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

LANCS. ASSN.—Rossendale Branch. — Helmshore (8), Saturday, February 16th, 3 p.m. Business in tower 6 p.m. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District. — Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Names to R. Mount, Waltham.—J. H. Cook.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Lubenham, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 20th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, Leicester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. and SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Sutton-on-Trent, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Maximum attendance essential. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. W. Vessey; 19, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by Feb. 20th.—H. Denman and T. Groombridge, jun.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual, Hersham (8) (not Walton), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Nominations for several officers. Names for tea to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by Feb. 20th.—F. E. Hawthorne.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District. — Heanor (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Business in belfry 5 p.m. Tea shops near.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Broadclyst, March 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon by Feb. 25th.

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A MATTER OF FINANCE.

The time will soon be coming when most of the leading guilds and associations hold their annual meetings, and already many of the annual branch meetings, the necessary preliminaries to the more general gatherings, have been held. These annual meetings are a very important and necessary feature in the life of the Exercise, for they not only give the men who are responsible for the organisation of ringing an opportunity of obtaining renewed confidence from the rank and file, but they also give the ordinary members, if they think fit, an opportunity of expressing their views on the working and policy of the association. It would not be a good thing for any guild if there were an impression among its members that it was controlled by a handful of men who kept everything in their own hands. No doubt in normal conditions when once an association has settled down into good working order under an efficient secretary there is a general wish and tendency among the members to leave things as they are and not to interfere; and so the proceedings at an annual meeting sometimes rather tend to become formal and perfunctory. That is a tendency which should be carefully watched, for the more the average members interest themselves in the working of their association the stronger will be the body and the easier the work of its officials.

In this present year it is more essential than ever that ringers should concern themselves about the welfare and future of the guilds they belong to. We have just come through a great upheaval which, though it has left the Exercise and its organisation outwardly unaltered, has actually in many respects profoundly changed everything. It will not be known for many years what the full effect of the war on change ringing and the Exercise will be, but there is one problem which will have to be faced without delay, and that is the question of finance.

Compared with the results achieved the cost of running an association is exceedingly light. The service rendered is practically always voluntary, and the secretary's expenses, consisting of postages and stationery, would represent almost all the financial liability, but for one thing. It is the annual report issued by most associations which accounts for the greater part of the expenditure, and here is a matter which should engage the attention of all ringers.

That the annual report is worth while and a source of strength is hardly open to question; much would be lost if the annual statement, showing the names of the mem-

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bers, the peals rung, and the general progress made, were discontinued. That, however, must happen in many cases unless a special effort is made. The task of compiling and collecting the material has always been undertaken voluntarily and will be so in the future; but the paper and the printing must be paid for, and however much economy is practised, it will hardly be possible in future to issue an average annual report at less than three times the cost of the pre-war copies. Within these last two or three weeks there has been a substantial increase in the general rates of printing.

Some of the wealthier associations have substantial cash balances and could afford to meet the extra cost from their reserves. Such a plan might be popular, but it would be financially unsound, and no more than a temporary expedient. There is but one sound device, and that is for all guilds alike to increase substantially their annual subscriptions. It might be disliked by many members, but sooner or later it will have to be done unless the associations are content to lower drastically their standards of efficiency.

Ringers are very prone to forget at times how very cheaply they get their pastime and recreation. Many seem to think (unconsciously no doubt) that, because bell ringing in some of its aspects is church work, they are entitled to have everything free of cost. It would be wrong not to recognise that ringing is, or should be, church work, but for the majority of ringers it is something else; and the men who reap the advantages brought by that something else ought not to grudge a contribution to the cost entailed. To do them justice we do not believe they will do so when the facts are brought before them.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

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On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN N. JUKES Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 6
HENRY H. FEARN 2	JOHN BRAGG 7
HAROLD R. HOFTON 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 8
*G. WM. CRITCHLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
†EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	JOHN PINFOLD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
*KENNETH W. MAYER 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method inside.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BASIL JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	†PETER LAFLIN 7
†ALAN J. BROWN 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method inside.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTY'S GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.

*GORDON HARRISON Treble	JOSEPH H. BRITAIN 5
ARTHUR SHARPE 2	GEORGE RODEN 6
SIDNEY D. AINGER 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 4	EDWARD WHITE Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal. First peal for the Guild.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
ALFRED W. DURHAM 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
*FRANCIS BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

JAMES F. HARVEY Treble	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT 5
H. JAMES TURNER 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
*G. WM. CRITCHLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM Treble	FREDERICK A. COLLEY 5
JAMES E. BAILEY 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

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BEXLEY, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... *Treble* | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
 FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 2 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
 EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3 | HARRY HOVERD ... 7
 FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4 | JAMES E. BAILEY ... *Tenor*
 Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 MIDDLETON'S. *Tenor 16 cwt.*
 JOSIAH MORRIS ... *Treble* | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
 ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2 | SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 6
 *C. W. H. POWELL ... 3 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
 ALFRED BALLARD ... 4 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.
 * First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. *Tenor 18 cwt.*
 GEORGE M. KILBY ... *Treble* | REUBEN SANDERS ... 5-
 WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 2 | THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
 ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3 | PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
 J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
 A thanksgiving for the life and work of Charles T. Coles.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.
 FREDERICK A. COLEY ... *Treble* | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
 EDWIN BARNETT ... 2 | HARRY HOVERD ... 6
 EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
 *GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... *Tenor*
 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
 * First peal in the method. A tribute of respect to Mr. C. T. Coles.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 ALLEN MORGAN ... *Treble* | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
 GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2 | WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
 SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3 | REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
 THOMAS HEMMING ... 4 | GEORGE AMBLER ... *Tenor*
 Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.
 JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... *Treble* | JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 5
 WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2 | LESLIE W. BACON ... 6
 *CYRIL R. WRIGHT ... 3 | A. BENJAMIN COOPER ... 7
 GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 4 | JOHN E. TURLEY ... *Tenor*
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.
 * First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.
 WILLIAM HENLEY ... *Treble* | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
 GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 2 | JESSE ELDRIDGE ... 6
 RONALD C. NOON ... 3 | HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
 GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | FRANK H. HICKS ... *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
 First peal as conductor.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.
 *THOMAS STEPHENS ... *Treble* | GEORGE LARGE ... 5
 CLEMENT GLENN ... 2 | BRIAN D. PRICE ... 6
 JOHN W. JONES ... 3 | *JOHN ALSOP ... 7
 ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*
 Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
 * First peal on eight bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.
 LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... *Treble* | FRED HODGSON ... 5
 GEORGE ROBINSON ... 2 | FREDERICK SEAGER ... 6
 WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3 | ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 7
 RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4 | ALFRED SMITH ... *Tenor*
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 In memoriam, Charles T. Coles.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRAFELD, NORTHEANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 240 Stedman, 960 Antelope, 720 April Day, 720 Reverse Canterbury, 720 St. Simon's, 840 Plain Bob and 840 Grandsire. *Tenor 12 cwt.*
 GEORGE CARE ... *Treble* | GEOFFREY GAYTON ... 3
 EDWARD ROBINSON ... 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4
 RONALD C. NOON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

MONK BRETTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Kent, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstons, Sandal, College Exercise and Norbury. *Tenor 10½ cwt.*
 WILLIE GREEN ... *Treble* | JOHN WM. MOXON ... 4
 GEORGE CUTT ... 2 | ERNEST CUTT ... 5
 *ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by D. SMITH
 * First peal of Minor in seven methods.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being four 120's each of April Day, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. *Tenor 11 cwt.*
 *WILFRED L. GOODACRE *Treble* | *T. EDWARD COOPER ... 3
 ERNEST MORRIS ... 2 | *CHARLES E. COOPER ... 4
 * First peal. *HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1946, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELI,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.
 *THOMAS STEPHENS ... *Treble* | BRIAN D. PRICE ... 4
 *JACK ALSOP ... 2 | ROBERT STEPHENS ... 5
 *ROBERT ALSOP ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
 * First peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. *Tenor 8 cwt.*
 STEPHEN THOMPSON ... *Treble* | JOHN ANDERSON ... 4
 *S. THOMPSON, JUN. ... 2 | *JOHN JACKSON ... 5
 KENNETH ARTHUR ... 3 | WM. J. DAVIDSON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
 * First peal in seven methods.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court,
Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*NELSON W. BANHAM ... Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... 4
*CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in seven methods.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford and Kent
Treble Bob, and one of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN LUNHAM ... Treble	WILFRED CORE ... 4
THOMAS W. HAMMOND... 2	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one
extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS NANCY M. EVANS... Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL... 2	HARRY PARKER ... 5
MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 3	ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES;

2,496 Kent and 2,528 Oxford, with 46 changes of method.
ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*LUCILA M. HUBBERT ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... 7-8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Triples in hand.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

MARY E. DAVIS ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 3-4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, January 27th,
1,440 Bob Minor: A. Walpole 1, E. Brown 2, K. Brown 3, B. Barber 4,
S. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. Walpole 6.

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RECENT LOSSES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was deeply sorry to learn of the passing of my old friend, Tom Coles, and your leading article strikes the right note when you say his life and work is an example, an inspiration and a challenge to the younger generation. Tom Coles struggled hard early this century to handle a bell well, and we wanted him to stick it and make progress, for it could plainly be seen that he had organising ability, a valuable asset; especially in those days. He was no North and East District ringer of his association only; he did splendid work for the South and West portion as well. In handbell ringing he could not get far, but though it was galling to him not to be able to do much, he could not stay away from nearing handbell peals, in fact he arranged peals at his home.

When Arthur T. King finished his period of office for the Middlesex Association, the hour produced the man to follow on, and Tom undertook a task which brought out all his best qualities. As a ringer at the front end his striking was a shining example, and as a conductor he was unselfish, for he could have called many peals, but he preferred to pass the conducting round and give others a chance. Undoubtedly Tom did his best for ringers and ringing, and the Exercise is the poorer through his passing. It has been said that peal ringers are often selfish, but Tom Coles proved otherwise, for encouragement of others was not only his aim, but he carried it out in a practical manner.

Death has also lost us Ernest Marsh, another fine example to the young ringer. His father sowed good seed before him, and Ernie followed up the work with unmistakable zeal and energy. Though limited for towers compared with other areas, he was not afraid to go outside Plymouth and help the six-bell ringers. Truly the Devon Guild have every reason to be proud of a man like Ernest Marsh. Who would be keen enough to travel over 200 miles to take part in a peal with a father and three sons, who were old friends of his? Yet Ernie Marsh, having a desire to see them, and score a peal with them, fulfilled this desire in 1913. A fine ringer and a splendid organiser, his loss will be very much felt in the district where he was based.

W. SHEPHERD.

Hersham.

Dear Sir,—May I endorse the very fine tribute to the late Charles T. Coles contained in your leader this week? He it was who gave me opportunities of ringing a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Southwark Cathedral, and calling a peal of Stedman Cinques there, occasions which prove his greatness of heart, and the number of ringers to whom similar kindnesses were extended by him must be legion. He was both an excellent ringer and conductor and by no means least was he a most competent and able organiser, as those who have been associated with him on ringing tours can well testify. He was one of the rare few, loved and respected by all, and his passing removes from our ranks one whose place will indeed be hard to fill.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to read of the death of Mr. Charles T. Coles and I would like to express my sympathy to his family. As a member of the Central Council I met Mr. Coles several times, and at Birmingham last year he called my 300th peal. He was a highly respected and valuable member of the Council.

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

'RESTORED PEALS'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Do peals have to be recast before they can be described as having been 'completely restored'? I ask this on reading your note that the Salford Priors peal is 'the first complete restoration of a peal since the war.'

I suppose, for instance, that the Heydour (Lincs) peal, rededicated December 22nd last, as reported in your issue of January 11th, can be regarded as having been only partially restored?

J. OLDHAM.

Loughborough.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY B. BURT.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry B. Burt, who for many years had been tower keeper and captain of the band at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol.

The funeral service on February 9th was attended by a representative body of ringers from the two Bristol branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who rang half-muffled touches before and after the service. Mr. Burt learned to ring at St. Nicholas', Bristol, and was for a time chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Diocesan Association.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES HUNT.

The death of Mr. James Hunt, of Leyton, at the age of 62, occurred on January 29th under tragic circumstances during the course of his duties on the railway. He had been a ringer at Leyton since 1929. The interment at the City of London Cemetery on February 4th was attended by Mr. C. A. Hughes and Mr. G. Dawson.

AMESBURY, WILTS.

Two new trebles, added by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to the ring at Amesbury, near Salisbury, to complete the octave, have been dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury.

The congregation was one of the largest ever seen in the church and included representatives of the Amesbury Parish Council, the Methodist Church, the Amesbury Fire Brigade, the Amesbury Division of the Wilts Constabulary and the Wilts and Dorset Motor Services.

Before the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by H. Franks, H. Abrahams, C. Wenham, W. Abrahams, W. A. Theobald and E. Mundy, conducted by W. A. Theobald. All are members of the local band except the conductor.

After the service various touches were rung by visiting ringers from Sarum St. Thomas', Wishford, South Newton, Tisbury and local ringers.

The oldest bells of the existing six are two hung in 1619 and made by John Wallis, the first of a Salisbury firm of bell founders. The last member of the firm, John Tozier, made the sixth bell, which bears the date 1715: No. 1 bell is inscribed, 'Come at God's call. I.W. 1619,' and No. 5, 'Be strong in fayth prayes God well. Francis Countess Hertfords Bell. I.W. 1619.' The Earl of Hertford, brother of Jane Seymour, and afterwards Duke of Somerset and Lord Protector, was presented with the abbey and lands at Amesbury by Henry VIII.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

February 10th, 1854. The St. James' Society rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

February 11th, 1810. The spire of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, crashed when the bells were ringing for service. Twenty-three people killed and many injured.

1873. At Benington, 5,600 Cambridge Surprise Major. The first true peal in the method.

February 12th, 1821. At Oldham, 14,016 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 7 hours and 26 minutes.

1853. William Wakley born.

February 13th, 1848. At Aston, the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Caters.

February 14th, 1731. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, the College Youths rang 7,018 Grandsire Cinques.

1836. Joseph Tebbs died, aged 68.

1903. At Rammoor, Sheffield, the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

1920. At Painswick, 13,001 Grandsire Cinques.

February 15th, 1825. At Oldham, 9,999 Grandsire Major. Composition false.

February 16th, 1789. At Aston, 14,224 Bob Major.

1790. At Cambridge, 6,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOB MINOR.

The 720 Bob Minor given in our issue of February 1st was composed by J. J. Parker as far back as 1882, and as a composition is of unusual interest. We copied it, however, from a fifty-year-old manuscript collection, in which the singles in one of the two variations of the 720 were misplaced, making it false. The following are the correct figures:—

	720		720
	23456		23456
S	32564 1	S	24356 5
	32645 1		24563 1
	32456 1		24635 1
	25643 2		43562 2
	25436 1		43625 1
S	52364 1	S	34256 1
	35264 5		34562 1

Each four times repeated.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Doncaster on January 26th. Sixty ringers were present, including Mr. H. Walker, of York, the first secretary of the society when it was formed in 1925, and Mr. G. Halksworth, the society's first committee chairman. The ringers were from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Bawtry, Darnby Don, Campsall, Felkirk, Fishlake, Gamston, Goole, Retford and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon L. Davies.

The statement of accounts was accepted. Mr. W. E. Critchley was appointed hon. secretary for three years, and Mr. F. Newsome as peal secretary.

The Walker Cup, for the best attendance at Sunday ringing, was won by Felkirk, and was presented by the donor, Mr. H. Walker, to the secretary, Mr. D. Smith.

The secretary reported that vicars of several churches in the district possessing a ring of bells had agreed to become vice-presidents of the society.

The methods rung during the evening included Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The second session of the nineteenth Council (49th
annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June
11th, 1946, in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Nor-
wich (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor).

Notices of motions should be in the hands of the
honorary secretary not less than two calendar months
previous to the meeting.

Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees are now
due.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Sec.

The Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was
the first peal on the new Margaret octave.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Merton, Surrey, on January
28th, was Wilkins Massey, not William Massey. Correspondents are
again asked to be careful to write out their reports clearly and
accurately.

The Stedman Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 9th was
the 400th peal rung by Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner.

THE GREAT BELL OF COLOGNE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 18th an interesting letter on
the Great Bell of Cologne from the pen of Mr. John F. Ballinger con-
tained a copy of the inscription on the old Kaiser Bell. A number
of your readers will doubtless have made some acquaintance with the
German language in the course of their military service, and any
such may have observed that the last clause as reproduced does not
quite make sense. As an interesting experiment in textual criticism I
conjecture that the word 'Ehre,' meaning 'Honour,' has been omitted
—perhaps by an error in the guide book. The inscription would then
conclude with the lines, 'Dass Fried and Ehr' Ihm Gott bescheer.'
With this tentative emendation the whole inscription would run in
English:—

'The Kaiser Bell I am called,
The Kaiser's honour I praise:
On holy watch I stand,
For the German Kingdom I beseech,
That God may bestow on it peace and honour.'

At a later date the verger at the Cathedral told me that the new
bell replacing the Kaiserglocke weighed 20 tons.

Bournemouth.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

THE LATE CHARLES T. COLES.

FUNERAL AT WALTHAMSTOW.

On Saturday last, the funeral took place at Walthamstow of Mr. Charles Thomas Coles, who had passed away suddenly on the previous Saturday. The service in St. Mary's, the parish church, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon G. D. Oakley, and the bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege arrived at the church. The interment was in the family grave in Chingford Cemetery, and after the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. S. Turner and Rupert Richardson. A large number of relatives and friends were present.

The family mourners were Mrs. C. T. Coles (widow), Mr. C. T. W. Coles and Lieut. A. F. Coles, R.N.V.R. (sons), Mrs. Hurle and Miss D. Coles (daughters), Mrs. L. Coles (mother), Mr. A. W. Coles (brother), Mrs. Munns, Mrs. Keeler, Mrs. A. W. Coles and Mrs. Dakenfull (sisters-in-law), Mrs. C. T. W. Coles and Mrs. F. Coles (daughters-in-law), Mr. Mitchell (brother-in-law), Mr. Hurle (son-in-law), Miss Shelley (niece), Mrs. Bayling (cousin) and Miss Bayling, Mr. and Mrs. Gunthorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Cook.

There was a large number of ringers present. They included Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, T. J. Lock and J. A. Trollope (secretary, branch secretary and vice-president of the Middlesex County Association), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. J. F. Smallwood (representing the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. G. W. Steere (secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. H. Rumens (representing the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band) and Messrs. J. Bennett, W. Hewitt, G. Kilby, R. Saunders, J. Hawkins, H. Kilby, A. Cutler, A. W. Brighton, P. Corby, W. Oram, E. Barnett, G. Dawson, C. Dean, C. Matthews, G. Holman, W. Ayre, E. Dench, R. W. Stannard, J. L. Millhouse, W. Fox, T. Fox, A. Mason, G. A. Parsons, F. Knight, H. W. H. Strickland and Mrs. J. E. Davis. Floral tributes were sent by the Central Council, the Middlesex County Association, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Walthamstow company.

In the afternoon an unmuffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields as an act of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. Coles, and at Crayford a peal of London Surprise was rung as a tribute of respect to him.

MR. COLES' CAREER.

Charles Thomas Coles was born at Islington on June 5th, 1882, and so at the time of his death was in his 64th year. He learnt to ring at St. George's-in-the-East, one of the churches destroyed during the recent war. It was there that on March 30th, 1905, he rang his first peal, one of Stedman Triples conducted by John R. Sharman. Since the year 1909 he was attached to St. Mary's, Walthamstow.

In 1903, Charles Coles joined the Middlesex County Association and from very shortly afterwards was almost the most influential member of that society. The Middlesex Association had been founded by Arthur T. King in 1897, by the amalgamation of two older bodies, and for several years King was the secretary and mainstay of the society. He retired in 1910 and his place was taken by Mr. Coles, at first nominally as joint secretary, but all along really as what he later became formally, the general secretary of the association.

It was a task of some difficulty and one which called for special gifts. Arthur King was a big man with far-reaching ideas and ideas for the good of ringing and ringers. He cherished the hope of introducing to London north of the Thames the territorial and diocesan organisation which had been found successful in other parts of the country. The circumstances were peculiar and the difficulties immense, but he set himself to overcome them and was undaunted by the fact that he would have to face the opposition of old and powerful societies

who did not view things in the light he did. To give his new association prestige and status King formed a first-class peal ringing band under William Pye, and conducted what was virtually an attack on central London from the suburbs. There is no need to-day to judge either Arthur King or the societies which opposed him. Each was right according to the particular point of view, but a good deal of ill-feeling naturally was engendered. Tom Coles inherited King's work and ideals and he was more intimately connected with William Pye than almost anyone else. He stood up stoutly for his own association, yet he was not the man to accept strained relations with another society if they could be avoided. From the first his influence was towards peace and harmony. As the years went on he worked deliberately for co-operation between all Metropolitan ringers. A joint committee which was formed to entertain the Central Council at one of its London meetings gave him an opportunity he used to the utmost, and it was his special pride that the last thing he did before handing over the secretaryship of the Middlesex Association to Mr. Ernest Turner was to arrange a joint meeting with the College Youths. At the time of his death no visitor was more welcome among the College Youths than he.

As a secretary Mr. Coles showed that continuous unobtrusive efficiency which is the mark of a really good secretary and is most effective when it is least noticed. The reports he wrote for his association and those he sent to 'The Ringing World' were models of what such reports should be—clear, concise, well arranged, full of the things that mattered, with no affectation, and no unnecessary words. The late John S. Goldsmith used to say that Tom Coles' reports required less sub-editing than any others; and during a long period of years no man probably had so few words altered or cut out of his writing as he. The letters he wrote were on the same style. This was not through any particular conscious design. It was natural. The style was the man and showed his soundness and his strength as well as to some extent his limitations. In 1937, as a recognition of 25 years' service as secretary, the members of the Middlesex Association presented him with a gold watch.

Charles T. Coles took a great interest in the work and activities of the Central Council, to which he was elected in 1921. He soon became one of the more influential members, and his opinions, which always were the views of the central body of sane, well-instructed, sober-minded members of the Exercise, commanded the respect of all. He was a member of the Standing Committee and of the committee which carried out the last revision of the Council's rules.

PEAL RINGING.

Charles T. Coles was a great peal ringer, one of the greatest of all time. It was due partly to his association with William Pye, partly to the friendly relations he cultivated with ringers in all parts of the country, very largely to his organising ability, and, of course, very largely, too, to his skill as a ringer. To deal adequately with his peal ringing career will need a special article, and at present we will content ourselves with giving a list of his peals, the numbers in brackets being those he called. The total number was 1,014, of which 12 were on handbells and 278 conducted by him. He rang his 1,000th at Crayford on July 24th, 1943, a memorial to his gallant son killed in action in Tunis.

Grandsire Doubles 1 (1); Triples 10; Caters 4 (1).
Stedman Triples 120 (59); Caters 109 (57); Cinques 117 (42).
Erin Triples 1; Caters 2 (1); Cinques 1.
Erin, Stedman and Grandsire Caters 1 (1).
Minor in three methods 1 (1).
Bob Major 10 (8); Royal 1; Maximus 1 (1).
Kent T.B. Major 11 (6); Royal 7 (6); Maximus 3 (1);
Oxford T.B. Major 3 (2); Royal 1 (1).
Kent (Granta) T.B. Royal 1 (1).
Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major 1.
Little Bob Major 1; Maximus 1.
Double Norwich C.B. Major 18 (1); Double Oxford 1; Edmonton Bob 1; Marlborough Bob 1; St. Clement's Bob 1; Winchester Bob 1; Little Albion T.B. 1.
Isleworth Bob Royal 1.
Cambridge S. Major 1 (1); Major 60 (19); Royal 77 (7); Maximus 75 (4).
Yorkshire S. Major 5 (1); Royal 2 (1); Maximus 1.
Superlative S. Major 101 (33); Maximus 5.
Bristol S. Major 121 (19); Lincolnshire 1; London 81 (1); London-derry 1; New Cambridge 1; Norfolk 2; Pudsey 1; Rutland 1.
Middlesex S. Royal 5.
Spliced Sunrise Major—Three Methods. 1: Four, 14; Five, 2; Six, 1; Seven, 1; Eight, 1; Nine, 1; Ten, 1; Eleven, 1; Twelve, 1.
Spliced S. Royal, Three Methods, 1.
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Maximus 1.
On handbells—Grandsire Triples 1 Stedman Triples 4; Caters 7.
Ringing was an important part of Charles T. Coles' life, but it did not represent all his activities. He was a chess player of some ability; he took a part in the work of the organisations connected with his fellow workers at the Railway Clearing House where he was employed during the whole of his life after he left school; and at one time he was keenly interested in the politics of his home district.

Mr. Coles was a member of a very large number of ringing associations, including the Society of Cumberland Youths.



MR. C. T. COLES.

MAKERS OF LONDON BELLS.

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In any account of the makers of London bells, however general, mention must be made of Thomas C. Lewis, though he stands quite outside the regular succession of bell founders, though he did not influence in any way the progress and development of the art of bell founding, and though the amount of work he actually did was quite small. Lewis was an organ builder and maker of pianofortes at Brixton, who had a fine reputation and turned out some splendid work. He was a thorough artist who never allowed financial considerations to interfere with his artistic ideals and he held strong opinions on the quality of musical tone and what he considered certain obnoxious tendencies of his time. He took up bell ringing as an addition to his other activities and with strongly held views already formed from his other experiences.

Lewis published his opinions on musical tone in a little book of which I gave an account in 'The Ringing World' of August 27th, 1943, and which was a protest against certain tendencies then shown by other makers of musical instruments. So far as bells were concerned, what he objected to was two things. One was the style of bells introduced by the influence of Lord Grimthorpe. The other was the ideas, then beginning to be expressed, which afterwards developed into what is now generally known as Simpson tuning.

Sir Edmund Becket, afterwards Lord Grimthorpe, was one of the most extraordinary men of his generation. By profession he was a lawyer, and so eminent a lawyer that he made a far larger income at the bar than any other lawyer had ever made. In addition to that, and as an amateur, he posed and was widely accepted as a great authority on clock making, church architecture, theology, and church law. Nor did these things exhaust his activities. He wrote a book to tell people how to build and equip the houses they lived in giving instructions about the smallest fittings. There have been other men, of course, who have thought they knew everything about everything, but Grimthorpe really did know an extraordinary lot, even if he did not know everything. He did some dreadful things at St. Albans Abbey, but at any rate he saved the building from complete ruin. He designed the clock at the Houses of Parliament, and as the specification called for a greater accuracy than the Clockmakers' Company thought possible, he invented an escapement which gave all that was asked for and more. When Warners, who were to cast the bells, were doubtful whether they knew how to design them (for they had hitherto used only the traditional shape copied from older bells and these were to be much larger) he told them not to worry. He would do it, and he did.

It was inevitable that such a man, especially one with the domineering, self-satisfied, nature he possessed, should, for all his success, be lacking in the finer artistic sense, and (apart from mechanical things) should fall short of the highest standards. It was so in church architecture, where what he did was severely criticised and condemned by leading architects. It was so also in bell designing, though in that, for various reasons, there were many fewer persons to contradict him or to challenge his authority; and for some years his influence was clearly shown in the bells which were cast for different parts of England. Some of them were actually designed

by him. They included the ring of twelve at Worcester, and the octaves at Doncaster, Burton-on-Trent, and St. John's, Croydon; all of which, though they have been recast, are remembered by many ringers. Other rings which show his influence, though modified to a greater or less degree by the experience of the founders, are the rings at Manchester Town Hall (since recast), the Roman Catholic Church at Cambridge, the Imperial Institute, and St. Paul's Cathedral.



ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET.
Now at Kingsbury.

T. C. Lewis summed up the main result of Grimthorpe's influence by saying that 'A very general belief has been instilled into the minds of purchasers that bells to be of good and even superior tone should be heavy in quantity of metal used and thick in the casting.' 'Not content with the ancient and genuinely characteristic tone which in itself is unique and belongs to no other instrument for the production of sound, these modern intruders, mostly amateurs by profession, clamour for bells the thickest and heaviest that can be made to do the work, consequently the most poor and vulgar tone is poured out from many of our church towers.' This was one of the two tendencies in bell founding against which

Lewis protested. Here events have proved he was right, but it is pretty certain that the reaction against Grimthorpe's ideas came from the founders themselves, and was quite independent of anything that Lewis had written.

His other protest concerned the way in which bells should be tuned. It was the time when scientists like Lord Raleigh and amateurs like Canon Simpson were beginning to call attention to the various tones given out by a bell, and not unnaturally the opinion was being more generally held that the quality of a bell depends mainly on the degree in which those tones are in musical harmony. That, said Lewis, is a great mistake. It must be remembered that, at the time, all which was argued for or against what is now called five-tone tuning was based on theory and the very inconclusive evidence afforded by old style bells. The knowledge necessary to cast and tune a bell on Simpson principles had not yet been acquired by the founders, nor was it ultimately gained except after long and careful experiments and research work aided by vastly improved instruments and machinery.

Lewis did not concern himself about the overtones of a bell. "There are many harmonies heard," he said, but he passed them by as quite subordinate in strength. What he considered was the only important tone other than the strike note was the hum note, and here he joined issue with those who said that the two should be a true octave apart. It may seem to be so in theory, he said, but long experience had convinced him that, in defiance seemingly of harmony, a fine bell should have its hum note a flattened major seventh, and there was nothing poorer in tone than a large bell with its strike note and hum note in perfect octaves.

Lewis had one other important rule for the casting of bells; they must come out of the mould exactly as they are to hang in the steeple and no tuning must be allowed. The reason he gave for this was that the casting, when cooled, has a skin which is definitely tougher than the interior metal; and if this skin is removed the resonance of the bell will suffer. Combined with the other requirements this was a most exacting condition, for it meant that if the bell as first cast was not perfect in tune it was useless and must be recast, unless it was sent out slightly imperfect, which his artistic conscience would not allow. It is said he cast more than twenty bells before he was satisfied with the octave he made for St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and though such devotion to a high ideal is beyond praise, we are not surprised to learn that it did not pay and his firm had to give up bell founding.

Thomas C. Lewis had an opportunity of putting his ideas and theories into practice when he cast the bells for St. Andrew's, in the West End of London. The church for many years counted for much in the religious and musical life of the metropolis and was one of the most outstanding examples of nineteenth century ecclesiastical architecture. Then its usefulness passed away and it was considered to be redundant. Fortunately, however, it was not destroyed. It was removed stone by stone to a new residential district of Middlesex, and to-day at Kingsbury the church with its fittings and bells can be seen and heard under better conditions than ever before.

Thomas C. Lewis cast the back six bells at Fulney in

Lincolnshire, but otherwise he did no more than make a few more bells for various churches.

Kingsbury bells are a fine and musical ring, but they really prove nothing in the controversy between old style and new style tuning, for in them the relationship of strike notes and hum notes was a designed one which it never was in the earlier bells. Many things go to make up the quality of a good bell, and it is a mistake to attribute it to any one of them. We have numerous really excellent rings cast and tuned on the five-tone plan. It would be a most interesting and perhaps profitable experiment if one of the three great founders were to start on the basis of one of the best of the old style bells, such as the old tenor at Bow, and to it add seven other bells in which the hum notes and overtones were out of strict theoretic harmony but true to each other, perhaps modified by considerations depending on the weight of the individual bell. Would the result be a ring with the peculiar Painswick quality and more than the Painswick excellence?

(To be continued.)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BEDFORD.

Over sixty ringers were present at the annual meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association, held at Bedford on January 26th. They came from Biddenham, Turvey, Stagsden, Bedford (St. Peter's and St. Paul's), Woburn, Kempston, Bromham, Elstow, Tempsford, Luton, Silsoe, Great Barford, Maulden, Cople, Hitchin, Cardington, Newmarket and Renhold.

Mr. L. H. Bowler was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the committee, consisting of Messrs. H. L. Harlow, R. West, J. Hilson and G. Hutchings, were also re-elected, the last two as members of the general association committee. There was a balance in hand of £5 18s. 1½d., of which £5 10s. had been sent to the general fund, and an increase in membership, from 26 in 1944 to 69. The Rev. A. St. G. Colthurst, of St. Paul's, Bedford, was elected an honorary member, and 10 new ringing members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Milton Ernest on March 2nd.

The methods rung included Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge, York and Wells Surprise Minor, Grandshire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob and Treble Ten.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BOCKING.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at Bocking on February 2nd, 43 persons being present. Service was conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev. E. Rogers, and Miss H. G. Snowden was at the organ. The collection for the bell fund amounted to 17s. Tea was at Courtauld's canteen.

In her annual report the hon. secretary, Miss H. G. Snowden, stated that meetings had been held at Braintree, Halstead, Pebmarsh and Sible Hedingham with an average attendance of 30. Eleven new ringing members and 18 re-elections had been ratified. Forty-three peals had been rung, 28 on tower bells and 15 on handbells. The tower bell peals were Doubles and Minor in one to four methods, Grandshire Triples and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge, Superlative, London and Spliced Surprise Major. The handbell peals were Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, seven Minor methods, London Surprise Minor and Major, Double Norwich, and Cambridge, Superlative and Spliced Surprise Major.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt was appointed hon. secretary in place of Miss Snowden, and Messrs. F. Claydon and H. G. Felton were elected to the committee. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Bardfield on April 27th. The methods rung ranged from Bob Major to Spliced Surprise.

DEATH OF MR. S. J. COLEMAN.

The death is announced of Mr. Sidney James Coleman, which occurred at St. Neots, Huntingdon, on February 4th, at the age of 66. The funeral on February 7th was at Eynesbury Parish Church, and the interment at St. Neots Cemetery. The Rector, the Rev. J. R. Garrett, conducted the service, and the ringers present were Messrs. H. Fields, S. W. Hawksford, S. J. Peck and L.-Cpl. W. A. R. Chamberlain.

In the evening a 720 of Grandshire Doubles with tenor covering was rung on Eynesbury bells half-muffled by six members of the Ely Diocesan Association from St. Neots, Eynesbury and Great Staughton.

Mr. Coleman, who until his retirement through illness in 1930 was a member of the St. Neots band, had rung over 200 peals, several of them on handbells. Fifty-two of them were achieved in one year.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**MEETING AT BASINGSTOKE.**

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was held at Basingstoke on January 26th, when 74 members were present from a wide area. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Chute in St. Michael's Church, and tea was served in the Church Cottage. At the business meeting, Canon Chute was in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Jeudwine, the Rev. F. S. H. Maule and the district officers.

The balance sheet showed that 88 members had paid their subscriptions, and with 28 members serving in the Forces (whose subscriptions are waived), brought the total up to 116. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, the Rev. Canon A. W. Chute; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Chesterman; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ostler; district representatives, Mrs. R. G. Flew and Mr. H. Balaam; auditor, Mr. R. G. Flew.

The secretary said that Overton bells were being increased to eight and would soon be ready. Due notice would be given in 'The Ringing World.' The district was steadily improving and there were great hopes that 1946 would be a record year, owing to the fact that many young people were becoming members. Twenty-seven new members were elected.

During the afternoon and evening a variety of the standard methods were rung.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT HINCKLEY.**

About 50 members attended the first meeting of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, in giving his report for 1945, said that 1945 had been an improvement on the previous year. Twelve meetings had been held, at which the average attendance had risen from 24 to 34, while the average of towers represented had risen to 12. There had been 19 new and six rejoins during the year. Barwell, Broughton Astley and Croft had attended all meetings. Three all district peals had been rung and nine others with the assistance of one or more members from other districts. Most towers had taken part in the ringing for VE and VJ Days. There were still about 26 members in the Forces, and the district had lost four members through death.

Mr. H. Bird was elected chairman, Mr. W. A. Wood as secretary. Messrs. G. Newton and F. K. Measures as committee. A new office was that of District Ringing Master, and after a discussion on the desirability of the office, Mr. A. Ballard was elected.

Earl Shilton on February 16th was fixed for the next meeting. Of the 25 towers in the district the following were represented: Barwell, Broughton Astley, Burbage, Croft, Cosby, Desford, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton, Sapote, Stoke Golding and Stoney Stanton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT DORCHESTER.**

The annual meeting of the Dorchester District of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held in Dorchester on January 26th, at which about 80 members and visitors were present from Abbotsbury, Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester St. Peter, Fordington St. George, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Piddlehinton, Stratton, Sydling, Upwey, Wool, Wyke Regis, Beaminster, Bournemouth, Bradpole, Bridport, Evershot and Hampton. Service was conducted at St. Peter's by the Rector, Canon A. W. Markby, assisted by Canon D. F. Slemeck. At the business meeting the officers elected for the coming year were: Chairman, Canon A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, Canon D. F. Slemeck; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Preece; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. H. Hayne; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Godley.

A letter of greeting was read from last year's Ringing Master, Sergt. P. Toccock, now serving in the India Command. The secretary stated that for the first time since the outbreak of war some towers in the branch had again attempted peal ringing, and it was hoped it would continue; Abbotsbury, Upwey and Wool all had peals and quarter-peals to their credit for 1945. During the afternoon and evening there was ringing in the towers of both Dorchester St. Peter and Fordington St. George.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT LYONSHALL.**

The annual meeting of the Kingston District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Lyonshall on January 26th. Service was conducted by the Rev. D. Rice, and at the business meeting the secretary reported that during the past year two meetings had been held with attendances of 20 and 18, and three practices with an average of eleven. The accounts could not be presented, as all subscriptions were not paid. The district officers were re-elected: Ringing Master, Mr. T. Jones, Kingston; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. L. Evans, Fardisland; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow; auditor, the Rev. L. Perry, Staunton-on-Arrow. The next meeting was fixed for Weobley in April, and combined practices at New Radnor in February and Fardisland in March. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

NOTICES.

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service at S. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and business S. Nicolas' Parish Hall.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Throwley, Feb. 16th. Special bus leaves Court Street, Faversham, 2.35 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District.—Annual, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. No tea. Committee 5.30 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Both in Vicarage Room.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13 (Perival 5320).

ESSEX ASSN.—South Western Division.—Woodford, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—Mrs. J. H. Crampton, Hon. Sec., 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSN. and DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. (Chesterfield Branch). — Clay Cross, Feb. 16th.—J. W. England, Sam Scattergood.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District. — Annual, Eynesbury, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea. Cafes open St. Neots.—H. J. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Longcot (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual, Ross (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.30.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Schools 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics.—W. A. Wood.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Names to R. Mount, Waltham.—J. H. Cook.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Lubham, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 20th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, Leicester.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual, Hersham (8) (not Walton), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Nominations for several officers. Names for tea to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by Feb. 20th.—F. E. Hawthorne.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guild Committee, Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. — Robt. G. Black.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. and **SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Sutton-on-Trent, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Maximum attendance essential. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. W. Vessey, 19, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by Feb. 20th.—H. Denman and T. Groombridge, jun.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District. — Heanor (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Business in belfry 5 p.m. Tea shops near.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Newton St. Cyres, Feb. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 18th.—W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Burnham, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 18. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Fylde Branch.—Bispham (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at White Lion 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Birkenhead St. Mary's (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Codicote (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 21st to Mr. P. Phillpot, 96, High Street, Codicote, Hitchin.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Daresbury, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. Booth, Daresbury, before Feb. 20th.—John E. Ashcroft.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—St. Michael's, Headingley, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Business, 7 p.m., in tower. — H. Loft-house, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Quorn (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Cups of tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Myatt.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—All Souls', Bolton, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Teas, 1s. and 2s. Names to C. Brownlow, 79, Astley Street, Bolton, by Feb. 20th.—Peter Crook.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual, Hartford, Feb. 23rd. Tea provided. Names to Miss D. C. Osborn, 258, London Road, Northwich, Cheshire, before Feb. 19th.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Practice, Northfleet, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6 to 8.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Weare (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

DONCASTER SOCIETY. — Adwick-le-Street, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to W. E. Critchley, 61, Church Road, Stainforth, near Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural.—Winterbourne (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, Saturday, March 2nd, 6 p.m. Tickets to fully-paid-up ringing members, 3s.; to other members and friends, 7s. 6d. Early application with remittance is necessary as number is strictly limited. St. Martin's (12), St. Philip's (10), and St. Chad's R.C. (8), from 3.30 to 5 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Broadclyst, March 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon by Feb. 25th.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division. — Annual, Crawley (8), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. O. Sippetts, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District. — Cadoxton, near Neath (6), Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Numbers to E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam, by Feb. 26th.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual, Spalding, Mar. 2nd. Service 3.15. Tea at British Restaurant 4. Business, Church Day School, 4.45. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Annual, Ranmoor (10), Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield, by Feb. 27th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh and Lavenham Joint. — Monks Eleigh (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. Names to H. Whymark, The Hall Cottage, Church Hill, Monks Eleigh, near Ipswich.—J. T. Corder.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District. — Milton Ernest, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

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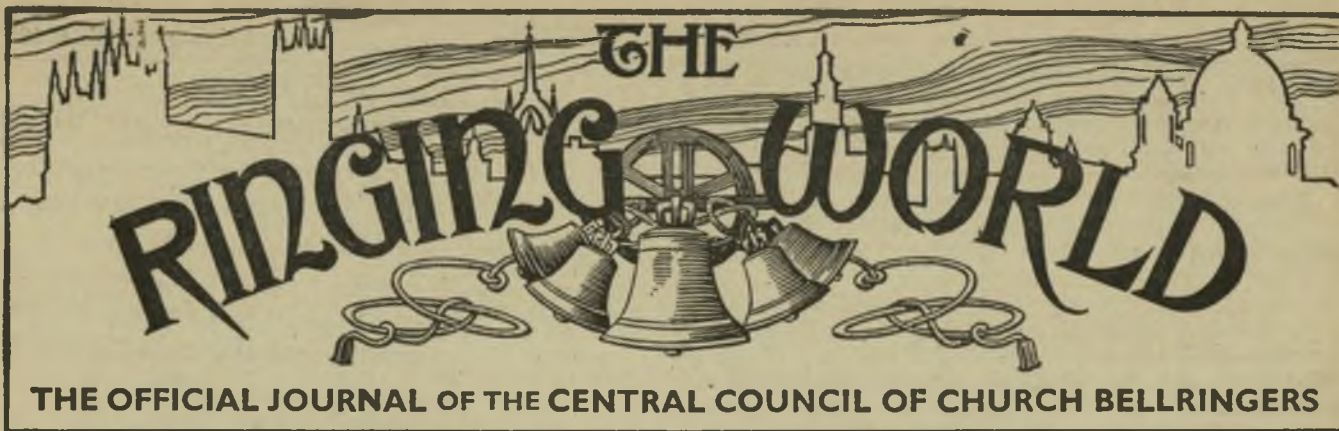
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THE TYRANNY OF WORDS.

The value of words consists in their being able to convey definite meanings and ideas from those who use them to those who hear them, and during many years among ringers a number of terms have been introduced, most of which serve their purposes excellently well. But wherever there are life and improvement there must be changes and development in ideas and, with them, changes in the meaning of technical terms. Otherwise the terms are a hindrance to progress. Generally speaking, the meanings of the terms used both in the art and the science of change ringing have kept pace with the development of the things they represent, and the Exercise is well equipped with sufficient technical terms for use either in the belfry or to explain even the most abstruse problems of composition.

There have been, however, one or two instances where a technical term has been fully adequate to explain what the men who introduced it intended, but afterwards, when for one reason or another the original meaning was changed or expanded, the use of the term led to misunderstanding and some error of opinion.

In early days when 'cross' peals were first introduced it was natural for men to designate the changes rung as 'singles,' or 'doubles,' or 'triples' according to the number of pairs of bells which were changed. In this way Grandsire on five bells was called Doubles, but equally so what we now know as Bob Minor was called 'Triples and Doubles on Six Bells.' Then, by a process of simplification and development, the terms Doubles and Triples became confined to methods on five and seven bells, and new terms were found for six and eight.

So far we have the natural and proper development of the meaning of the terms to meet the needs of the development of the art. But what happened was that later men argued that, because 'Triples' originally meant triple changes, any method which does not consist of continuous triple changes has no right to be called Triples; from which it was but a step to the contention that no seven bell method which does not consist of continuous triple changes ought to be rung at all. This last opinion was entirely illogical, but it was widely held by influential men in the Exercise, and, though few probably would profess it to-day, it has had the effect of excluding from the ringers' repertory, without even a trial, a whole group of methods which to all appearances have many excellent qualities and might appeal to some bands

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if they were known. These methods have been condemned, not on account of any real defects in them, but because people did not recognise that the original meaning of the term Triples had become obsolete.

Another, and more important, instance is in the use of the word Surprise. This, too, is a very old term and dates from the early years of the eighteenth century if not before. In its origin it meant no more than a claim by ringers that they had rung a method more difficult and complicated than those in ordinary use, though from the first there seems to have been a tendency to confine it to Treble Bob methods. This is the meaning given to it in the great Oxford English Dictionary, and it would have been well if the Exercise had left it at that. When, however, the Central Council was first founded there was a general feeling among the leaders that the technical terms used in ringing should be carefully and straitly defined and among them the term 'Surprise.' What definitely was a Surprise method? Up to the end of the nineteenth century there were only three methods generally known which bore the title and, compared with the other methods in use, they could fairly be considered to be a group by themselves. So, after much discussion, the present definition of a Surprise method was adopted.

It was a great mistake. The development in the knowledge of the construction of methods and the vast expansion of method ringing in the tower have made the old meaning of the word obsolete. Cambridge and Superlative are no longer among the most difficult and advanced methods, though London still keeps its old position and is likely to do so. A large proportion of the Surprise methods is really included among the simpler and easier, yet because of the original meaning of the term they have a prestige which is not given to far better methods outside the group. Perhaps this does not matter overmuch so far as Major ringing is concerned. It decidedly does in Royal and Maximus, and the best will not be got out of ten and twelve bell ringing until ringers realise that it must be sought elsewhere than among the Surprise methods.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	AUBREY M. PICKERING... 7
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 10
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 11
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6	HENRY E. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
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Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

In memoriam, Charles T. Coles.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. K. WAGSTAFFE ... Treble	FRANK BROWN ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... 7
†HAROLD PAILING ... 3	FRANK BRADLEY ... 8
†GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 4	FRED A. SALTER ... 9
‡T. VERNON JENNISON ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal on ten.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FRED HAYES ... Treble	FRANK WEST ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER... 2	REV. R. F. R. ROUTH... 7
WALTER LEE ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 8
RALPH COLES ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... 9
PERCY NEWTON ... 5	ALECK D. STRATHDEE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble	*JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 5
HARRY BALAAM ... 2	*ERNEST AUSTIN ... 6
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Caters.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

*EDWARD C. WEAVER ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW... 7
ARTHUR H. S. RAINY ... 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 8
†TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	ALLAN SHORT ... 9
FRED PRICE ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRED PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6031 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	GEORGE LARGE ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY... 5	WILLIAM RANFORD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

FIGHT RILL PEALS

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ALDFNHAM CORPUS MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	I. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the association.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST COOPER <i>Treble</i>	*MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW	5
*FRANK REED 2	†MRS. IRENE SOMERVILLE	6
*MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW	*ERNEST PADGETT	7
*RICHARD WILCOCKS ... 4	BEN BIRKETT <i>Tenor</i>	7

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by E. COOPER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First in the method for the association.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR <i>Treble</i>	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
*WILLIAM G. COOK ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER	6
†FREDERICK G. BUDGEN	WALTER CLAYDON	7
*MISS DORIS COLMAN ... 4	LEONARD A. TIDY	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. A. TIDY.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method on tower bells.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Three and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	DENIS N. LAYTON	5
†MONICA J. RICHARDSON	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS...	6
RICHARD F. SPEED ... 3	VERNON J. BENNING	7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 4	WALTER F JUDGE	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method inside.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

R. IVOR LEWIS <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
D. REES JAMES 2	ERNEST STITCH	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	ALFRED W. HEATH	7
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... 4	DAVID L. HUGHES	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.
Rung for the wedding of Miss F. S. Perry to Mr. I. R. Eastwood.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt

*KATHLEEN STEVENS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST THORLEY	5
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
GEORGE SEWELL 3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
CYRIL WANDER 4	JOHN G. AMES	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal. 50th peal as conductor.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	MISS HAZEL BLOOMER <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD WHITE	5
HAROLD J. SHUCK ... 2	†LEWELLYN R. HALL	6	
*RAYMOND DUNN 3	ARTHUR WYKE	7	
ARTHUR GROVE 4	*JACK GRIFFITHS	<i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by HAROLD J SHUCK.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE M. KILBY	5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	ALICK CUTLER	7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. Half-muffled for Mr. C. T. Colles.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JAMES BENNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBY	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
In memoriam, Charles T. Colles.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACEY <i>Treble</i>	*MAURICE LINGS	5
*JOYCE LACEY 2	HAROLD JUDD	6
JACK BRAY 3	FRANK LORD	7
*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 4	GEORGE W. MOODY	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	*PETER R. BLACKMAN	5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD...	*HAROLD A. NOBES	6
*ALFRED MEARS 3	*JOHN H. HUNT	7
*ROBERT E. TURNER ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and One and a Half Minutes,

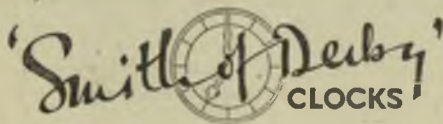
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	ARTHUR WIGGINS ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	5
ARTHUR WIGGINS 2	FRANK H. HICKS	6	
*VIOLET N. CASTLE 3	GEORGE GILBERT	7	
†JOAN A. RANCE 4	A. JAMES GLASS	<i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.



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**GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.**

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	HERBERT J. HAMMOND... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Oxford.

**SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.**

MARGARET D. TELFORD...Treble	*ROY STEPHENSON 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	ERNEST THORLEY 6
AUBREY D. MILLS 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
FRANK TAYLOR 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal.

**BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.**

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
*MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
RICHARD A. POST ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE
* First peal in the method away from treble.

**EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.**

JOHN THOMAS Treble	ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ERIC A. DENCH 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

**BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.**

FRED READ Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOSEPH WOODS 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	ROGER LEIGH 7
JOHN CAVANNAGH 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

**DRONFIELD, DERRYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.**

F. BERNARD DITCHER ...Treble	JOHN J. L. GIBERT ... 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.**

*VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...Treble	*WILLIAM AMBLER 5
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
PAUL BIRKETT 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 7
ALFRED ASHTON 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.
* Fiftieth peal together.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.**

*GEORGE CRISP Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2	*HARRY L. MARTIN ... 6
RICHARD SPEED 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE,

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	MARIE R. CROSS 4
VERNON J. BENNING ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
PHILLIP M. J. GRAY ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.
First peal on the bells.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Feb. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS BETTY KING ...Treble	HENRY HARDING 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 2	SERGEANT JACK STUBBS ... 5
ANDREW SINFIELD ... 3	EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.
* First peal.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERNARD H. DALTON ...Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4
THOMAS F. CARFORD ... 2	GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 5
LEONARD P. WILSON ... 3	CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by C. WANDER.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SENBURGA,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Stedman, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*PETER C. W. NEAL ...Treble	DORIS G. DOBBIE 4
*STANLEY M. EVANS ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
*J. GARTH ROOKE 3	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung for the wedding of Dennis Parham and Mabel Gregory.

SANDAL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Cape!, Sandal Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingstone.
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES NETHERWOOD...Treble	ERNEST CUTT 4
ALFRED LAMB 2	WILLIAM WOMACK 5
JOHN WM. MOXON 3	GEORGE CUTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CUTT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At Somerville College,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 7-8
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE... 9-10
*BETTY SPICE 5-6	*JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First handbell peal of Stedman Cinques.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

*On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At Somerville College,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JEAN A. SOUTHERST 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	JOHN E. SPICE 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At St. Peter's Hall,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
BRUCE R. ROGERS 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Feb. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At 202, FOSSE ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5-6
JILL POOLE 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

MRS. C. W. POWELL ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness: Cuthbert W. Powell.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT HOWDEN.

A meeting of the Selby and District Society, held at Howden on February 2nd, was attended by about 40 members and friends from Eastington, Goo'e, Hemingbrough, Hull (Holy Trinity), Sherburn, Selby, Fishlake, Thorne, Barnby Don, Doncaster and Howden. The methods rung included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT LEOMINSTER.

At the annual meeting of the Leominster District, held at Leominster on February 2nd, the district officers were re-elected: Ringing Master, Mr. F. Jaine; secretary, Mr. J. Fox, Kimbolton; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. T. Cooke, Eye. Two new ringing members and one honorary member were elected. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Aymestry in February, a quarterly meeting at Kingsland in April, and a practice at Leominster. Twenty-four members were present, including visitors from other districts and returned prisoners of war. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EASTBOURNE.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on February 9th. Thirty-five members attended from Rotherfield, Heathfield, Hailsham, Burwash, Bexhill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Chiddingfold, Hastings, Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church).

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Marcon, and tea was at the Oak Cabin. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Mr. J. Downing, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Rogers, Ringing Master; Mr. S. G. Smith, hon. auditor; Messrs. W. H. Joiner and W. Rogers, committee. The next meeting will be at Frant in March.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CLERKENWELL.

The annual general meeting of the London County Association, held on February 9th at St. James', Clerkenwell, was attended by between 40 and 50 members and friends. Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting and handbell contest. The only team entered was from All Saints', Isleworth, who rang a course of Grandsire Triples, which, in the opinion of the umpires, was worthy of the award.

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not to the Editor.

The Little Bob Royal at Surfleet on February 16th was Mr. Rupert
Richardson's 500th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.
The Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on February 12th was Mr.
Albert Walker's 360th peal on twelve bells. He rang his first peal,
one of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Taunton, fifty years ago this
month.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, who is in his 89th year, is resigning the
living of Crowthorne, which he has held for 52 years. He hopes to
still live in the parish. The good wishes of all ringers will go with
him in his retirement.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

February 17th, 1727. At St. Lawrence Jewry, the first peal of
Union Triples.
1801. At Hackney, the first peal of Place Triples.
1836. The steeple at Christ Church, Spitalfields, burnt out, and the
heavy ring of twelve bells destroyed.
1856. At Aston, the first peal of Stedman Major.
1883. At Tong, Yorkshire, 6,000 changes in 25 Minor methods. Not
spliced.
February 18th, 1782. College Youths rang 10,000 Oxford Treble
Bob Royal at Shoreditch.
1792. 5,088 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
1914. Nathan J. Pistow died, aged 67.
February 19th, 1851. Henry Haley born.
February 20th, 1872. The Oxford University Society founded.
February 21st, 1903. At Leicester, the first silent peal of Stedman
Cinques on handbells. Mr. J. O. Lancashire is the sole survivor of
the band.
February 23rd, 1783. At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, The ancient Society
of College Youths rang Cambridge Surprise Major. False.
1876. William Escourt died, aged 78.

PLAIN BEARINGS VERSUS BALL BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my visit to belfries in different parts of the country
I have heard the question strongly argued: which is the best for
ringing, ball bearings or the old-fashioned plain bearings? Some
really good ringers say that no bell hung in balls is as good as one
in plain bearings when they are properly hung. They are less trouble,
I suppose, to the steeplekeeper, but that ought not to be a considera-
tion. What do your readers think about it? 'VISITOR.'

SYNTHETIC BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Salisbury Diocesan Gazette' for February appear
two notes issued by the Advisory Committee. The second reads:
'Synthetic Bells,' i.e., gramophone with loud speaker playing records
of bellringing. The Advisory Committee find themselves unable to
give approval.'

The committee reached this decision without consulting me, which
is so much the more satisfactory. F. LI. EDWARDS.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

BY JOHN P. FIDLER.

(Continued from page 57.)

Occasionally we find subscribers' names appearing amongst the inscriptions such as this:—

'All you of Bath that heare me sound
Thank Lady Hopton's hundred pound.'

A bit crude, but no doubt it pleased Lady Hopton and made sure of her hundred pounds. If the inscription is not pleasing, it is one way of getting subscriptions for a Bell Fund anyway.

At Hartland we get this one:—

'The name of Dennis Heard Chose and Rowe
With us can never die. They saved our
Lives not only so but made us multiply.'

Whilst at Ticehurst Thomas Janaway put this on the tenor:—

'This is to show to ages yet to come
That by subscription we were cast and hung
And Edward Lulham is his name
That was the actor of the same.'

Edward Lulham was not an actor on the stage, but a foundry employe of Janaway.

Then there is the common and at one time popular

'At proper times my voice I raise
And sound to my subscribers praise.'

This is to be found in all parts of the country and, like many votes of thanks, thanks everybody and mentions none.

One must admit that in several cases good use has been made of the few words it is possible to place on a bell, such as the Banham bell; at Stevenage Briant played with the story of the bell he recast in 1783:—

'Full thirty years my tone I lost
Been broke and tumbled down
In so neat I am recast
By Briant of Hartford Town,'

and made a good job of it too. A boastful inscription of Briant is a rarity, and in this case he only refers to the casting and not to its tonal quality.

From North Tamerton we gather there must have been some indifference to the bells, for in 1830 this appeared on the tenor:—

'Let bells said many go to wreck
Bailey and Bray said nay
We love our God, His House to deck
And hear His cymbals play.'

So far as I can gather, this is the only inscription which departs from the normal run in the county of Cornwall.

It is not often a founder expressed his feelings in his inscriptions; on two occasions what appear to be a solemn protest against Methodism and all the other isms which about that time (1760) were stirring the somewhat dry bones of the Church of England, Joseph Eayre placed on a Welwyn bell:—

'Prosperity to the Established Church of
England—no encouragement to enthusiasm.'

At Little Wymondley it is repeated except the word 'established' was omitted and 'enthusiasm' spelled correctly.

Very few of William Sellers' bells bear much of an inscription, but on the 2nd of the three he cast (1687) for Owmbly, Lincs, is the inscription:—

'Let us remember the 5 of November,'

As this follows 'God save the King' on his treble, we know which side he was on. In 1831 there appeared at Witham-on-the-Hill an inscription very strong in the opposite direction:—

'Twas not to prosper pride or hate
William Augustus Johnson gave me
But peace and joy to celebrate
And call to prayer to heaven to save ye
Then keep the terms and e'er remember
May 29th ye must not ring
Nor yet the 5th of each November
Nor on the crowning of a king.'

Incidentally the fifth bell at Witham-on-the-Hill is a bell of record, as the following shows:—

'Three of the 5 old bells cast in 1623, 49 & 74.
Were broken and frames worn out
These six bells were cast and put up by
William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, 1831.'

The Hedderly's cannot be classed as outstanding founders and, judging by their lettering, were not much as scholars; they avoided lengthy inscriptions, and one example by Thomas Hedderly will suffice for him:—

'We will sing with a cheerful nise,'

and, as a gentleman named Joad would say, 'it all depends upon what you mean by a cheerful noise.' A latter member of the family put this on the fifth at Louth:—

'According to our sound let Hedderly's fame serround.'
One more example from the Hedderly Foundry appeared at Spilsby:—

'The glas doth rvn the globe
Doth go awak from sin why
Sleep you so.'

As far as I know, this inscription has not been repeated elsewhere.

When seeing an unusual inscription, I wonder frequently as to what prompted it; for example:—

'Send pastors pure in word and life,'

which appeared at Northorpe, makes me wonder whether the bell was cast whilst the living was vacant and, as the previous incumbent had been 'a bit of a lad,' the parishioners were praying for a parson of the opposite school. Again, I wonder why

'Be not over busie'

appeared at Sempringham. This bell was cast by Robert Newcombe, Mayor of Leicester in 1550, and it would appear that even in those early days there were some who advocated 'go slow' tactics. Certainly it is the very opposite of 'Begone about your business' or 'Come away make no delay,' which are to be found frequently and in all parts of the country.

(To be continued.)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT GRIMSBY.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. James', Grimsby, on February 2nd. Members attended from Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Waltham, and the local belfry.

Service was conducted by the president, Canon E. Lisle Marsden. At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected and one new member was elected. The Bell Fund accounts were presented and accepted by the members. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 15s. Meetings were fixed for Thornton Curtis in April, Burton-on-Stather in June, Bigby in July, and Louth in August.

A MATTER OF FINANCE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read your leading article this week on the subject of finance. In my opinion, ringers have had their ringing far too cheaply in the past. It is not, of course, one of the functions of a ringing organisation to accumulate large bank balances, but it must be obvious to everyone that the slender resources of the majority of our associations will soon become exhausted if the amount expended each year is not recovered in one way or another from the members.

The association of which I am now general secretary had, rightly I think, discontinued the publication of an annual report during the war and has consequently accumulated a sum which will just about pay for the printing of one this year covering the six years 1940-1945. It does seem obvious to me, however, that if our members desire an annual report in the future some drastic revision of our finances is imperative. A printer friend of mine to whom I explained the position asked me what subscription we collected from our members. After I had told him they paid 1s. 6d. per annum he replied, 'Ridiculous. You ought to get half a guinea.' Compared with the fees charged and the services rendered by many other organisations one can think of, his reply did not seem to me to be in any way unreasonable.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

65, Kingsley Avenue, Ealing.

Dear Sir,—I strongly disagree with your suggestion that even the wealthy associations should increase their subscriptions to meet the rising cost of printing.

The work done voluntarily by officials is perhaps not fully appreciated, but associations should use their 'substantial cash balances' instead of accumulating funds for no useful purpose.

32, Heathfield, Leeds 6.

G. ROBINSON.

BROADCAST BELLS.*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—The bells of Bradford Cathedral were broadcast recently and they were on the air for approximately one minute. This seems a very short time in comparison with the length of the service. One would think that about four minutes would be allotted. This is typical of broadcasts of religious services preceded by bells.

I suggest that at the next meeting of the Central Council the length of time for which bells should be on the air at broadcast services is discussed, and after consideration the resulting time is recommended to the B.B.C. One minute seems hardly fair to ringers themselves after having practised a considerable time.

My experience is that many people who know nothing of bellringing enjoy listening to bells on the wireless and are just beginning to appreciate them when they are faded out. It would be gratifying to hear other ringers' comments on this matter.

PAUL BIRKETT.

2, Brighouse Road, Queensbury, near Bradford.

THE BELLS OF COLOGNE.

In the list of great bells given in Lord Grimthorpe's 'Clocks and Watches and Bells' (sixth edition, 1874), Cologne is said to have possessed a bell cast in the year 1448, 7ft. 10in. in diameter, and 11 tons 3 cwt. in weight; and another cast in the year 1449, weighing 6 tons. The last edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' says that 'the Kaiserglocke of Cologne Cathedral, recast in 1875 with metal from French cannon captured in 1870-71, weighed 27½ tons, but was broken up in the world war, and has since been replaced by a new bell weighing 25 tons.'

The great bell at Erfurt, cast in the year 1497 and weighing 132 tons, used generally to be considered the best big bell in Europe. Erfurt was not mentioned in any of the bombing or military operations, so presumably the Cathedral and its bell have survived.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MEETING AT PUDSEY.**

A meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, held at Pudsey on February 2nd, was attended by members from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Haworth, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Queensbury, Liversedge, Woodlesford, and visitors from Weedon, Northants, and Hillingdon, Middlesex. Mr. Senior presided at the business meeting and referred to the recent death of Mr. Pratt Cordingley. One new member, Miss M. Ambler, was elected.

The next meeting will be at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Feb. 23rd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ELM.**

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held a meeting at Elm on February 9th, when ringers attended from Chatteris, Downham Market, Elm, Hilgay, Leverington, Marham, Shouldham, Terlington St. John, Walsoken and Wisbech. In the absence of the Vicar, the Vicar of Fridaybridge conducted the service and gave an address. Tea, provided by the local ringers and served in the Parish Room, was followed by the business meeting, Mr. Offord taking the chair.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.**

At a special general meeting of the Midland Counties Association, held on February 9th, the president, vice-president, hon. treasurer, hon. secretary and 17 committeemen from each branch met in St. Peter's Church Hall, Nottingham, to decide finally on the division of funds to the four newly-formed guilds.

The hon. secretary gave an estimate for printing the report, which will cover the last five years' work, peals, balance sheets, etc. It was decided that he should get further estimates and he was empowered to choose and proceed with the printing. A sub-committee was chosen to deal with the question of mementoes to the four general officers, and honorariums were granted to secretaries as formerly. The treasurer presented the balance sheet and it was approved. It was decided that after payment of the report and other expenses the balance should be equally divided among the four guilds: Derby and Districts Association, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Southwell Diocesan Guild and Midland Counties Guild (Burton District).

It was pointed out that the latter title was not an ideal one and might prove confusing, and the committee asked those concerned to reconsider this, suggesting it might better be named the Burton and District Guild. The association handbells were given back to the Derby Society.

After tea a general meeting was held in St. Mary's belfry and about 120 members were present. The president (Canon R. F. Wilkinson) explained that it was not one of the usual association meetings, but was called for the purpose of finally deciding the division of the funds remaining in hand after all expenses had been met. He gave an account of the committee's decision. Canon Wilkinson made reference to the formation of the association in 1882 and of the pioneers of those days. This generation had reaped the benefit of the solid foundation they had laid, and he paid tribute to their energy, devotion and zeal. In their turn they were now embarking on a new order, forming out of the unwieldy area covered by the old association new diocesan guilds for the inclusion and benefit of those many towers which could not possibly be embraced in the old order of things. They looked forward with every hope and confidence to a prosperous future. Canon Wilkinson also paid high tribute to the work carried out in all branches of the art—ringing, writing, organising, lecturing and other ways—by the energetic secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, who is now ending his office after 21 years' service. Also to Miss I. B. Thompson, whose careful work as treasurer was deeply appreciated, and to Mr. Colin Harrison, who had proved in so many ways his ability as vice-president.

The secretary, in his review of 1945, showed it to be a year of activity in all spheres. The 93 peals included all numbers from five to 12. Meetings had been held in all districts with record attendances. The treasurer showed the finances to be in a healthy condition, and so soon as it can be arranged the invested funds will be liquidated and the division of the balances made as directed by the committee. Two auditors, Mr. G. S. Morris and Miss Jill Poole, were appointed. The secretary was empowered to call the final meeting (which will be at Leicester), when matters have been cleared, and at that meeting the four new guilds will each be presented with an equal share of all balance of finance remaining.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HILLINGDON.**

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Feb. 16th, and was attended by over 30 members and friends from Bishops-gate (St. Botolph's), Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Ewell, Heston, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Leiston, Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Merton, Osterley, Oxhey, Pinner, Ruislip, Stanmore, Twickenham, Uxbridge, Wembley, Westminster (St. Stephen's) and Willesden.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major, and rounds. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address.

At the annual business meeting Mr. W. H. Coles took the chair. The names of the members who had passed over during the war were read, and the secretary's report and the statement of accounts were adopted. Mr. F. G. Baldwin was elected Ringing Master, with Mr. F. A. Finch as deputy. Messrs. G. M. Kilby, T. G. Bannister and J. Herbert were elected to the General Committee, and Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and J. Herbert as auditors. Other officers were re-elected. The following new members were elected: Cant. H. W. Rogers, Lieut.-Comdr. Albert M. Houghton, Lieut. J. D. Richard, R.N., B. Fuller, Albert Hunter and David Hunter, and the Misses L. Gregory and F. J. Anderson, and R. Carter and J. Saw.

Future meetings were tentatively arranged at Brentford in March, Feltham in April, and at Ruislip during May.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner paid a tribute to the late Mr. C. T. Coles, and this was endorsed by the chairman and the district secretary (Mr. J. E. L. Cockey). The general secretary announced that the annual general meeting would be at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on May 11th, and referred to the forthcoming diamond jubilee of the association.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Feb. 9th, was attended by members from Norwich, Bristo., Bournemouth, Luton, Southampton, Guildford, Brentford, Soutend and elsewhere.

Mr. J. Cornford, who took the chair, referred to the death of Mr. C. T. Coles, who had been buried earlier in the day, and stated how much he would be missed. The Cumberlands were proud of the fact that Mr. Coles had been a member of the society for about 35 years. Other ringers who had died during the year included Mr. Arthur Hardy, a member for 50 years, and Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, who joined the society in 1903.

All the officers were re-elected, i.e.: Messrs. G. H. Cross, Master; G. W. Steere, secretary and treasurer; T. Bevan and F. Hawthorn, stewards; C. J. Matthews and F. Bondell, trustees; and W. Ayre and A. H. Pulling, auditors.

The new members elected were Miss Joan Griffith and Messrs. S. Bailey, William C. Hughes, A. V. Goode, H. L. Weight, M. Harbott, H. Smith, D. G. Mayeal, T. A. Goodey and F. R. Goddard.

In his report, Mr. G. W. Steere stated that at the first opportunity available at St. Martin's a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung last December to commemorate the end of the war. This peal will be duly recorded in the belfry, alongside the record of another peal of Stedman Cinques rung in April, 1919, after the war of 1914-18. Twelve peals had been rung during the year. They were: Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Stedman Caters at Kingston-on-Thames, Kent Treble Bob Royal at Beckenham, Bob Major at Grayshott, High Barnet and Pinner, Grandsire Triples at Burnham (2) and Guildford, Cambridge Surprise Major at Bexley, Bob Minor (2) at Hitcham. Meetings had been held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; Christ Church, Cubitt Town in conjunction with the Middlesex County Association; and at Ruislip.

It was decided to arrange, if possible, meetings at Hornchurch, Prittlewell, Burnham and Highgate during the year.

In a letter to the secretary, Dr. Perry expressed the hope that a ringers' festival could one day be held at St. Martin's, and it was decided to bear the suggestion in mind when arranging the bi-centenary celebrations. This matter would come up for consideration later in the year.

The methods rung were Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal. Later two young members from Bournemouth, John V. Davis and Andrew Pearmain, played some tunes on handbells and made a very good show with Grandsire Triples rung four-in-hand.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.**

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its 24th annual meeting at Teignmouth on February 9th, members and friends coming from Exeter, Kenn, Okehampton, Tedburn St. Mary, Dawlish, Newton Abbot, Kingskerswell, Paignton, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth, as well as the local ringers. The ringing included touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. Phillips), who was assisted by the president of the Guild (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox), the Vicar giving an address.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, the president in the chair. Mention was made of the deaths of Mr. Harry Collyer, of Newton Abbot, Mr. Ernest W. Marsh, of Plymouth, and Mr. Charles T. Coles.

The election of two members was confirmed, two members were transferred to the list of honorary members, and one new member from Paignton and nine from St. James', Teignmouth, were elected. The secretary reported that five meetings and a number of practice meetings had been held during the year, and a number of new members had been elected. A donation has been paid into the instruction account.

The treasurer's report showed that there was £2 17s. 8d. in hand in the general fund and £4 1s. 4d. in the instruction fund.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Wakley; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker; and three members to serve on the General Committee, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wakley and Miss L. E. Cload.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in May at Kingsteignton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SYSTON.**

The first meeting of the Syston District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at Syston on January 26th, and nearly 60 ringers and friends were present from Anstey, Cossington, Birstall, Billesdon, Hoby, Syston and Thurmaston.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. H. J. Poole, president of the Guild, and the following officers were appointed: Chairman, Mr. G. T. H. Walker (Syston); secretary, Mr. H. Humphreys (Syston); committee, Messrs. W. Swan (Sibley) and G. Geary (Billesdon). Hoby was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on March 2nd.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT GUILDFORD.**

The most interesting feature of the Guildford District annual meeting on Saturday, apart from the renewal of friendships of many old friends, was the production by the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) of a phonograph record of the wax cylindrical type recording the voice of Mr. G. Gunner and the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, in 1904. Apparently two records were made of a bob course of Stedman Triples, the first being a failure through one ringer missing the bob.

Not being the possessor of a phonograph, the secretary was unable to pass an opinion on the record. Offers to produce instruments of sufficient antiquity came from Cranleigh and other villages. The meeting decided to leave the matter in the secretary's hands, and he was instructed to have a disc record made from the cylinder for retention in the Guild's library if it was suitable for reproduction. Two of the ringers participating in 1904 were present at the meeting—Mr. A. H. Pulling, who as vice-president presided, and Mr. H. Hutton.

The meeting gave approval to a suggestion by Mr. G. L. Grover that a sum of money should be voted from the £31 in hand for the sanctus bell of the new Guildford Cathedral, which is to be provided as a memorial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The sum of £5 was suggested: this will need the approval of the Guild Executive Committee. Other districts were asked to consider making contributions, and it was agreed that an estimate of the cost of the bell be submitted to the Guild annual meeting.

The report of the secretary gave an increase of about 25 per cent. in membership. Sympathy was expressed at the death of two old ringers—Mrs. Whittington and Mr. G. Tomsett. A strong urge for weekly practices in all towers was made, Mr. Hazelden expressing the opinion that no ringing band could maintain its efficiency without a weekly practice.

The Ringing Master (Mr. C. Ernest Smith) reported that 30 peals had been rung for the Guild in the district during the year. The Chairman mentioned in particular a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Albury, in which the treble was rung by Mr. T. Ansell, who was over 70 years of age and rang his first peal.

Officers elected were: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ernest Smith; auditor, Mr. Leslie Hunter; executive committee, Mr. F. Bowden. Nominations for Guild officers were: Master, Mr. A. Harman; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. auditor, Mr. R. A. Hastead. An encouraging list of new members for election included five from Worplesdon, four from Godalming, two S. Nicolas', Guildford, one each from Shere and Clandon. From Shere there were also elected one life hon. member and three hon. members.

Meetings were suggested for Pirbright, Shere, Ewhurst, Haslemere and Dunsfold. The meeting was attended by 85 ringers, about 50 per cent. more than notified the secretary for tea. This disorganised the secretary's admirable catering arrangements. Evensong was sung at S. Nicolas' Church and ringing took place in both Guildford towers.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Thirty-eight ringers from 21 towers attended the annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild, held at East Grinstead on February 9th. Various methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Major. The service in church was conducted by the president, Dr. Golding-Bird, and the address was given by the Rev. N. G. Kelly.

After tea, provided by the president, the business meeting was held in the belfry. The report stated that two peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung at Tunbridge Wells and Maxfield, both conducted by T. E. Sone. Meetings were held at East Grinstead (attendance 26), Hartfield (twice, 15 and 22), Lamberhurst (34), Fairwarp (22), Withyham (28), Turners Hill (17), Tunbridge Wells (34), Cowden (13), Rotherfield (35), Colemans Hatch (11), and Mayfield (27). Two were joint with the Sussex County Association and one with the Kent County Association. There was a credit balance in the P.O. Savings Bank and in hand of £47 7s. 10d.

All the officers were re-elected and the following new members elected: Messrs. D. Vaughan (Withyman), M. Corby (Buxted), R. Rogers (Groombridge) and Mrs. B. Pankhurst (Leigh).

Two new rules were made: (1) That when the cost of tea at any meeting was more than 1s. 6d. per head, the excess of this amount shall be paid from the guild funds. (2) That the annual subscription be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d. In answer to enquiries, it was explained that the second was necessary to meet the expenses of representatives at Central Council meetings.

Meetings were arranged at Sneldhurst in March, with Chiddingstone as an alternative, and Balcombe in April.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR SAXBY.

Mr. A. Saxby, captain of the Margate band for upwards of 40 years, died on January 3rd at the age of 69. At the interment in Margate Cemetery a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon handbells.

He began ringing at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, about 1890, and had rung 15 peals of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30. Usual arrangements.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual, Hershaw (8) (not Walton), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Nominations for several officers.—F. E. Hawthorne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. and SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Sutton-on-Trent, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Maximum attendance essential. Tea 5 p.m.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Burnham, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at White Lion 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Codicote (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Service 4.30.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Quorn (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Cups of tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Myatt.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Practice, Northfleet, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6 to 8.30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, Saturday, March 2nd, 6 p.m. Tickets to fully-paid-up ringing members, 3s.; to other members and friends, 7s. 6d. Early application with remittance is necessary as number is strictly limited. St. Martin's (12), St. Philip's (10), and St. Chad's R.C. (8), from 3.30 to 5 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Broadclyst, March 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division. — Annual, Crawley (8), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. O. Sippetts, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District. — Cadoxton, near Neath (6), Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Numbers to E. Stith, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam., by Feb. 26th.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Annual, Ranmoor (10), Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield, by Feb. 27th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District. — Milton Ernest, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual, Spalding, Mar. 2nd. Service 3.15. Tea at British Restaurant 4. Business, Church Day School, 4.45. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh and Lavenham Joint. —Monks Leigh (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. Names to H. Whymark, The Hall Cottage, Church Hill, Monks Leigh, near Ipswich. —J. T. Corder.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Staverton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Names for tea to Mrs. E. S. Powell, Staverton Vicarage, Daventry.—Mrs. H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice, Easthampstead (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern District.—St. John's, Newcastle, Mar. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. Names by Feb. 27th to Miss Margaret Fidell, 6, Shaftesbury Avenue, Monkseaton, Northumberland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Romsey Abbey, Mar. 2nd, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Feb. 27th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge Branch.—Whittlesford (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Cheadle P.C. (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. R.C. bells after tea. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. —East Haddon (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Tea provided. —C. Green, Murcott, Long Buckby, Rugby.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Welton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Names for tea (1s. 6d. each) by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—K. W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Poolstock, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea in School (free). Names by Wednesday, Feb. 27th, to S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — East Carlton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Names for tea to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice at the Lytchetts, Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Ringing at Lytchett Matravers from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5. Ringing at Lytchett Minster from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Syston District.—Hoby, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Humphreys, Wyndale, Barkby Lane, Syston, by Feb. 27th.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Emberton, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 25th to R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Luke's, Brislington (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Croft (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Mar. 7th to W. A. Wood, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, Mar. 9th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 3 p.m. Business 5.45. Ringing 6.30 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. (HOU 3921.)

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Llandilo (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business to follow. Number for tea Mar. 2nd to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanely, Carm.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 o'clock, to all who notify by the 6th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

BIRTH.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 11th, to Freda Gertrude, wife of William Birmingham, of 6, Cranbourne Road, Slough, Bucks, a son (William).

FOR SALE.

SET of 13 Handbells in E flat; makers, Shaw, of Bradford. What offers?—C. Sharples, 19, Stonycroft Avenue, Blackpool S., Lancs.

WANTED.

WANTED.—Small set of Handbells by Church Youth Club.—Write, Rev. V. A. H. Rance, 6, Barker's Road, Sheffield 7.

SITUATION VACANT.

WORKING HOUSEKEEPER required; clean, good cook; if husband (and children), a ringer, or willing to learn (8 bells), work found. — Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD.

The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Leatherhead on February 9th, was attended by over 50 ringers from 17 different towers. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. Page, assisted by the Rev. A. Maby, of All Saints', Leatherhead, and the Rev. Noel George, who gave the address.

At the business meeting the Rev. F. Page was chairman. Mr. H. F. Pullen was elected an honorary member, and the Rev. J. Anido (Cobham), M. Skipp, J. Hill (Ewell), L. G. Leach (Dorking) and Alan Smith (Leatherhead) ringing members. Alan, aged nine, is the youngest member to date. The report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. A. Harman relinquished the office of District Ringing Master after serving since the formation of the district 18 years ago, and the thanks of the district were given him. Mr. A. J. Adams was elected in his stead. Meetings in 1946 are to be held at Newdigate, Leatherhead, Epsom and Dorking. The methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Royal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEETING AT MEASHAM.

Over fifty ringers attended the meeting of the Burton and District of the Midland Counties Guild, held at Measham on February 16th. They came from Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Lullington, Ashby, Overseal, Netherseale, Renton, Newhall, Ticknall, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Wolverhampton and the local company.

At the business meeting Mr. B. G. Key took the chair and seven new members and one life member were elected. Discussion took place as to the possibility of holding a missionary meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, but finally it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Newhall in March. The election of a representative for the Central Council was left over until next meeting when a ballot will be taken.

The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

QUARTER PEALS.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Tuesday, January 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples half-muffled: R. Dunn 1, A. Grove 2, Hazel Bloomer 3, A. Wyre 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. J. Shuck (conductor) 7, J. Grunths 8.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Thursday, January 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Clements 1, T. Groombridge, sen. 2, Staff-Sergt. Chandler 3, P. Bail 4, H. Pailing 5, R. Ward 6, J. A. Barratt (conductor) 7, W. Perkins 8.

WEEKLY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): J. Shatford 1, Miss M. J. Lawrence 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, A. F. Kirkman 4, G. W. Clarke (conductor) 5, H. Cooper 6. Half-muffled.

DITCHEAT.—On Tuesday, January 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Arthur White 1, Percy Hull 2, Miss Vera Look 3, Miss Beryl Look 4, Joseph T. Dyke 5, Herbert Lintern 6, Henry J. Sanger (conductor) 7, Albert Lintern 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On January 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. J. Hammond 1, Miss M. Fuller 2, Miss P. Fullbrook 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, A. Marshall 5, J. Bassett 6.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On February 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Whitlock 1, Archie Lathall 2, Edward Whitlock (conductor) 3, Thomas Walters 4, Jack Morris 5, Frank Watson 6.

LLANGIBBY, MON.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Heath 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. W. Jones 3, W. J. Powell 4, G. Large 5, Rev. I. Richards 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

STREATHAM COMMON.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Miller 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Weibourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Sparkes 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. John's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, R. Abbott 2, C. Parks 3, R. Davies 4, T. Bulgin 5, H. G. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, F. E. Collins 8.

READING.—On February 3rd, at St. Laurence's, 1,263 Stedman Caters. A. Diserens (conductor) 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, N. J. Diserens 3, Miss P. Hart 4, T. N. Lanaghan 5, A. Sweetzer 6, R. W. Rex 7, C. Pullen 8, E. Humphrey 9, E. G. Foster 10.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, E. Eade 2, F. Hart 3, F. Weller 4, J. Hart 5, A. Hart 6, J. A. Hart 7, W. Burrell 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Minor, 360 Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: A. L. Ford 1, M. Stephens 2, A. Waller 3, G. Hutchings 4, P. Inskip 5, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, half-muffled, 1,260 Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, M. Ginn 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. Nichols 5, J. Perkins 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Clarke 1, A. F. Cull 2, A. R. Burgess 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, A. White 5, D. C. Price 6, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 7, A. Lawrence 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Grant 1, Joy Davis 2, W. A. Swift 3, J. S. Weeks 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frank Mills 1, Charles Denyer (conductor) 2, Kenneth Williamson 3, William Denyer 4, Peter Wenham 5, Ray Clist 6, Will H. Viggers 7, George K. Williamson 8.

PONTEFRACCT.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Lenton 1, H. C. Walters (conductor) 2, B. Moody 3, H. Walker 4, W. Swallow 5, W. R. Tate 6, C. Brown 7, A. Heckingbottom 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stephenson 1, M. Chilcott 2, H. Ellis 3, C. Hunt 4, W. Paice 5, J. Chilcott (conductor) 6, H. Belcher 7, L. Heath 8.

LLANDUDNO.—On February 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Oliver 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, R. Fairlie 3, Miss K. Ruffell 4, J. Flood 5, Miss M. Jones 6, L. Barry (conductor) 7, H. Geeson 8.

EBBW VALE.—On February 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsop 1, B. D. Price 2, R. Alsop 3, G. Large 4, R. Stephens 5, T. Stephens 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, J. Jeynes 8.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On February 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Newton 1, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 2, H. Knights 3, F. Deacon 4, T. Pickering 5, C. R. Belton 6, T. K. Deacon 7, G. Needham 8.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On Wednesday, February 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Ashcroft 1, S. Flint 2, J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Lunham 4, W. Rimmer 5, R. Lurkey 6. Half-muffled for John Gardner, many years a ringer in the parish, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

PENARTH, GIAMORGAN.—On February 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. J. Hannington 2, F. J. Bailey 3, A. W. Heath 4, C. Glenn (conductor) 5, A. Rowley 6, E. Coombes 7, L. Herbert 8. Rung half-muffled.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Sunday, February 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, H. Franks 4, R. H. Begrie 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, E. Pratchett 8.

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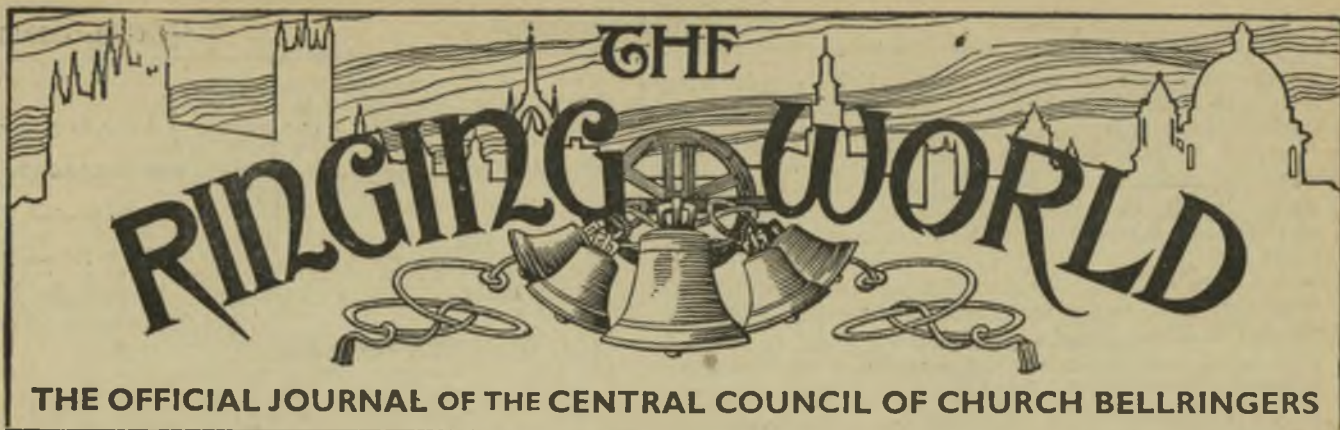
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MEMORIAL RINGING

For more than fifteen hundred years the sound of the church bell has been associated in the minds of the common people with the solemn hours of death and burial, and the customs and beliefs out of which the use arose went far behind the foundation of the Christian Church into the dark backward and abysm of time. Here is one of the principal causes of the deep influence bells have on the feelings and emotions of men and a reason why ringers should treat the subject of muffled and memorial ringing as one which needs careful consideration.

It is to be feared that to-day the sound of 'the solemn death bell' has far less effect on ordinary hearers than it once had, even in living memory. This is due, of course, to the changing conditions of city life and the decay of churchgoing. And it is very largely due to the widespread and almost universal cessation of the age-old traditional customs associated with knells and funeral bells. When old customs have lost their meaning and become no more than lifeless relics of a forgotten past, they serve no useful purpose and had better be dropped; yet those parsons who in their urge to be up to date have dropped so much the traditional customs and style of the Church of England services are responsible to a large extent for the loss of hold the Church to-day has on the general public.

Muffled ringing still remains a most effective way in which the Church's message can be brought directly to the notice of outsiders. It is distinctive and cannot be mistaken for anything but what it is. Necessarily it is comparatively rarely used, and so does not lose its effect by being too familiar. There is scarcely another branch of the ringer's art which calls for more skill than does muffled ringing, and none in which artistic taste and feeling are so much needed. Yet it is quite true to say that not only the average bands, but the more skilful hands hardly give a thought to the outside effect of their ringing, or how what they are doing may affect outside listeners. The fact that the clappers are muffled makes no difference whatever to the rate or the style of their ringing. Whether it is really advisable to ring a full five-thousand muffled is another point worth consideration.

Of late years there has been something of a tendency to ring memorial peals with the bells unmuffled. This is not really anything new, but is a return to the old

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usage which existed for centuries. Fully muffled ringing is no older than about two and a half centuries and half-muffled ringing is still more recent. Both were introduced by ringers specially for ringers, and the use was only gradually extended as memorials for other persons. It has, however, long become a recognised form and certainly it ought not to be abandoned without great cause.

The idea which lies behind ringing unmuffled bells as a memorial is a noble one. After the funeral of the late Charles T. Coles the thought was that a life of so much usefulness and one which in essentials was complete, called for more thankfulness than the death called for regret. That should be the real test. If a band has real grounds for thanking God for what one of their fellows has done—and feels it—then let them ring his memorial peal open. But not otherwise. Unmuffled memorial ringing must be kept for rare occasions, for it would be the easiest thing and a temptation to add a footnote to the record of a peal rung really for other reasons and meaning nothing much to those who took part in it. The normal usage for memorial peals should still be muffled ringing, not only because it is the traditional ringer's way of showing respect for a dead fellow ringer, and because it can be very beautiful, but because it is one of the most effective ways in which church bells can appeal to the deeper feelings and emotions of ordinary people.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... 10
JOHN S. MASON ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
HENRY H. FEARN ... 6	ALBERT DISERENS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 7
PERCIVAL HARDING ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 8
DAVID MACKAY ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 9
HARRY J. SANGER ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

SURFLEET, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	*JOHN WALDEN ... 6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
*JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 8
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GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BULLOCK ... Treble	*ROY BROWN ... 6
*RICHARD K. DIXON ... 2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 3	*FREDERICK SOUTER ... 8
*JOHN E. FOWLER ... 4	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 9
*WILLIAM PERRY ... 5	*CHARLES R. CHAMBERS Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. O. L. ROGERS ... Treble	†ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 7
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 8
*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 5	VERNON J. BENNING ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR HATCH ... Treble	JAMES GROUNDS ... 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 2	JAMES BARNES ... 6
JOHN JACKSON ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
FRED G. BRADLEY ... 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS I. HOLBOROW Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 5
F. JOHN DANIELL ... 2	HORACE D. TAYLOR ... 6
†MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 4	A. GEORGE WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD LARGE ... Treble	WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
*GEORGE LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
†FREDK. N. FLUCK ... 4	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.'

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	*ROBERT E. COLES ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4	ERNEST COOMBS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

* 25th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.
 JOHN E. ROOTES*Treble* | FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 5
 HENRY HODGETTS 2 | CECIL C. MAYNE 6
 STEPHEN H. HOARE 3 | CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 7
 ERIC B. HARTLEY 4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE...*Tenor*
 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 ALFRED H. PULLING ...*Treble* | NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
 WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT... 6
 WILLIAM M. STONE ... 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
 HAROLD A. MAY 4 | *GEORGE COLE*Tenor*
 Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal.
SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13½ cwt
 HAROLD A. NOBES ...*Treble* | ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5
 JOHN H. HUNT 2 | FREDERICK W. BURNETT 6
 ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... 7
 TOM PAGE 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD *Tenor*
 Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
 First peal in the method by all and by the Guild.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 C. HENRY HARDING ...*Treble* | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
 FRANK L. HARRIS 2 | FRANK W. LACK 6
 REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 3 | HERNERT FIELDS 7
 HARRY PARKER 4 | MANSFIELD GINN*Tenor*
 Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BARNET, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Consisting of 864 London, 960 Bristol, 1,632 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 107 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt.
 GEORGE M. KILBY*Treble* | THOMAS J. LOCK 5
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 ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3 | BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
 ERIC B. HARTLEY 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY*Tenor*
 Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 17½ cwt.
 PHILIP J. COWARD ...*Treble* | ERIC A. DENCH 5
 MRS. J. THOMAS 2 | JOHN THOMAS 6
 ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 3 | ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
 JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...*Tenor*
 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16½ cwt.
 DENIS R. MORRIS*Treble* | GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5
 CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2 | THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
 WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3 | *THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
 SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 | GEORGE AMBLER*Tenor*
 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
 * First peal in the method. First of London on the bells.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
 RALPH GILLARD*Treble* | WILLIAM C. SHUTE... .. 5
 JAMES E. FIGGURES 2 | WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 6
 LEONARD F. HARRIS ... 3 | ROBERT E. TURNER ... 7
 HENRY C. BOND 4 | EDWARD G. DOEL*Tenor*
 Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
 First peal of Triples as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt.
 HAROLD MARCON*Treble* | KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
 *JACK F. HODSON 2 | JOHN FREEMAN 6
 JOHN A. FREEMAN 3 | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
 *SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... *Tenor*
 Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
 * First peal of Major.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10 cwt.
 MISS E. M. SUART ...*Treble* | THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 5
 WILFRED CORE 2 | THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
 JOHN LUNHAM 3 | ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 7
 JAMES TAYLOR 4 | JOSEPH RIDYARD*Tenor*
 Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 ERNEST STITCH*Treble* | FRANK J. BAILEY 5
 JOHN W. JONES 2 | ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
 FRED HANNINGTON ... 3 | ERNEST COOMES 7
 CLEMENT GLENN 4 | ALFRED W. HEATH*Tenor*
 Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10½ cwt.
 WILLIAM BARTON ...*Treble* | *JOHN MCGLENN 5
 WILLIAM DIXON 2 | *GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
 *PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3 | WILLIAM AMBLER 7
 *ARTHUR C. WALSH ... 4 | JOHN AMBLER*Tenor*
 Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
 * First peal of Treble Bob.



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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... 4
*DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 2	*HERBERT GATES ... 5
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First of London Minor.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten Callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... Treble	*DOUGLAS FEAR ... 4
*WILLIAM WARREN ... 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	*FREDK. COPHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten Callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD NEWTON ... Treble	*LAURIE HITCHINS ... 4
*FRED SLATFORD ... 2	*PERCIVAL HARDING ... 5
*DONALD LEE ... 3	*ROY HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERIC W. ROSS ... Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 5
†RONALD FOWKES ... 3	*F. WM. MIDWINTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob
and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. L. SLACK ... Treble	Mrs. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
A. POTTS ... 2	S. NORLE ... 5
J. W. WHITTAKER ... 3	C. K. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of Double Court and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble
Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT READ ... Treble	WILLIAM CATCHPOLE ... 4
ERIC DURRANT ... 2	WALTER MEDLER ... 5
OLIVE LOW ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge and one each of Beverley, Oxford,
Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY JONES ... Treble	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 4
WALTER LEE ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CAMPANA, BUSHFORD ROAD.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Childwall, Wavertree, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent
Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College and Plain Bob.

*FRANK LORD ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY ... 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First seven method peal 'in hand.'

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wed., Feb. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. THOMAS ... 1-2	ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	ERIC A. DENCH ... 7-8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

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CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

SURFLEET, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Mrs. B. WAYMAN ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 19, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT 9, PARKFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... 1-2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3-4
IVAN B. GARDINER ... 5	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wed., Feb. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 1-2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 9-10
Mrs. J. THOMAS ... 5-6	ERIC A. DENCH ... 11-12

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 1-2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 9-10
Mrs. J. THOMAS ... 5-6	ERIC A. DENCH ... 11-12

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 35, RIVERSIDE ROAD, TRENT VALE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 1-2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 3-4
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

First handbell peal by all.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

- February 24th, 1911. At Chester, the first peal of St. Clement's Bob Trip'es.
- February 25th, 1777. At St. Margaret's, Leicester, 10,080 Grandsire Caters.
- 1889. At Rowley Regis, 10,272 Grandsire Major, conducted by John Carter.
- February 26th, 1726. At St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the College Youths, the first peal of Maximus, Plain Bob, conducted by Benjamin Annable.
- 1777. At St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, 10,080 Bob Major.
- 1776. At St. Saviour's, Southwark, by the Cumberland Youths, the first and only peal of Real Double Grandsire Cinques.
- February 27th, 1829. John Briant, bellfounder and clockmaker, of Hertford, died.
- February 28th, 1801. At Christ Church, Spitalfields, Double Norwich Court Bob Royal by a mixed band.
- 1809. Henry Johnson born.
- 1838. Edwin Horrex born.
- 1881. At St. Martin's, Birmingham, 9,238 Stedman Cinques.
- March 1st, 1734. At Painswick, 8,064 Grandsire Caters.
- 1735. At Painswick, 10,080 Grandsire Caters.
- 1889. At Warnham, Sussex, 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

The meetings of the Eastern, Aylesbeare Deanery and Tiverton district branches of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers recently held at Feniton, Littleham and Tiverton have been marked by numerous recruits. This is all to the good and the provision of instruction will have to be tackled on systematic lines. The Eastern Branch has had a special instruction meeting at Awliscombe, and development of this procedure would be helpful. Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president) and other leading members have attended meetings, and the assistance afforded has been much appreciated. Stress has been laid by the president on the necessity of good striking, not only from the general public point of view, but to create a favourable impression among round and call change ringers of the merits of 'scientific' methods.

At the annual meeting at Tiverton the following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. J. M. Turner; hon. secretary, Mr. C. G. Dymond; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Selley; representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. Selley, Upton and Vaughan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BLOFIELD.

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Blofield on February 16th and was attended by 38 members from Beccles, Blofield, Caistor-on-Sea, Fornsett, Gorleston, Gillingham, Haddiscoe, Kingston-on-Thames, Mulbarton, Norton, Northrepps, Norwich, Paston, Reedham, Ranworth, Wymondham and Great Yarmouth. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. Heard, president of the association. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. W. J. Lee, chairman, presided, supported by the Rev. F. Heard, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurrow, general secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. H. Tooke, the Rev. E. W. Blyth and Mr. Nolan Golden, Ringing Master.

Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected chairman, Mr. J. G. W. Harwood was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. H. Aldred, A. Crowe, G. Bussy, G. Walpole and E. A. Goate were appointed as committee, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. G. Walpole as representatives on the Standing Committee. Mention was made of the death of Mr. C. T. Coles. Six new members were elected, and Somerleyton was selected as the place of the next meeting.

THE BELLS OF FULNEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your article about Makers of London Bells, you state that Thomas C. Lewis cast the back six at Fulney. Surely he cast the whole eight, as they are a maiden peal with the following inscription: 1 'Richard Guy Ash our Vicar.' 2 'Canon Moore our Rura. Dean.' 3 'Toper our Bishop.' 4 'Charlotte Clarinton our Benefactor.' 5 'St. Paul our Patron Saint.' 6 'The Holy Ghost our Sanctifier.' 7 'Jesus Christ our Redeemer.' 8 'God our Father.'

The weight of the tenor is 16 cwt. The foundation stone of the church was laid in October, 1877, and the church was dedicated on October 27th, 1890. I am glad the bells were first hung by a local blacksmith, which proved unsatisfactory, and they were rehung in an iron frame by a bellfounder. The last time they were rung was on Victory Day by the Spalding ringers. The 'go' is moderate.

Some years ago the wire on the windows in the spire gave way and let in the rooks, who brought in many sticks, etc., which fell among the bells. The persons in charge put up a framework of wood and stretched wire netting across above the bells. Since then the sticks have accumulated. In 1945 the weathervane fell owing to rust and the steenleacks reported a damaged spire, which is to be repaired. The sticks have already been removed and were no less than 10ft thick.

ARTHUR J. FARR.

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not to the Editor.

We learn with regret that Mr. R. T. Hibbert's health is poor.
Mr. George Cole, who rang his first peal on February 23rd at Old
Woking, has been a ringer at the church for 50 years. He is 71
years o.d.

A handbell peal in which one of the bells is rung single-handed is
unusual, but in the case of the Doubles at Marple there was a good
reason for it. Mr. Ivan B. Gardner, who rang the fifth, is at present
unable to use his right arm owing to wounds sustained in action in
Burma not quite a year ago, but he wished to ring a peal with his
brother, who was on short leave from China (where he has been
since 1942), before he returned. The performance, of course, is quite
in order.

BROADCAST BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been waiting for some time to see someone get
as fed up with the ignorance of the B.B.C. as I was some 12 years
ago, and welcomed the letter from Mr. Paul Birkett in this week's
'Ringing World.' While his complaint is slightly different to mine
(I attacked the use of ringing as a background to announcements),
I think a few minutes' chat with Mr. Birkett would show us to be
of the same mind.

Actually Bradford had a better deal than many of the previous
broadcasters. We were allowed to hear them, and I, for one, would
like to congratulate the band on putting over some rounds which
were far superior to some of the changes which have been no adver-
tisement to the Exercise. If my memory does not fail me, this
matter was referred to the Central Council about 12 years ago, and I
would like to ask what was the result? Judging by recent broadcasts
the whole matter has been forgotten, and the B.B.C. treat ringers
with the contempt they have earned by allowing their efforts to be
used as background for a talker.

My suggestion is that all associations should, between now and
Whitsun, let their C.C. representatives know what they feel on the
matter, and in the meantime I, for one, shall not attempt a broad-
cast without a radio set in the belfry, and at the first sign of any
monkey business the bells will automatically fade out.

I would also like to comment on the last paragraph of Mr. G.
Robinson's letter on finance. He mentions 'accumulating funds for
no useful purpose.' I don't know who he means this for, but I do
know of associations with a good bank balance who are doing a good
job in helping restorations, belfry repair, etc., following this up
where necessary with expert instruction, and not overlooking the aged
and infirm members with their benevolent fund, and I can see the
time ahead when this will be more than a 'useful purpose'—it will
be a necessity.

Nottingham.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that the committee of the Midland
Counties Association have protested against one of the new guilds
calling themselves The Midland Counties Guild. As they said, it
might prove confusing and it does not seem right that one section of
the old association should take to itself what is practically the old
title, especially as they cover only a part of one county and not the
Midland Counties.

M.C.A.

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Once again the question arises, 'Which are the best, ball bearings or plain?' in the letter signed by 'Visitor.' In my opinion, this matter depends largely on a number of conditions and the difficulty in expressing an opinion is to know which condition to tackle first. However, I will first consider the question from a purely mechanical aspect and leave personal likes and dislikes till later.

There is no doubt that ball bearings require considerably less attention to keep going than the plain type, and in years to come replacements of worn parts can be done very quickly and at a low cost. Then again the cost of a bell restoration counts a lot with the person concerned in finding the money. The difference in cost of supplying ball bearings or plain should be negligible, but the cost of fixing, that is if the plain bearings are fixed properly, is totally another matter. Plain bearings require a great deal more time and skill spent over fixing them than ball bearings do, and the cost of skilled labour must figure largely in a bellfounder's account. Therefore, hanging bells on ball bearings should be a less expensive job. These are, I think, two points in favour of ball bearings.

Now for the other side of the question. The point so often stressed that ball bearings remedy all the defects of rickety frames, weak headstocks, eccentric gudgeons and swaying towers is definitely 'hokey.' Take the first two items. Ball bearings will certainly pull a weak frame and fittings to bits sooner than plain bearings (perhaps a good thing, as it gets rid of the old junk quicker) by reason of certain strains that the ball bearings set up. Now I know that someone will, by proving that $X=A-Y$ and throw in a few square roots and logarithms, endeavour to prove that I am wrong, but my reply to that is leave the figures alone and go to the tower with the necessary instruments and test for yourself. Now the matter of faulty gudgeons. Why set up one friction in order to reduce another? Make sure that your gudgeons are true and that does away with the need for self-alignment in your bearings. Now the fourth item, the swaying tower. Here, in my opinion, ball bearings show up at their worst. The modern ball race is super-sensitive and greatly magnifies every pull or push given to the bell by an oscillating tower. There are certain places where the ringer has to 'ring the tower as well as the bells.' In these towers it is as well to leave ball bearings decidedly out of it, especially on bells, say, upwards of a half-ton.

Now from a real ringer's point of view. Bells hung on plain bearings can be made to 'go' just as well as those hung in ball bearings and with a 'sweeter' motion, but do they go as well in the fourth hour as they do in the first? Unless they have some means of continuous lubrication they do not. The usual method of lubricating plain bearings as used on bells is far too primitive. Fit a device to mechanically lubricate the bearings that does not lubricate the floor of the belfry as well (that rules out the quart bottle of oil suspended bottom up over the bearing), and you have an ideal job, but remember it all adds to the cost.

So much for the mechanical point of view. Now the personal feelings. I much prefer to ring a peal on 12 bells, say, 40 cwt. tenor, that are well hung on well-lubricated plain bearings, and my reason is that the front end bells are easier to balance and the back end ones much easier to move about; and in passing that remark I am quoting many who are far more expert at the art of bellringing than I am.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

Croydon.

Dear Sir,—Our bells were put in, in 1895, by Taylors, and according to the ringers who have rung peals and regular service ringers and branch meetings, are as good as ever. I have looked after them and it has always been a pleasure and pride to hear how well they go. Our branch ringers vote for plain bearings.

'H. B.'

WINSTANLEY RICHARDSON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The various historical articles which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' from time to time have always been most interesting to me. I think it was in one of Mr. Trollope's excellent articles that we were told that Winstanley Richardson, one of the famous ringers of the late 18th century, was by trade an optician. Amongst his performances were 11,000 Treble Bob Royal at Soreditch in 1777, and 7,008 Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark in 1784. Osborne gives him in a list of ringers who died about 1830.

It seems, therefore, just possible that there may be some connection between Winstanley Richardson and an optician named John Richardson, whose address is given as St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, and who in 1797 obtained a patent for an 'improved machine to be applied to glasses and pebbles of every description for the use of sight in general.'

Richardson's device consisted of supplementary lenses attached to distance spectacles by means of a hinge, to adapt them for reading. He wrote 'The great utility of my invention is that it precludes the necessity of two pairs of glasses.' Similar spectacles are available to-day.

It would be interesting to know if Mr. Trollope or Mr. Ernest Morris can throw further light on the private life of Winstanley Richardson.

R. OVERY, Capt., R.E.M.F.

120a, South Road, Haywards Heath.

CATERS WITHOUT A COVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some months ago I called your attention to a peal of Minor rung on the largest seven bells of a ring of eight with the tenor as a covering bell, and I am pleased that the association in question has decided that no more peals like that will be recognised. This week I notice a much worse case. A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Basingstoke on nine bells without a covering bell. This is definitely against the rule of the Central Council, which says that 'on nine and eleven bells there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval in each case with the addition of a covering bell.'

What is going to be done about it? If the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild keeps its promise to the Central Council they will refuse to recognise the peal. I wonder whether the band, which included some well-known ringers, did it on purpose to make a sensation.

'SENEX.'

[There are in the tower at Basingstoke nine bells hung for ringing. They consist of an octave tuned to the ordinary major scale and an extra bell a whole tone above the treble. The idea was to have a ring of eight for ordinary purposes and a minor eight for use in Lent. Whether all the nine should be rung together is another question.—The Editor.]

Dear Sir,—I have been wondering why a peal on nine bells has been rung at Basingstoke.

While I do not wish to condemn such a peal (for the Central Council merely deprecates such a practice), I have a strong suspicion that my friend Charlie Kippin rang this peal in order to enjoy a mild controversy.

When one considers the musical properties of Grandsire Caters as rung on the back nine of an orthodox ring of ten with the home-at-hand reminiscent of Royal with all the big bells reversed, one wishes Charlie his full enjoyment of the expected controversy, and hopes that it will be sufficient to compensate him for what I should take to be a most unmelodious afternoon's work.

RICHARD A. POST.

54, Lye Valley, Headington, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—A few months ago complaints, in which I joined, were made against a tendency to use a large number of 'covering' bells. Following such disapproval, it was to be expected that most bands would be thenceforward rather sensitive on that subject; and such would appear to be the case, for the peal columns have not in the interval recorded any repetitions of the practice.

However, the band that rang at Basingstoke on February 16th appears to be ultra-sensitive on the subject and determined not to give anybody a peal without his having to earn it. Hence we have Grandsire Caters with no covering bell whatsoever!

I fear, sir, that you will have to make it plain that you do not object at all to one 'covering' bell, and in that I will offer you my humble support.

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Fatfield, Co. Durham.

RINGING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Capt. W. H. J. Hooton has received the following letter from Mr. E. W. Izard, of Victoria, British Columbia:—

Dear Sir,—I have received to-day some publications on bellringing which Mr. Weatherby has kindly asked you to forward to us. These will be very useful to us and of great help.

Now that the war is over, we are endeavouring to get together a band of rather younger ringers, whom we hope to be able to train in some of the methods that you have so kindly sent us.

We have been very fortunate here in being able to carry out ringing throughout the war, but most of our ringers are old and, as you know, it isn't easy to teach them new methods. Now that our younger ones are returning from the Forces, there is a much better opportunity for advancing in the art of change ringing.

During the visit here of Petty Officer E. F. Salmon, who is a very good conductor, we were able to ring our first peal on October 3rd, 1945. Other old country ringers who have been in the Navy visiting Victoria have had an opportunity to ring with us and, I think, have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the ringing of Christ Church Cathedral bells.

These bells are in the scale of D flat and are of the same weight as those in the Abbey and are some of the best ringing bells in the Empire.—E. W. Izard

ACCIDENT IN A BELL CHAMBER.

Mr. Drury, Exeter's diocesan architect, while carrying out an inspection recently in Buckerell tower, fell among the bells when they were in motion. Five of his ribs and a jaw were fractured and his head was gashed. He retained consciousness, but although the bells were stopped immediately, he was unable to extricate himself as the second was resting on his back. Mr. F. Parr, captain of the ringers, and Miss Parr, his daughter, went to the rescue, and between them they got him out of the bell chamber and downstairs. He has been in hospital and is now steadily recovering.

Three of the Buckerell bells are beautiful castings and believed to be the work of Robert Norton, a 15th century Exeter founder.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.HIST.S., F.R.G.S.

(Continued from page 65.)

For the week-day services seldom more than one bell was rung, and in small parishes often tolled by the parson himself. Moreover, such uses are obviously modern. It is worth noticing, however, that at Pitsea, Essex, the day of the month was tolled after chiming for service; and at Shenley, Bucks, the same after Matins. At Cudworth, Warwicks, thirty-three strokes were rung before the daily service, with reference to the years of Our Lord's earthly life.

At Westminster Abbey the use was the same as on Sundays, except for the omission of the sermon bell: for the 7.45 a.m. Litany the small bell in the south transept was rung at 7.30. At Derby formerly there was ringing every day for week-day services, and this ringing was kept up on Thursdays at St. Alkmund's Church, although there was no service. An ancient week-day rite was the 'Morrow Mass' bell at Newbury, Bucks, at 3 p.m. on Saturdays, to announce an early Mass on Sunday mornings, and perhaps also to invite to Confession before the same. A 'Morrow Mass bell' was formerly rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, and elsewhere.

Although bells were doubtless rung formerly on the Feast of the Epiphany, and on Candlemas day, the custom has practically died out. At Swineshead, Lincs, it was carried out perhaps later than elsewhere; although the custom is now discontinued, the bells at Loughborough, Leics, were rung in the 17th century on the Feast of the Purification, as is testified in churchwardens' accounts there.

The ringing of bells has always been restrained during Lent, the special time for meditation, penitence and prayer. To such thoughts human nature turns with only too obvious a reluctance, and the outward manifestation of this is seen in the Continental carnival of Shrove Tuesday, the round of revelry and folly with which the world says farewell to pleasure before plunging into the forty days of penance. The Church calls the faithful to a far different method of preparation for Lent. With her Shrove Tuesday is a day for contrition and confession, and its English name still bears witness to the fact. With us, however, although the Carnival—in the Continental sense — was probably unknown, feasting and frivolity bore equally strong evidence to our forefathers' regret at the privations enjoined in Lent; and many to-day carefully observe the feast who are heedless of the following fast. Thus it has come to pass that in so many parishes the 'Pancake Bell' still rings on Shrove Tuesday. In its origin it was a summons to the parishioners to come to Confession as a preparation for the solemnity of the coming season, but as the practice dropped out of the experience of English people, the sound of the bell has come to be associated with the preparation of the traditional delicacy of that day. Thus the season was originally called Shrove-tide, and the Tuesday in it Shrove, Shrive or Confession Tuesday—shrive being the old Saxon word for confession. The confession was made openly in the church, where the priest sat in an open chair or stall, and awarded such penance to his people as he thought good for them, or gave them absolution. In order that all might be reminded of this duty, and be informed when the priest was ready to re-

ceive them, a bell was rung calling them to church. This was the origin of the ringing of a bell on Shrove Tuesday.

But another custom was followed in those, and in more recent times, when Lent was more strictly observed than now, as a time of abstinence from flesh meat.

On Shrove Tuesday we are told, the housewives, in order to use up all the grease, lard, dripping, etc., made pancakes, and the apprentices and others about the house were summoned to the meal by a bell, which naturally was called the 'Pancake Bell.' Shakespeare in 'All's well that ends well' (Act ii., Sc. 2) speaks of a pancake as being fit for Shrove Tuesday; a Morris for May Day. Taylor, the Water Poet, gives a curious account of the day:—

'Shrove Tuesday, at whose entrance in the morning all the kingdom is in quiet, but by the time the clock strikes eleven, which (by the help of a knavish sexton) is commonly before nine, there is a bell rung called pancake-bell, the sound whereof makes thousands of people distracted, and forgetful of either manners of humanity. Then there is a thing called wheaten flour, which the cooks do mingle with water, eggs, spice, and other tragical, magical enchantments; and then they put it little by little into a frying pan of boiling suet; there it makes a confused dismal hissing (like the Lernian snakes in the reeds of Acheron), until at last, by the skill of the cook, it is transformed into the form of a flip-jack, called a pancake, which ominous incantation the ignorant people do devour very greedily.' [1630.]

Poor Robin, too, in his Almanack for 1684, refers to the custom:—

'But hark I hear the pancake bell,
And fritters make a gallant smell.'

In a curious tract entitled 'A vindication of the Letter out of the North, concerning Bishop Lake's Declaration of his dying in the belief of the Doctrine of Passive Obedience, 1690,' is this passage:—

'They have for a long time at York had a custom (which now challenges the privilege of a prescription) that all the apprentices, journeymen, and other servants of the town, had the liberty to go into the Cathedral, and ring the Pancake bell (as we call it in the country) on Shrove Tuesday, that being a time that a great many came out of the country to see the city (if not their friends) and church: to oblige the ordinary people, the Minster used to be left open that day to let them go up and see the Lanthorn and Bells, which were sure to be pretty well exercised, and was thought a more innocent divertisement than being at the ale-house. But Dr. Lake, when he came to reside there, was very much scandalized at this custom, and was resolved he would break it at first dash, although all of his brethren of the clergy did dissuade him from it. He was resolved to make the experiment, for which he had like to pay very dear, for I'll assure you it was very near costing him his life. However, he did make such a combustion and mutiny that, I dare say, York never remembered nor saw the like, as many yet living can testify.'

The ringing of the Pancake bell is now gradually being discontinued. Notwithstanding this decay of the old custom, it is still heard—if only in solitary places—almost all over England. John Brand, in 'Popular Antiquities,' speaks of it thus (relating to Newcastle-on-Tyne):—

'The great bell of S. Nicholas's Cathedral is tolled at 12 o'clock at noon on this day: Shops are immediately shut up, offices closed, and all kinds of business ceases: a little carnival ensuing for the rest part of the day. At Hoddesden, Hertfordshire, the old curfew-bell, which was anciently used in that town for extinguishing and relighting all "fire and candle light" still exists, and has been from time immemorial rung regularly on the morning of Shrove Tuesday at four o'clock, after which hour the inhabitants were at liberty to make and eat pancakes, until the bell rings at eight o'clock at night. This custom is observed so closely, that after that hour not a pancake remains in the town.'

Macauley, in his 'History and Antiquities of Claybrook, Leicestershire, 1791,' says: 'On Shrove Tuesday a bell rings at noon, which is meant as a signal for the people to begin frying their pancakes.' It is heard at Fishlake, Yorks; at Wem and St. Marv Shrewsbury, in Shropshire; at Kimbolton, Hunts; St. Mary, Whittlesey, in the Isle of Ely; at Ashwell, Baldock and Hitchin, Herts; St. Peter, Belgrave, Leicester, and many other places. Eleven o'clock is still the usual hour, though it is at noon in many places.

At Blakesley and Oundle, Northants, and Market Rasen, Lincs, and at Wolverhampton, two bells which are supposed to say 'Pan on,' are rung instead of one. At Daventry it is called the 'Pan-burn' bell, at All Saints, Maidstone, the 'Fritter bell.' At Belgrave (already referred to) and at Navenby and Wellingore, Lincs, it was formerly rung by the oldest apprentice in the parish. At Hedon all the apprentices in the town whose indentures terminate before the return of Shrove Tuesday assemble in the belfry at eleven o'clock, and in turn toll the tenor bell for an hour. At the close of the ringing of the bell at Belgrave, a peal on all the bells used to be rung, after which the rule is that they shall not be again rung (only chimed) until Easter day, so avoiding all ringing during Lent. As before shown, the sound of this bell was a signal for many forms of revelry as well as feasting. Schoolchildren and apprentices usually had a holiday for the rest of the day. Have I not myself sung with the rest:—

'Pancake day, pancake day,
If you don't give us holiday
We'll all run away'

Football was played in an unscientific manner at Derby, and in many other towns. The cruel amusement of cock-fighting and cock-throwing, and many other pastimes were commonly indulged in; and in not a few places the belfries were practically thrown open to the public, who clashed and clanged the bells at their pleasure. The old custom of playing football on this day survived at Dorking, Surrey, where the populace played it in the streets. At Wigan, Lancs, the bell is rung at half-past eleven o'clock, when the apprentices leave their work on the plea of making their pancakes. In South Lincs and elsewhere the youngsters began battledore and shuttlecock, and whipping top on this day. At Stamford they sounded the Pancake bell in an unusual manner. At All Saints' the custom was to raise and fall separately the 5th, 4th, 3rd or other three bells, commencing at eleven o'clock. At St. George's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Stamford Baron, each bell was raised

and lowered one after another. At Laceby, Lincs, the priests'-bell is used—an unusual practice.

The writer has rung the old 8th bell at St. Margaret's, Leicester, for this purpose, and it was usual to raise it and fall it several times, but never to reach the 'set-up' position, Miss Baker (Northants, 'Words and Phrases') quotes some jingling rhymes which include the custom:—

'Pancakes and fritters
Say the bells of St. Peter's:
Where must we fry 'em
Say the bells of Cold Higham:
In yonder land thurrow (furrow)
Say the bells of Wellingborough.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD MEETING AT SALISBURY.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Salisbury on February 9th and was attended by ringers from the city towers of SS. Thomas', Paul's, Edmund's and Martin's, and Wishford, Britford, South Newton, Dinton, Downton, Hindon, Berwick St. John, Amesbury, Wilton, Breamore, Kington Magna, Ferndown, Devizes and Cirencester. The ringing before and after the meeting in the city towers consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Pain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples and rounds.

The Rev. F. Jewellyn Edwards presided at the business meeting. He referred to the death of Mr. F. W. Romaine and his 22 years' service for the Guild.

Mr. G. Norton, the vice-chairman, who had been deputising since Mr. Romaine's death, reported that the branch had a credit balance of £16 10s. Nineteen new members were elected, including five young ladies.

The following officers were elected: Mr. J. Sutton (Wishford), chairman in place of Mr. E. Caple, who had resigned during the year; Mr. J. E. Figgures (Salisbury), vice-chairman; and Mr. W. A. Theobald (Salisbury), hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. W. Roberts and L. Harris were re-elected Ringing Masters, with the addition of Mr. W. A. Theobald as a third, and the committee, the Rev. J. Davis and Messrs. F. Wright, B. Jewell, H. A. Roles and W. Roberts.

It was decided to recommend Mr. S. Macey, who has been a ringer for 59 years, to the annual Guild meeting as an honorary life member.

Mention was made of the recent augmenting of the Amesbury bells, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting there and others at Semler, Berwick St. John and Martin, and hold monthly practice meetings in future.

Grants were made from Guild funds to Sarum St. Paul and Downton, which are shortly to be augmented to peals of eight.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. ANNUAL LUNCHEON.

At the annual luncheon of the Oxford University Society, held on February 9th, over sixty persons were present, including past and present members and visitors representative of the Oxford Society, of the clergy and of the Universities of London, Cambridge, Bristol, Liverpool and Reading. After ringing at All Saints', service was at St. Mary the Virgin, the address being given by Canon Moreton, of Hereford. The luncheon was in St. Adate's Rectory Room and was followed by courses of Stedman Triples and Cinques and Cambridge Major on handbells, the Stedman Triples being rung by members who had begun handbell ringing last October. Toasts were drunk to the Visitors, the Society, the Ladies, the Oxford Society, and Kindred Societies. The Master, replying to the toast to the Society, mentioned the first peal for the society rung entirely by ladies.

During the afternoon ringing took place at the Cathedral and at Magdalen College. Several of the guests were able to stay until the following day, and three peals were scored—two handbell peals, one of Stedman Cinques, and a tower-bell peal of Double Norwich at Dorchester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. MEETING AT HEADINGLEY.

At a meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on February 23rd, members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Kildwick, Rothwell and Woodesford. Three new members, Messrs. F. W. Goodelow, H. Roe and W. Whitaker, were elected. Mr. P. J. Johnson, replying to a vote of thanks, asked all present to set themselves a high standard in striking, as although the work of ringers is generally unseen, it is never unheard and often the ringing on Sundays, practices and meetings leaves much to be desired and does not impress the public.

The next meeting will be at Armley on April 30th.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, Saturday, March 2nd, 6 p.m. St. Martin's (12), St. Philip's (10) and St. Chad's R.C. (8), from 3.30 to 5 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Broadclyst, March 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Annual, Crawley (8), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual, Spalding, Mar. 2nd. Service 3.15. Tea at British Restaurant 4. Business, Church Day School, 4.45.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh and Lavenham Joint.—Monks Eleigh (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern District.—St. John's, Newcastle, Mar. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge Branch.—Whittlesford (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Welton (6), Saturday, Mar. 2nd.—K. W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice at the Lytchetts, Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Ringing at Lytchett Matravers from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5. Ringing at Lytchett Minster from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Hoby, Saturday, Mar. 2nd, 3 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Mar. 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Colne, Mar. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Cup of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Westonsuper-Mare, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., Brown's. Names for tea by Mar. 6th.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

SALISBURY GUILD (North Dorset Branch) and BATH AND WELLS GUILD (Carey Branch).—Stalbridge, Mar. 9th.—Wm. Uphill.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Northchurch, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea.—W. Avre.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Brockenhurst, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Lyndhurst bells in evening. Names for tea by Mar. 7th.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Southill (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Moor-side, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. I. Kay, 30, Grafton Street, Moor-side, Oldham, by Mar. 6th.

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—East Claydon, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY ASSN. (Ely District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Whittlesey, St. Andrew's (8), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's bells (8) after tea.—R. H. Bullen and W. H. Waldron.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Denver (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Bolsover (8), Mar. 9th. Names to Mr. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield, by Mar. 6th.—Sam Scattergood.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Sherburn (8), Saturday, Mar. 9th. Tea 1s. 6d. Names to Miss D. M. Hawley, East View, Sherburn, by Mar. 6th.—T. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—St. Helens Parish Church (10), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided. Notify Mr. A. Wallace, 6, Brookside Avenue, Eccleston, St. Helens.—G. R. Newton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District.—Holy Trinity, Kendal (10), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. Names to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, by Mar. 6th.—N. M. Newby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Mildenhall (8), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Business 4.30 p.m. to elect district secretary. Teas at nearby cafe.—A. Gillings, Horringer.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon 5 p.m. Notify Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, by Mar. 6th.—C. A. Bassett.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Mar. 7th to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway Croft, near Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, Mar. 9th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 3 p.m. Business 5.45. Further ringing 6.30 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. (HOU 3921.)

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Llandilo (6), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business to follow.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 o'clock, to all who notify by the 6th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Annual, Pulborough (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Rectory. Names for tea to L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

OXFORD GUILD.—Annual General Committee, Saturday, Mar. 16th, at Girls' Central Club, Chain Street, Reading, 3 p.m. Advise me if coming. — W. Hibbert, Asst. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham, St. Mary's, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. (St. Peter's not available). No tea. Numerous cafes nearby. Meeting in the tower at 5.30. Important business. — T. Groombridge, jun.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN. — Broseley (6), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Mar. 11th to Mr. A. J. Garbett, 10, Fox Lane, Broseley, Shropshire. Midland 'Red' buses from Wellington, Service No. 903.—E. D. Poole.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual, Diss (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at The Coffee Tavern 5 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 13th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnsley District.—Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. For teas notify Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyal, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, by Mar. 13th.—D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Hornchurch, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names to Mr. J. Cornford, 2, Eversleigh Gardens, Upminster, Essex, by Mar. 11th.—G. W. Steere.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN. — Northern. — Lya, Saturday, Mar. 16th. (Wordsley not available.) Usual arrangements. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Rolvenden, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Blackman, 1, Church Cottages, Rolvenden, by Mar. 13th.—P. Page.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District. — Campsall (8), Saturday, Mar. 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5. Names to Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Mar. 20th.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The address of Mr. Frank Varty is now 12, Prospect Vale, Wallasey, Cheshire.

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FYNSHAM, OXFORD.—On February 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Joan Winterbourne 1, J. Gardiner 2, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 3, T. Bond 4, C. Bennett 5, H. Caves 6.

ROTHERHAM.—On February 19th, at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, David Adams 2, Lionel Parkin 3, Arthur Stamp 4, T. Colin Ryder 5, Arthur Firth (conductor) 6.

QUARTER PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.—On February 5th, at 74, Dornock Avenue, on handbells, 1,264 Bob Major: R. A. Ward 1-2, F. A. Sa'ler 3-4, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 5-6, T. Groombridge, sen. 7-8.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On February 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Morgan 1, F. Harvey 2, P. Hull 3, F. Bird 4, F. Griffen 5, C. Dinham 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On February 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jordan 1, G. Latham 2, F. Cole 3, T. C. Witts (conductor) 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. J. Thain 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, February 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Tabraham 1, W. Henley 2, A. Birch 3, H. Wingrove 4, H. Eden 5, D. Pearce 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, E. Briden 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lawrence 1, Mrs. Hiscock 2, E. J. Turner 3, J. Lancaster 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, E. W. Butler 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, E. W. Ryder 8.

BLAKENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, February 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Chilton 1, S. Griffiths 2, A. D. Collins 3, T. Reynolds (conductor) 4, T. G. Martin 5, R. Lunn 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Sunday, February 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Lorna Briggs 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, W. E. Clarke 4, F. Leggott 5, H. Harper 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, B. Jackson 8.

DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, February 10th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Mary Elkins 1, Richard Benson 2, William Robinson 3, Alfred Frost 4, Burley Wa'shaw 5, Frederick E. Murgatroyd 6, Albert Ford (conductor) 7, John Crawshaw 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On February 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Holborough 1, F. Soden 2, B. S. Nichols 3, F. W. Soden 4, J. W. Dixon 5, B. Cook 6, W. J. Dixon (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, February 10th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, A. J. Ford 2, R. G. Long 3, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 4, F. Shorter 5, A. F. Bennington 6, J. E. Warner 7, E. S. Owen 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,344 Bob Major on handbells: C. A. Levett 1-2, R. C. Noon 3-4, F. H. Hicks 5-6, W. Birmingham (conductor) 7-8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On February 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, J. Sa'way 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. Se'don 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, A. G. Betts 7, A. Holway 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On February 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Newman 3, W. Arnold (conductor) 4, J. Elliot 5, J. Mason 6, H. Nichols's 7, F. Fludder 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the R.C. Church on February 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. S. B. Croft 1, S. E. Darmon 2, R. Speed 3, T. R. Dennis 4, C. W. Smith 5, H. L. Martin 6, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 7, R. Knights 8.

SALFORD PRIORS.—On February 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Print 1, E. Holder 2, R. C. Chapman 3, F. C. Lyne 4, W. Cocksings 5, F. Kitchen 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Ingram 8.

FISHLAKE, YORKS.—On Saturday, February 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Spiced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): H. Cooper 1, F. Reed (conductor) 2, H. Denman 3, H. Barnes 4, F. Lamb 5, E. Padgett 6.

OUND, SHROPSHIRE.—On Saturday, February 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Benbow 1, E. Hill 2, P. Purslow (conductor) 3, H. Watkins 4, C. Edwards 5, W. Morris 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On February 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Holborough 1, F. W. Soden 2, B. S. Nichols 3, T. Stratford 4, W. J. Dixon, jun. (conductor) 5, W. J. Dixon, sen. 6, F. Soden 7, G. R. Miles 8.

MERE, WILTS.—On Saturday, February 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Sanger 1, P. Hull 2, J. Metcalf 3, J. Targett 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, F. Targett 6, D. Mackay 7, E. G. L. Coward 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On February 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. S. Graney 1, Miss Daphne Sands 2, A. J. Rogers 3, Mrs. A. Medland 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. J. Rowe 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, A. G. Cook 8.

PERRY BARR.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Williams 1, L. Williams 2, J. F. Atkins 3, J. E. Eaton 4, G. Saver 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, R. C. Ingram 7, A. Inett 8.

ROTHSFIELD.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bacon 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, L. W. Rogers 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. Hammond 5, S. Russell 6, W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8.

BANSTEAD.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 1, Margaret Pitstow 2, D. N. Layton 3, Winifred Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, A. G. Oliver 6, V. Bottomley 7, A. F. Cheesman 8.

STANWORE.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: George Huches 1, Dennis Cattel 2, Fred Hazell 3, Ralph Wenban 4, John E. Rodes 5, Edward J. Leversuch (conductor) 6, William Wenban 7, Isaac Spencer 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Miles 1, G. Westlake 2, R. Brice 3, L. W. Pullin 4, E. A. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (conductor) 7, H. Parsons 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: F. Garland 1, A. McTiffin 2, S. C. Thain 3, T. Pritchard 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, A. Howell 6.

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CATERS WITHOUT A COVERING BELL

The peal of Caters rung at Basingstoke three weeks ago suggests several thoughts, any one of which might give rise to discussion, and if the matter is properly handled and in the right spirit, there may be an interesting and profitable debate when the Central Council meets at Norwich next Whitsuntide. Primarily there is the question whether the performance should be recognised as a peal, for (as a correspondent pointed out last week) the plain wording of the Council's rule seems to disallow it. About that we express no opinion, and at present we are concerned neither to condemn, nor excuse, nor approve. We are dealing with the general matters involved.

In one respect the circumstances were unique. There is in the tower a ring of nine bells tuned to the ordinary diatonic major scale, and nowhere else is there such a thing. The Council's rule for a peal of Caters, and the standards which have grown up in the Exercise through the centuries, assume that there would be in a tower at least ten bells if there were more than eight. There might be one or more semitones, but they, for obvious musical reasons, must not count. For ringers there was no excuse and no temptation to ring nine bells in a ten-bell tower, and the Council's rule was adopted mainly as the recognition of universal custom and largely as a formality.

If, however, the point had actually been raised there can be no doubt that the rule would have been the same as it now is, and the reason men would have given then would have been the same as they would give to-day—it is necessary for the sake of the music to have a covering bell to Caters. That is a perfectly sound and valid reason, so much so that rings of nine bells are not likely ever to be more common than they are; nor, even if they were fully allowed, are peals of Caters without covers likely to be rung.

Anything which tends to raise and maintain the musical quality of ringing should be valued as of the greatest importance to the wellbeing of the Exercise, and not least the standards which have been set up by the experience of the past. But it is a question whether formal rules are of any use in this matter, especially as any attempt to set up general musical standards by means of rules is certain to be a failure. What is needed is not so much to say to bands: You must not do this or that, as to

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spread musical knowledge and taste so that they by their own wish and liking will not do them.

One point might be raised though it has hardly any practical significance. Must nine-bell ringing needs be unmusical? There is nothing to be said in favour of ringing an ordinary peal of Grandsire or Stedman Caters on nine bells; whatever is done would certainly suffer in ringers' ears by being unfamiliar; and it may be that, apart from use and habit, nine bells would not adapt themselves to rhythm as eight and ten can. The point, however, is, as we said, of no real practical significance.

It should be recognised that the ideals and standards which have come to us from the past and are common to the Exercise, are usually of more value than the actual expressions of opinion men give, for they are the results of the experience of the whole body of ringers through many years, even, it may be, centuries. Tradition and custom insist on covering bells to seven, nine, and eleven bells, and exclude them from six, eight, and ten. That fact should perhaps be conclusive and should have more real weight than a formal rule of the Central Council. No doubt in the long run it will be the deciding factor.

We are not prepared to say how far the band which rang at Basingstoke was bound to obey the Council's rule. The association concerned is in a different case, and for the moment that is outside our subject. The Council's rules are not intended to restrict the liberty of ringers, but to be guides to show them how to get the best out of their art. Some restriction of liberty there must be, but it is only the restriction of what is lower and unworthy. Rules are advisable in the Exercise, but since change ringing is a living and progressive art, there is no rule which a band or a ringer may not break if there is sufficient cause. If there is sufficient cause. That is the test and it is a severe one. Men were justified when they first used spliced ringing, though the formal rule forbade it. Is there any real justification for Caters without a covering bell even at Basingstoke?

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	Treble	RICHARD W. STANNARD	6
HORACE BELCHER	2	GEORGE DAWSON	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
*JOHN E. CHILCOTE	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	EDWARD J. SMITH	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal on ten.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT ALFRED	... Treble	ALBERT FORD	... 6
*MARY WALSHAW	... 2	FRED GRUNDY	... 7
EDWARD A. JACKSON	... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN	... 8
*MARY ELKINS	... 4	PERCY H. DERRYSHIRE	... 9
BURLEY WALSHAW	... 5	RICHARD BENSON	... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE	... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON	... 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON	... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	... 7
*ERNEST BARTRAM	... 3	ERNEST MORRIS	... 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	... 9
HERBERT W. PERKINS	... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE	... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

H. RUMENS	... Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS	... 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	... 2	HERBERT SMITH	... 7
HORACE BELCHER	... 3	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	8
*JOHN CHILCOTT	... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL	... 9
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	... 5	REUBEN SANDERS	... Tenor

Composed by Wm. WILSON.

Conducted by Wm. H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Caters on an 'inside' bell. Rung in memory of the late Mr. C. T. Coles.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BASIL JONES	... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER	... 5
JAMES FERNLEY	... 2	KENNETH LEWIS	... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY	... 3	PETER LAFIN	... 7
ALAN R. BROWN	... 4	JOHN WORTH	... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the wedding of Mr. William Hartley and Miss Margaret Kettle.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

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On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARY E. DAVIS	... Treble	ANDREW I. PEARMAIN	... 5
*PERCY BRAYSHAW	... 2	ERNEST J. TRIMMER	... 6
MRS. F. MARSHALLSAY	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	... 7
BRUCE B. ROGERS	... 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	... Tenor

Composed by G. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Major on tower bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER	... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	... 2	HAROLD A. MAY	... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING	... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	... 7
NORMAN V. HARDING	... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH	... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN	... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING	... 5
*GEO. W. PIPE	... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT	... 6
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE	... 3	FRANK L. FISHER	... 7
CHARLES CLARKE	... 4	CECIL W. PIPE	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*KEITH BRAYSHAW ... Treble	ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... 2	PHILIP WHITTAKER ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	DENNIS ROE ... 7
WILLIAM WARD ... 4	GORDON BENFIELD ... Tenor

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* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*THOMAS COOKE ... Treble	SAMUEL BRYANT ... 5
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	†WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
†GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 4	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 200th peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
*CHARLES OSLER ... 3	*PETER G. GOLDSWORTHY ... 7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
HERRBERT E AUDSLEY ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
*WALTER J. LEMON ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4	WILLIAM E. BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by H. HOVERD.

* First peal 'inside.'

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ARTHUR E. HUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ELIZABETH LAYTON ... Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ... 5
*PATRICIA SMEED ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 6
L. F. HAPGOOD ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
PHILIP GRAY ... 4	GEORGE MARRINER ... Tenor

Composed by I. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. HARMAN.
* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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On Sun., Feb. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5'40 CHANGES;

SIDNEY DAVIS ... Treble	EWART ANDREWS ... 4
JIM RICHINGS ... 2	WILFRED NEWMAN ... 5
BERT JORDAN ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

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Being one extent of London Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER ... Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4
THOMAS W. SLEPPARD ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... 5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
First peal on the bells.

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On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Barnes James' Arrangement.

*ARTHUR WADE ... Treble	*CECIL WADE ... 4
CHARLES WOODS ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
* First peal of Minor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

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On Wed., Feb. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY ... Treble	A. MAWDSLEY ... 4
H. SERJEANT, SEN. ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5
H. SERJEANT, JUN. ... 3	W. CORE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. CORE.

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On Wed., Feb. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE AMBLER ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 4
*WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.
* First peal of Minor away from treble.

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On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differentlv. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ERNEST PADGET ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
ERNEST SHORT ... 2	JAMES MCCUSKEY ... 5
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First peal on the bells.



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E. W. PYE 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5-6
T. BIRD 3-4	R. RIPPINGALE 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

Umpire: Olave Broyd

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 1-2	CECIL C. MAYNE 3-4
†JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6		

Conducted by J. R. MAYNE.

* First peal on handbells and 100th peal. † First peal on handbells and first peal as conductor.

BLACKSTONE, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 2, NORTH VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

*STELLA M. WICKENS 1-2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3-4
CECIL R. LONGHURST 5-6		

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

Witness: C. Wickens.

* First peal in hand and in the method.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Feb. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5-6
THOMAS BIRD 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5094 CHANGES;

*BRUCE B. ROGERS 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8
		FRANCIS S. WILSON	9-10

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS
* First peal on ten bells.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8
		CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 83, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RALPH BIRD 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 5-6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3-4	RONALD SUCKLING 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN R. MAYNE 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY 3-4	CECIL C. MAYNE 7-8

Arranged and conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

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THE

LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

WINSTANLEY RICHARDSON.

Winstanley Richardson, about whom an enquiry was made last week by Capt. Overy, was one of the most prominent members of the London Exercise in the latter part of the 18th century, but, like most of his fellows, little can be said of him apart from his ringing career.

By trade he was an optician and lived in the parish of St. Katherine, Cree, in the City of London. Evidently he was a man of some standing as a tradesman and citizen. As a ringer he first appears as a member of the Union Scholars, and when that body broke up he joined the ancient Society of College Youths, with whom he rang his first peals. On November 29th, 1761, he rang the sixth at St. Bride's to 6,050 changes of Grand sire Cinques, and in the following December, the second at St. Magnus' to 5,180 Bob Royal. Both peals were called by Francis Roberts, the man who first discovered the standard way of bringing Grand sire Caters round at hand-stroke. Next year at Fulham the company, which still included Richardson, rang 10,098 Grand sire Caters, the first ten-thousand of Caters with ten men only. This was called by William Underwood. At the time the ancient Society of College Youths was experiencing a short period of activity, but it did not last long. Underwood soon went over to the younger and more prosperous branch which called itself (and was called by others) the College Youths without qualification (as may be seen from their dinner ticket now used as the society's membership certificate). It was not long before Winstanley Richardson followed Underwood.

Richardson's first peal with his new friends was on December 8th, 1765, at Shoreditch, where he rang the treble to Double Grand sire Caters. He was now accepted as one of the regular peal band, and for many years there are very few performances by the society in which his name does not appear. To give an account of his peal ringing would in effect be to tell the story of the College Youths' activities in the last part of the 18th century. Very soon he was recognised as the society's regular treble man, and in those days treble ringing was not left to men who could not ring inside, but was reserved for the most skilful and experienced members of the company. Richardson was in the band that rang at Cirencester the first twelve bell peal out of London; he was among those who visited Birmingham in 1786 and made the unsuccessful attempt for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, which was one of the principal causes of the final break-up of the ancient Society of College Youths; and he rang the treble to all the College Youths' peals in their famous long peal contest with the Cumberland Youths. In the opening week of the 19th century he took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. His last two peals were Grand sire Caters at Hertford in 1807 and Treble Twelve at Spitalfields in 1808, the latter the first of Maximus on the bells.

Winstanley Richardson and his contemporaries had now finished their peal ringing careers, though they still met regularly in tower and tavern. When the last of them died some years later, a definite period in the history of the College Youths was ended. Richardson was 76 years old at the time of his death. Whether, as Capt. Overy suggests, he was a connection of John Richardson, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, also a spectacle maker, there seems no means of knowing, but as members of families largely followed the same trade, it is by no means unlikely. J. A. T.

DEVONSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION.

At a meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held at Newton St. Cyres on February 23rd, the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, referred to the negotiations which are taking place with the Devon Association of Ringers. The former body consists of change ringers and the other of call change ringers, and the suggestion is that they should be united on a diocesan basis.

Representatives of the two have had one conference and the next move is with the association. The main objective is fuller friendship between the bodies so that the interests of ringers generally can be developed. The association holds competitive ringing festivals for shields and certificates, but there are no monetary awards. The Guild for many years has barred its members from participation in any competitive ringing, but a more tolerant spirit is now being manifested and some concessions have been envisaged to meet the known feelings of the association in regard to continuance of competitive festivals which usually arouse keen rivalry. Some Guild supporters are sympathetic towards festivals, and it was noted on Saturday that a shield in the church at St. Cyres recorded the fact that the local band, which is in union with the Guild, provided the winning team in 1939.

At the meeting there were about 40 members and visitors present. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Griffin, who gave an address, and at the business meeting the chairman (Mr. A. W. Searle) suggested and the members approved a revival of branch committee meetings so that all bands could have opportunities of sharing in management, stimulating policy and increasing membership. It was not desirable that branch affairs should be left to the officers.

Several honorary and ringing members were elected, and Brampford Speke was chosen as the place of the next meeting. There was ringing on the eight bells at Crediton during the afternoon.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Ringers occasionally get interesting information from 'secular' sources. For instance, the 'Sunday Express' of February 2nd last told us, 'For the first time in 900 years there are insouciant ringers for Trowbridge's famous peal of bells.' Nine hundred years! It takes us back to '1000 and a bit that,' and many years earlier than our oldest bell. I hope our own historians will look into this and publish the result of their investigations.

More information may be had from a 'thriller' by R. A. J. Walling—'The Stroke of One.' This concerns a murder in the ringing chamber of a Devonshire church. There is a fine peal of eight bells, and 'as you stand in the ringing chamber you look up and see them like monstrous iron flowers hanging from the branches of some gargantuan tree, and their ropes like racemes depending.' When the man from Scotland Yard arrives he produced 'a powerful lamp with a wide radius of reflection.' He goes up to the ringing chamber, and after carefully examining floor and walls he 'threw his light upwards and could see the immense bells in their framework, and the daylight percolating faintly through the louvered windows.'

We are told the Devon Guild of Ringers 'come once or twice a year, and after a sermon from the Rector and an organ solo by the organist, they would get to work and go right through a full peal of grand sire triples before retiring to the Royal George for supper and toasts.' Let us hope they had a plentiful supply of cotton wool for their ears during the peal, wore overcoats if it was cold, and had umbrellas if raining!

The exact time of the murder was important. The church clock struck the hours, and a passer-by heard it strike one at 12.45, and another heard it strike one at the correct time. The gentleman from the Yard spent two nights in the belfry and solved the problem. Three shots were fired in the ringing chamber. One killed the man, another wounded the murderer and the third hit the shoulder of a bell and was deflected into the beam above. This third shot hit the bell at 12.45 and accounted for the evidence of the first passer-by!

The detective, of course, noticed the mark on the shoulder of the bell and extracted the bullet from the beam. All three bullets were exactly alike. So everyone got their deserts, and I hope the detective got promotion. The moral for us seems to be—if we are thinking of shooting somebody in the ringing chamber (and who has not done so when the ringing is rough!), be sure there is a floor below the bells! I am wondering if a bullet, striking the shoulder of a bell, would really sound like a clock striking 'one' on an 'immense bell'? 'B.'

SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOB MINOR.

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S	23645 1		23645 1
S	32456 1	S	43562 2
S	23564 1	S	34625 1
S	63452 2	S	43256 1
S	36524 1	S	34562 1
P.L.	62345 1	P.L.	46325 1
Four times repeated S at end of last part gives	24356	Four times repeated S at end of last part gives	24356
S	42563 1		45632 2
S	24635 1		45326 1
P.L.	35462 2	P.L.	52463 1
These four leads four times repeated S at end.		These four leads four times repeated S at end	

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	1,280		1,280
	23456 B M W R		23456 B M W R
35264	—	23564	—
56342	—	52364	—
64523	—	35264	—
35426	—	56342	—
42356	—	64523	—
34256	—	35426	—
23456	—	23456	—

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

	1,280		1,280
	23456 B W R		23456 B W R
23564	—	52436	—
62534	—	52364	—
36524	—	36524	—
36245	—	62345	—
23645	—	34625	—
42635	—	34256	—
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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, NORWICH.

As accommodation will be very limited at Norwich during Whitsun, members are advised to book early. The following are hotels which have rooms available:—

Annesley Private Hotel, Norwich. Bed and breakfast 12s.

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Double room and breakfast 20s.

Central Hotel, Tombland, Norwich. Bed and breakfast 10s. Double 20s.

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*Plus 10 per cent. staff gratuities.

In the report of the meeting of the Leeds and District Society it was stated that the next meeting will be at Armley on April 30th. Actually it will be on March 30th.

The first entirely new ring of eight bells since the war was cast last Saturday at Loughborough. They are for Bredbury in Cheshire. The tenor is 11½ cwt.

Last week we published the reports as received of two peals of Caters and two of Cinques rung on handbells at Enfield. As the particulars differed we took them to refer to four performances, but actually only one peal of Caters and one of Cinques were rung. The Caters was on February 13th in 2 hours and 36 minutes, and the Cinques on February 21st in 3 hours and 8 minutes.

RINGING FOR VICTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest through your columns that the Standing Committee of the Central Council invite all ringers to take part in a corporate act of worship, thankfulness and unity on June 8th next as being the official contribution of the Exercise to the victory celebrations, such act to be symbolised by the ringing in every tower possible of one and the same method, as selected by that committee?

Due to a great extent to the time, consideration and advice given by members of that committee, the Exercise was ready, had the necessity arisen during hostilities, to warn the whole nation of enemy invasion. These same gentlemen should, I feel, have the privilege of giving not only to this nation, but to the whole world, a victory message as vital to humanity as such warning would have been to Britain.

All ringers will be anxious to play their part in the best way possible on that day. Can we do better than to 'broadcast' with one mind, this one (and yet dual) message, in one and the same way.

R. G. BLACKMAN.

27, Turnbull Road, Chichester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

In the days before the war the two most important events in the social life of the Exercise were the College Youths' dinner in London and the Henry Johnson Commemoration in Birmingham. Neither was wholly dropped during the lean years, but the mid-day luncheons were but inadequate substitutes for the full evening gatherings, and with the coming of peace men's minds turned to the hope of a resumption of the old style functions. In London, however, it proved quite impossible. Lack of accommodation, high prices and food shortage made a dinner quite out of the question. But Birmingham has been much more fortunate, and in most of the essential features the gathering at the Imperial Hotel last Saturday could compare favourably with the old style dinners. More than 160 persons were present from widely separated districts, and the number would have been substantially increased had the seating accommodation been larger. The splendid show of daffodils sent by Mr. Rupert Richardson, which decorated every table, can hardly have been equalled on any dinner table that evening throughout the country.

Canon Guy Rogers, the Rector of Birmingham, occupied the chair and mentioned that it was the twenty-first anniversary of his coming to the city.

The other persons present included Mrs. Guy Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reeves, Canon Blofeld and Mrs. Blofeld, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, the Rev. J. R. Hassett, Mr. F. E. Haynes, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. B. Ashford, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Yates, Mr. W. A. Clark, the Rev. E. W. Hunt, the Rev. A. E. Frazer, Mr. J. P. Harvey, Mr. J. P. Fidler, the Rev. P. Keightley, Mr. E. T. Allaway, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, Messrs. T. R. Boreham, W. E. Box, C. Bragg, H. Bragg, J. Bragg and S. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. J. E. Causer, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Chaplin, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper, Mr. F. H. Crawley, Mr. G. W. Critchley, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. C. Dale, W. Davies, A. V. Davis, C. Dean, A. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowling, Mr. W. Dyer, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mrs. J. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Farr, Messrs. H. H. Fearn, T. H. Francis, J. Freeman, S. W. Fremantle, W. T. Froggatt, G. H. Harding, G. J. Hemming, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Hemming, Messrs. H. Hofton, G. Holifield, R. C. Ingram, W. F. Judge, J. Jukes, H. Knight, K. W. Knowles, E. Large, G. E. Large, W. Leeson, G. F. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd, Mr. E. Mansell, Miss B. Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Martin, J. S. Mason, D. T. Matkin, G. T. Mitchison, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, Mr. M. J. Morris, Mr. T. G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. H. Parker, Mr. O. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pemberton, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinfold, Messrs. W. Pocock, W. C. Porter, R. A. Post, Mr. F. Price and Mrs. and Miss Price, Mr. Print, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Mr. V. W. Rigg, Mr. F. W. Rishworth, Miss O. M. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Messrs. H. Shepherd, J. H. Shepherd, R. I. Shepherd, A. Short, Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Messrs. W. A. Stote, G. F. Swann, C. Taberner, J. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. L. Trevor, Mr. L. Tuffrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Walker, Messrs. F. Ward, T. J. Warner, F. C. Weaver, C. Williams, G. H. Williams, W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Messrs. L. Yates and W. Yeend.

The speeches were all good and interesting. Mr. J. F. Harvey proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in a thoughtful and challenging speech, and the chairman replied.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith gave the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' which was drunk in silence. It is usual to ask those who had known Johnson personally to stand up, and two members, Mr. G. T. Mitchison and Mr. C. Williams, responded to the invitation.

Mr. Albert Walker, the Master, gave the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' He referred to three members, Messrs. W. Saunders, A. E. Pegler and C. T. Coles, who had passed away during the previous year, and gave an account of the Guild's past ringing activities. Mr. Thomas H. Reeves replied.

Mr. J. W. Pemberton proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and S. F. Palmer responded. The health of the chairman was given by Mr. F. E. Haynes.

We shall publish a fuller report of the speeches in a later issue. During the evening an excellent bobbed course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. Frank Pervin, Frank Perrens, Albert Walker, J. Frank Smallwood, Frank E. Haynes and George E. Fearn.

Songs were sung by Mr. W. C. Dowling and Miss B. Marshall, who also rendered some duets, and Messrs. Mansell, Pocock and Print gave some tunes on the handbells.

During the afternoon there was ringing at the Cathedral, at St. Martin's, and at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

ROBERTON KENT.—On February 23rd. 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor. H. S. Wickens 1, F. G. Huckstern 2, Mrs. T. Cullinworth 3, W. A. P. Page 4, P. Page 5, T. Cullinworth (conductor) 6.

PICKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Drayton 1, R. Welch 2, F. Welch 3, R. Beale (conductor) 4, K. Welch 5, B. Hooper 6.

BROADCAST BELLS.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—In pre-war days the B.B.C. allocated five minutes ostensibly for the bells before the service, but in actual fact superfluous announcements such as the name of the preacher, organist, etc., took up part of the time.

In recent times the practice has been to treat the bells merely as sound effects and to cut down the time to a matter of seconds. The B.B.C. is apparently not aware that the bells do not ring themselves and give no consideration to the band which may have given time and trouble in rehearsing, etc.

No other radio artiste receives less consideration and more ill-mannered treatment than ringers. It may be that their services are free and are valued accordingly. If so, the remedy is in the ringers' own hands.

By comparison I was compelled a few evenings ago to undergo half an hour of 'music in the jazz manner'—stuff I never tolerate on my own radio—and not only were the performers named individually as though the production of 'monkey house' effects were something to be commended, but they were allocated their full time, and may, for all I know, have even been paid for their efforts as well.

Hour upon hour is devoted to this stuff every week, yet when one of the finest rings of bells in the country is broadcast, it is allowed fifty seconds!

As one who took part in the Bradford broadcast, I was relieved that only the concluding rounds and not the preceding Stedman Caters were heard, otherwise the band would have received brickbats instead of bouquets, but that does not excuse either the incompetence of the B.B.C. in allowing the previous speaker to overrun his time, nor their discourtesy to the band, which had been rehearsing for an hour beforehand.

The behaviour of the B.B.C. is like the taste of those for whom they so freely cater—beyond all comprehension, and can only indicate colossal ignorance or thoughtlessness. Maybe it is a case of 'where there is no sense there is no feeling.'

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent letters of Mr. Birchett and Mr. Groombridge, jun., we recently had a similar incident which may be of interest to readers.

In the Light programme of Saturday week it was announced that in the series of 'What it's like to be there?' Carmarthen was the town selected. As it was of local interest, naturally we were more than interested, and after the scenes at the Mart, there was a slight pause, and a noise was heard which no one can describe.

The announcer said, 'These are not Bow Bells, but the bells which are ringing from the Norman tower of St. Peter's Church.' It would be interesting to know when this so-called 'noise' was recorded. The ringers of St. Peter's did a broadcast eight years ago, and as St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, is 800 years old, and the tower is not so old, and there is no Norman work in the church, it would seem that the announcer's local knowledge was very limited.

Elephant and Castle, Carmarthen.

ED. J. THOMAS.

Dear Sir,—When the bells of St. John's Church, Cardiff, were broadcast on VE-Day, the whole time they were 'on the air' the announcer was describing the festivities. Behind that a choir singing and the babble of the crowds, and behind it all, barely audible, the bells.

When the bells were asked for for a Christmas broadcast the B.B.C. officials at the Cardiff studio were told that we, the ringers, were very dissatisfied with the conditions of the previous broadcast and they promised to give us a better show. On that occasion we had the air to ourselves.

F. J. HANNINGTON.

32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

TUNING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The recent discussion on the merits and demerits of ball bearings prompts me to ask for enlightenment on another point which vexes me. Is it generally accepted that the system of tuning known as the Simpson principle is superior to any other method? I always thought so until I came to Wrington, where there are ten famous bells, harmonically tuned, but not, I find, to the Simpson system.

Although not very experienced in the art of change ringing, I have some tonal knowledge and training, and my ears tell me that the Wrington bells are equal, if not superior, tonally, to any I have heard tuned by the five-tone method.

E. G. CAPLE.

Bank House, Wrington.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

March 3rd, 1778. 10,260 Grandsire Caters at Nottingham.

March 5th, 1888. 12,041 Grandsire Caters at Appleton.

1927. At Bridgend, the first peal of London Bob Triples.

March 6th, 1832. 7,392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Oldham.

March 8th, 1737. 12,600 Grandsire Caters at Norwich.

1808. The first peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary-le-Bow.

1859. 10,047 Stedman Caters at Aston.

March 9th, 1795. The Cumberlands rang at Southwark what was probably the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.
(Continued from page 87.)

Our next inscription, when one looks at it for the first time, does give rise to some speculation:—

'J4S2PH 71664WS F2C3T 1752.'

This appeared at Beetley, Norfolk, and is partly in cypher. It will be seen that the five vowels and the four liquids, AEIOU, LMNR, are represented by the numerals 123456789. The tenor of ring gives the clue to the missing letters, the inscription being:—

'Jo. MALLOWES F2C3T 1752

H2897 W93GHT TH471S B92172 CW,'

which makes it unnecessary for me to transcribe it. Now, why should a founder put on an inscription like this; was he short of letters through his own fault or had some practical joker tried to put him in an awkward spot by taking away the important letters?; whichever way it was, the moulder got out of the mess in a very ingenious manner.

There is no need to ask why the following appeared on the fourth bell at Alvechurch, Worcestershire:—

'If yov wold know when we ware rvnn

It was March the 22 1711.'

Similar inscriptions frequently turn up, some more crude than others — they are like the 'Odd Odes' a radio comedian frequently uses. One can imagine him putting it over: 'If you would know when we were run, it was March the 22nd Seventeen Elevun'—a bit rough, but there it is. Another odd ode which gives us some information and is not merely an ornament, appeared on the old treble at Feckenham, Worcs:—

'Joseph Hemming and Edwd Getly did

Contrive to have 6 where was but 5.'

Again this and its variations appear frequently.

What first appears to be an inscription in cypher was on the third at Lugwardine, Herefordshire. It is:—

'1651 AM ADEM RATSOW FO G NOHI C DNA
E D T VOH B HTOD TAHT HE.'

This is one of those cases where the moulder overlooked the fact that letters set in a readable manner on the mould came out the wrong way round on the casting, so if we read from right to left we got:—

'He that doth bhovlde and c Ihon G
of Wostar meda ma 1651.'

By now readers will have noticed that the old founders do not appear to have been unduly perturbed about spelling, and if a word came along which they could not spell, they did the next best thing and put it down phonetically. Even to-day the average Englishman's strong point is not spelling, but he has the advantage of being able to buy a cheap dictionary; therefore we really should not smile at:—

'God sava ovr Qveene a Lesabet.'

which landed on the fourth bell at St. Peter's, Droitwich. Anyway, we understand it, and that's everything.

Frequently we hear stories of stolen bells, then wonder how they came about. Some yarns I fear are myths, while others have some foundation. For example, on the fourth bell of the ring of five at Grafton Flyford, Worcs, we get the following:—

'Wee wish in heven their sovlz
May sing that gavst vs six here
For to sing amell doxly 1676.'

I wonder if anyone can say what really happened to the sixth bell. Did someone steal it or was it sold to pay a church debt?

The Church of St. Helen, Worcester, presents us with interesting inscriptions of 1706. As will be seen, they commemorate the great doings of the great Marlborough, and if we substitute the names common during the recent war for those on the bells we might be reading modern history. Although the inscriptions are lengthy, they are worth repeating:—

Treble.

Blenheim.

First is my note and Blenheim is my name
For Blenheim's story will be first in fame.

2nd.

Barcelona.

Let me relate how Louis did bemoan
His grandson Philip's flight from Barcelone.

3rd.

Ramelies.

Delug'd in blood I Ramelies advance
Britannia's glory in the fall of France.

4th.

Menin.

Let Menin on my sides engraven be
And Flanders freed from Gallic slavery.

5th.

Turin.

When in harmonious peal I roundly go
Think on Turin and triumphs of the Po.

6th.

Eugene.

With joy I hear th' illustrious Eugene's name
Fav'rite of fortune, and the boast of fame.

7th.

Marlborough.

But I with pride the great er Mlh beer
Terror of tyrants and the soul of war.

Tenor.

Queen Ann.

Th' immortal praises of Queen Ann I sound
With union blest and all these glories crowned.
I do not think any further comments are necessary on this lot, as they explain themselves.

An example of a different type or rhyme running through the peal appeared at Bretforton, Worcs. I cannot say there is any outstanding merit in them, but as they have not, as far as I am aware, appeared on any other bells, they seem to be worth repeating:—

2nd.

Here am I as second bell
Observe alpha and ring me well.

3rd.

As music hath a secret charm
We may the atheist soul alarm.

4th.

As fourth our loudest power claim
To honor George the Fourth's name.

5th.

On Hymen's day like virgins five
May we all make the soul alive.

Tenor.

And while the solemn knell I ring
To mortal men God save the King.

To me the tenor inscription seems to be a bit mixed up; but perhaps someone will read it in a different light.

Away down in Dorset, at Frampton, we meet inscriptions that do not waste words, yet give a reasonable amount of information. There is nothing outstanding about them, and yet the bells are not a set of maidens, as, for some unknown reason, one of them was a brother—perhaps they were a ‘masculine’ peal. I don’t know, and I never have heard of such a peal. On the second bell is:—

‘This year brother broke
I then first awoke
And rang a good peal
For old Frampton’s weal,’

whilst the fourth bell presents us with this austere one:—

‘Cast in November
Let all remember
The year I fix
Eighteen sixty six.’

Apart from the fact that ‘remember’ rhymes with ‘November,’ it is possible the Gunpowder Plot Anniversary gave the author a lead.

Another bell which seems to have had a bad time of it is the second bell of Piddletown, and its story is told briefly:—

‘John Goodings care twice cavse me heare Anno Domini 1674.’

It is not often we hear of a person trying for the casting of a bell twice. It is by Thomas Pennington, but there is no indication as to who was the original founder. Had Bilbie recast it he might possibly have taken the opportunity of having a crack at the previous founder, but Pennington did not do that kind of thing.

Our next Dorset inscription which has a smack at some now unknown person, not a bell founder chiding a rival, but something quite different and, although it appeared at Preston in 1629 and Abbotsbury in 1636, we can say it still is topical. The inscription is:—

‘To see in what estate they live
And nothing to the poore they give.’

I wonder who put that on and to whom it referred. Quite possibly the people up at the ‘big house’ were a mean lot and the Vicar, having the courage of his conviction, took the opportunity of airing them. If anyone had put that on a few years ago we can well imagine what he would have been called, and yet they are many who ‘nothing to the poore they give’; but, if given the chance, would take from the poor.

Another one of a similar nature appeared at Punc-knowle in 1629. It is:—

‘He that will purchase honors gayne
Must ancient lathers stil ma.’

It is not easy to guess the meaning of this, but I should imagine it was having a dig at someone who had purchased honours at the expense of the parish. In other words, had ceased to maintain old customs, thus depriving the parishioners of some benefit they were used to having; but what it was I do not suppose we ever shall find out.

When Bilbie cast the fifth bell for Stalbridge in 1793 it bore the following:—

‘God save the King and prosper the town
To keep democrates down
To effect it ye Britons be firm in the cause
Supporting our King, constitution and lawes.’

That was in the good old days of George the Third, so I will say no more about it.

(To be continued.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WOODFORD.

Seventy-six members and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, held at Woodford on February 16th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Wansey, who gave the ringers a warm welcome. The collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £2 2s. 3d., and the tea, provided by the local company, was served in the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. J. Chalk, referred to the loss of two old members in Mr. C. T. Coles, of Walthamstow, and Mr. J. Hunt, of Leyton. The secretary reported that the balance sheet showed an income of £11 11s. 6d. with a balance of £7 16s. 6d. The collections for the bell restoration fund totalled £4 16s. 9d., which was a record. Meetings had been held at Brentwood, Leyton, Prittlewell, Loughton, Chigwell Row and Barking with an average attendance of 35. Nine new ringing members had been enrolled, but one honorary and five ringing members had died.

Mr. J. Chalk was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. J. H. Crampion was appointed secretary in place of Mrs. Crampion, and Messrs. G. Dawson and F. Lufkin were re-elected to the committee. In proposing Mr. Crampion, Mr. Butler asked that a note of appreciation should be recorded in the minutes of the very able way Mrs. Crampion had carried on during the past five difficult years.

The Rev. T. G. Wansey was elected an honorary member and 22 ringing members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Epping on May 4th. The methods rung ranged from Bob Major to London Surprise.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

MEETING AT SUTCOMBE.

More than 50 friends and members from Ashwater, Bradworthy, Bude, Bridgerule, Ho'sworthy, Okehampton, Parkham, Petrockstow, Plymouth, Pyworthy and Sutcombe attended the annual meeting of the N.W. Branch of the Devon Guild, held at Sutcombe on Feb. 16th.

The Rector, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, conducted the service, and Prebendary E. V. Cox read the lesson. During the course of his address, the Rector paid tribute to the memory of Mr. A. J. Metters, who had been a member for many years. Mrs. Ravenhill was the organist.

At the business meeting the secretary reported good progress with many young ringers being trained in the Exercise. The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (secretary), Mr. W. Shears (treasurer) and Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master) were re-elected, and the Rev. W. H. Smale, Mr. J. Sangwin and Mr. W. Shears were appointed as branch representatives. The next meeting was fixed for Hatherley in July. The ringing consisted of rounds, Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ROSS-ON-WYE.

The annual meeting of the Ross District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held on February 16th, was well attended, and visitors were present from Hereford, Burghill, Gloucester and Ruardean.

Tea was at the Central Cafe, and the business meeting was presided over by Preb. P. C. Barber, Rector of Ross. The district officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. W. Poston (Bridstow); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. T. Poston (Ross). It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Weonards on or about May 4th.

The hon. treasurer reported a credit balance of £9 6s. 3d., which was considered satisfactory, and the Guild secretary (the Rev. E. G. Benson) mentioned that he hoped reports would be printed this year, and announced that a Guild meeting would be held at Bridgnorth on Whit Monday.

The methods rung were Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT TILSWORTH.

A meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Tilsworth on February 16th, and was attended by members and friends from Bromham, Dunstable, Sandy, Maulden, Leighton Buzzard, Tempsford, Linslade, Stagsden and the local tower. The methods rung included Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Houghton Regis was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I was asked the question the other day whether it was a recognised thing for the church to insure the bell-ringers against any accident that may occur in the tower. As I have never heard of anything like this before, could you, through the medium of ‘The Ringing World,’ enlighten me on the matter?

C. H. HAWKINS, Sec., St. David's Diocesan Guild.

[We shall be glad to know what is the custom in different parts of the country.—Editor.]

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., Brown's.—N. G. Williams, Weston Road, Bath.

SALISBURY GUILD (North Dorset Branch) and BATH AND WELLS GUILD (Carey Branch).—Stalbridge, Mar. 9th.—Wm. Uphill.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District. — Northchurch, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea.—W. Ayre.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. — Chesterfield Branch.—Bolsover (8), Mar. 9th.—Sam Scattergood.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Mildenhall (8), Saturday, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Business 4.30 p.m. to ele. district secretary. Teas at nearby cafe.—A. Gillings, Horringer.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst, Mar. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon 5 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, Mar. 9th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 3 p.m. Business 5.45. Further ringing 6.30 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. (HOU 3921.)

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, Mar. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.15.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division. — Annual, Pulborough (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Rectory. Names for tea to L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham, St. Mary's, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. (St. Peter's not available). No tea. Numerous cafes nearby. Meeting in the tower at 5.30. Important business. — T. Groombridge, jun.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN. — Broseley (6), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Mar. 11th to Mr. A. J. Garbett, 10, Fox Lane, Broseley, Shropshire. Midland 'Red' buses from Wellington, Service No. 903.—E. D. Poole.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual. Diss (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at The Coffee Tavern 5 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 13th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnsley District.—Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. For teas notify Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyal, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, by Mar. 13th.—D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Hornchurch, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names to Mr. J. Cornford, 2, Eversleigh Gardens, Upminster, Essex, by Mar. 11th.—G. W. Steere.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN. — Northern. — Lye, Saturday, Mar. 16th. (Wordsley not available.) Usual arrangements. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Rolvenden, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Blackman, 1, Church Cottages, Rolvenden, by Mar. 13th.—P. Page.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District.—Annual, Handsworth, Sheffield, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Schoolroom. Names to Mrs. E. D. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9, by Mar. 12th. Election of officers, etc.—Sidney F. Palmer.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Tetbury (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d. each) by Tuesday, Mar. 12th, to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District. — St. Ignatius', Sunderland, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to me not later than Mar. 14th.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Stretford, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m.—F. Reynolds.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District. — Hatfield (10), Saturday, March 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Mar. 13th.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Gloucester Branch.—Quedgeley (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Card for tea not later than Mar. 13th to W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District. — Godmanchester, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual General Committee, Saturday, Mar. 16th, at Girls' Central Club, Chain Street, Reading, 3 p.m. Advise me if coming. Ringing afterwards at St. Laurence's.—W. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division. — Practice, Frant, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea. Bring food.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Adlington, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—F. Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Woodbridge District.—Grundisburgh (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Dog Inn 5 p.m. Please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Western Branch. — Malvern Priory (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names by Tuesday, Mar. 12th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Newhall (6), Saturday, Mar. 16th. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 4.45, for those who notify me by Wednesday, Mar. 13th.—J. W. Cotton, Sec., Overseal.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN. — Shirland, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please bring own food. Committee meeting 5.30.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business afterwards. — Harry S. Brocklebank, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Chew Stoke, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Church Lawton (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. — Names by Mar. 12th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District. — Campsall (8), Saturday, Mar. 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5. Names to Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Mar. 20th.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District. — Markfield, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Mar. 20th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester.

SURREY ASSN.—Annual, Beddington, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 19th, to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—C. de Ste C. Parks.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual, St. Thomas', Dudley, Saturday, Mar. 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by March 20th, please.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Brentford, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30. Further ringing evening.—J. E. Lewis Cockey.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District. — Buckminster (6), Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Names to T. Simpkins, Buckminster. Special bus leaves Melton Car Park 2.30.—J. H. Cook.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. — Easter Monday, Annual Meeting. Ipswich bells available all day from 9.30 a.m. Lunch, 3s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

BIRTH.

DISNEY.—On Feb. 27th, to Mary and Alban, of 11, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester, a son (a brother for Margaret).

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Mary Elkins 1, Robert Wimpenny 2, Frank Barraclough 3, Dorothy T. Richardson 4, Ronald Edwards 5, Walter W. Wolstencroft 6, Albert Ford (conductor) 7, Alfred R. Elkins 8.

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I congratulate Mr. Fred Collins on his letter. In all due respect to the bell founders, ball bearings are not an improvement in bell hanging as far as the ringers are concerned, and I feel sure if a vote could be taken all over the country the majority would pump for plain bearings. I agree it is far easier to hang a bell in ball bearings, and easier for the lazy steeplekeeper whose bells are so hung, but what about the ringers? Surely they are entitled to some say in the matter. I, too, like H. B., have questioned hundreds of ringers whether they prefer ball bearings to plain, and the majority vote for plain. I have also questioned the bellfounders and I am delighted to hear they will hang bells in plain bearings when especially desired at a very small extra cost.

The matter, therefore, lies in our hands. If we do not want ball bearings we need not have them, and I say to all ringers, 'Stick out for plain bearings.'

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

CECIL W. PIPE.

CATERS WITHOUT A COVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think (knowing the lighthearted Mr. Kippin) that there may be an element of cause for Mr. R. Post's suspicion in the first part of his letter to you. I had the pleasure of listening to part of that peal, which, in my opinion, was almost perfect striking and I thought quite melodious. It was quite plain to any ear that the who'e band consisted of very experienced ringers. I should be quite disappointed if the peal in question is not recognised by the competent authorities.

J. B. WOODLEY.

40, Mortimer Lane, Basingstoke.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to the Basingstoke Cater band that next time they reverse the scale—using the 9th as the treble? A titium course end on the three little bells sounds fine. 'OLD RINGER.'

QUARTER PEALS.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, February 17th, at the Good Shepherd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Cooper 1, T. Humphrey 2, W. J. Webb 3, S. Ridge 4, F. Bennett 5, J. Whitehead 6, S. E. Armstrong (conductor) 7, H. Stalham 8.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, PORTHCAWL.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: William Surman 1, Charles Davies 2, R. Ivor Lewis 3, Trevor M. Roderick 4, Alfred Hannington (conductor) 5, Edward Carpenter 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Clayton 1, Miss G. Kippin 2, C. Potheary 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, R. Davies 5, J. G. Saunders 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (conductor) 9, D. D. Cooper 10.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, February 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,304 Stedman Cinques: L. A. Goodenough 1, C. Sayers 2, T. J. Lock 3, J. G. Blow 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 5, A. White 6, W. J. Arnold 7, A. Howkins 8, A. Day 9, W. Nash 10, R. F. Ewer 11, E. Sprague 12.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Thursday, February 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Wells 1, D. Bawver 2, W. F. Linksted 3, J. Home-wood 4, G. E. Avis 5, J. Upton 6, E. S. J. Hatcher (conductor) 7, C. Homewood 8. Half-muffled for Mr. T. H. Joy.

SPETISBURY, DORSET.—On February 23rd, 360 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Wareham 1, Miss P. V. Marsh 2, L. H. Pink 3, D. King 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5.

CHELTENHAM.—On February 23rd, at St. Mark's, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Grandsire): Peter Baker 1, Roy Agg 2, Charles Rouse 3, Michael Clifford (conductor) 4, Anthony Clifford 5.

HALFSOWEN, WORCS.—On Sunday, February 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Webb 1, L. Clissett 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, G. Williams 4, H. Shillock 5, J. Eaton 6, T. Greenhall (conductor) 7, A. H. Harris 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, February 24th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. H. Hewford 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, F. Hoppood 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, F. Wright 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Wednesday, February 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): L. Gerrard 1, J. Martin Thorley 2, T. Leask 3, E. Thorley 4, J. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (conductor) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Howard 1, Miss V. Look 2, Rev. R. Routh 3, M. Routh 4, J. Harrison 5, Miss D. Fletcher 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, S. Parkfield 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Thursday, February 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Judd 1, Miss J. Lacey 2, Mrs. J. Fray 3, F. Lard 4, A. Tomlinson 5, G. W. Moody 6, J. Bray (conductor) 7, W. B. Bray 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. P. Cook 1, J. H. Hunt 2, R. E. Turner 3, W. A. Theobald 4, T. R. Taylor 5, C. S. Major 6, A. T. Greenwood 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

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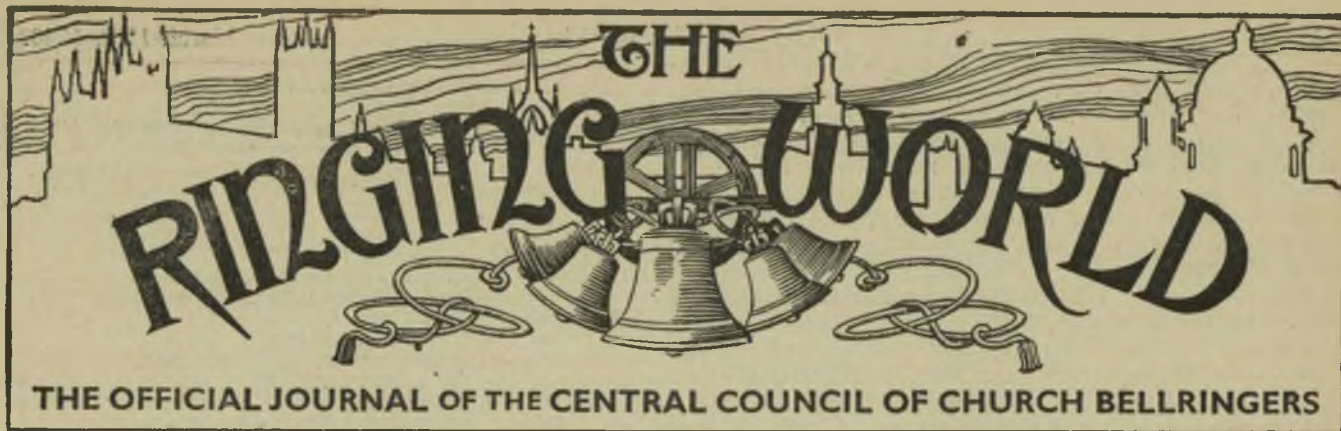
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THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Few ringers probably realise how much social activities have meant in the life and development of their art. Most of them appreciate the advantages of friendly intercourse outside the belfry, and the pleasure of an occasional supper or dinner, but they would be rather surprised and incredulous if told that without the social activities change ringing could hardly have been invented or have survived. That, however, is the bare historical fact. It was not from any ecclesiastical or ritual necessity that the art arose. Ringing in the widest meaning of the word, which includes the general sounding of bells, was always, as it is now, a concern of the Church; but change ringing was invented and developed by ringers for their own purposes and without much regard either to Church authorities or to the general public. In the event the thing which ringers did to suit themselves has proved by far the best for the purposes of the Church and for outsiders.

To a superficial observer it would seem that the relationship of a band of ringers to the parson and authorities of a parish church must be very similar to that of the choir, and for some years now there has been an increasing tendency to approximate them. That is a good thing, and in the changing conditions of the times it may be reckoned as an essential, not merely of the well-being of the Exercise, but of its very existence. It was not so, however, during the greater part of the time in which change ringing has been practised. The men who invented the art, who discovered its fundamental rules and principles, and who handed on to the present generation the traditions which largely control its activities, were men who were self-contained bands and, in the case of those who really counted, had organised themselves into formally constituted social clubs. They took for their models (whether deliberately or not) the old guilds and the later social clubs which were common in the life of the English people in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. From these sources they acquired a spirit of independence—for as ringers they recognised no obligations to outsiders whether they were Church authorities or not—and of exclusiveness—for their loyalty to their fellow-members precluded them from associating with other bands and societies. These do not strike us to-day as very desirable qualities in a band of ringers, but they did make for strength, and at their best they were combined with some admirable qualities—friendship, dis-

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cipline, devotion to their art, loyalty and regard for others. The real weakness was that the system asked too much from human nature, and the frequent dissensions too often undid much of the good the unity had done.

But, for good and evil, that was the organisation which invented and developed change ringing, and the social side was the link which kept the band together and made the whole thing possible. In the more important societies such as the College Youths, the Union Society of Shewsbury, and the like, the social meetings were formally constituted and regulated by strict rule and ritual; in others they might be no more than just going to the village tavern to have a drink and a talk. But the spirit was the same, and it was a most important factor in the life of the Exercise.

The old days are past and conditions are changed. Much that was generally accepted then we know now to have been mistaken. Notably the gap between the Exercise and the Church authorities has been bridged. The exclusive spirit has gone, and one company no longer thinks it can prosper only at the expense of another. The Exercise has become a real entity. But the social spirit which animated the old bands is just as important as ever it was, only it has a far wider scope. In the dark days of 1941, when ringing for a time was at an end, we wrote in this column 'that if the captain of a band does no more than meet one or two members and talk about old times over a glass of beer, he may be ensuring the future of change ringing in his tower'; and the event has proved that we were right. The social life is one of the great assets of the Exercise, and is equally valuable, whether it is in the form of the ordinary intercourse between members of one band, or of such a notable gathering as the Johnson dinner a fortnight ago in Birmingham

TEN BELL PEAL.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Treble	*KENNETH ARTHUR ... 5
*JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*PHILIP A. CORBY ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
PERCY GATTER ... Treble	JOHN QUICK ... 5
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 2	EDWARD PIPER ... 6
*SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	*FRANK BASTIN ... 7
JOHN DEEM ... 4	REG. GATTER ... Tenor

Conducted by B. PIDGEON.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

T. JOHN FOWLER ... Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
WILLIAM WALKER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PALL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
ERIC A. DENCH ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
RONALD C. NOON ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
100th peal as conductor.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*HERBERT CAWTHORNE ... Treble	ROBERT A. WARD ... 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	HAROLD PAILING ... 6
+W. CHANDLER ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 7
PERCY E. BALL ... 4	H. WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Mar. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	ALBERT DISERENS ... 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
RICHARD A. POST ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.



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On Tues., Mar. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB. Tenor 20 cwt.	
ARTHUR LINTOTT Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	FREDERICK S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
MRS. M. H. BILLINGTON Treble	AREHER H. BEAMISH ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	*JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
HUBERT SUMMERS 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by HY. DAINS

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
W. GEORGE TURNER ... Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2	†ALBERT PICKLES ... 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 3	†WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*FRANK RHODES 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 50th peal together.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5
*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	*WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 6
*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... Tenor

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.	
MRS. J. E. DAVIS ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 4	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WOOLWICH, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
BERTIE W ALDRIDGE ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
JAMES E. BAILEY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*JOHN HOWARD ... Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 5
DOROTHY R. FIETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 7
REV. R. ROUTH 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	POWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
*TOM PAGE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	*REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 5
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 2	*GEORGE SAYER ... 6
*MARGARET D. TELFORD 3	*FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method and on the bells.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANCES

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	HARRY MORGAN ... 6
ARNOLD HILL 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TRFB'E BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
THOMAS W. HAMMOND... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5
MISS E. M. STUART ... 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
JAMES TAYLOR 3	*THOMAS MARSHALL ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
JOHN W. BEST 2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	RALPH G. E. EDWARDS... 7
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TRFB'E BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*FREDERICK S. SUTTON... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	JOHN E. BROUGH 6
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method and on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM WALDON ... Treble	*GEORGE BUSH ... 4
HERBERT GOAKES ... 2	*RICHARD DAWSON ... 5
CHARLES WOODS ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

MABE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS H. HARVEY ... Treble	VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... 4
*ALLAN CARVETH ... 2	*BRIAN PARKIN ... 5
WILLIE SANDERS ... 3	MORRIS BERRYMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by VIVIAN WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*J. H. HAYWARD ... Treble	R. F. B. SPEED ... 4
REV. A. C. BLYTH ... 2	P. K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
*J. F. MOOR ... 3	S. E. DARMON ... Tenor

Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

* First peal.

CURRY MALLET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GERALD LOCKE ... Treble	HERBERT G. WESTLAKE ... 4
HENRY G. JONES ... 2	*CHARLES SANDFORD ... 5
PERCY COX ... 3	JOHN T. LOCKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. LOCKE.

* First peal.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GORDON HARRISON ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2	ARTHUR W. SKELTON ... 6
ERNEST BEARDSMORE ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 7
ARTHUR R. KIRKLAND ... 4	EDWARD WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. C. KEY.

Half-muffled with 6-4 behind.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR WALLER ... Treble	ERNEST FREEMAN ... 4
*MICHAEL STEVENS ... 2	PEARL INSKIP ... 5
REGINALD BROCKETT ... 3	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10
Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT 33, HARTINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRANK VARTY ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3-4	†RALPH EDWARDS ... 7-8

Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal on eight handbells and of Plain Bob 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 1, 1946, in One Hour and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT 12, PARK STREET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Reverse and Double Bob and three of Plain Bob.

R. F. B. SPEED ... 1-2	K. S. B. CROFT ... 3-4
S. E. DARMON ... 5-6	

Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

DENIS N. LAYTON ... 1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. L. B. LEESE.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 24, ROLLSCOURT AVENUE, HERNE HILL,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

LUCILE M. HUBERT ... 1-2	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5-6
*CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 3-4	*ALAN WHITE ... 7-8

†PHILIP A. CORBY ... 9-10
Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. L. B. LEESE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on handbells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Mar. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT SOMERVILLE COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JULIA M. PRESTON ... 1-2	JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5-6
MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 3-4	MARGARET L. TUTT ... 7-8

BETTY SPICE ... 9-10
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
The first peal as conductor on ten bells.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5127 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 9-10
Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.
Conducted by J. THOMAS.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held in Truro on February 20th, with an unexpectedly large attendance of members from about 30 towers, situated as far apart as Launceston and Madron.

The Ringing Master reported that seven meetings had been held in 1945, and monthly combined practices in the Penzance and Truro Branches. One peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung at Ludgvan and there had been three attempts for a peal of Triples. A band of handbell change ringers had been formed among the nurses of the Royal Cornwall Infirmary at Truro, with the matron, Miss Peeke, as their leader, and it is hoped they will soon be ringing tower bells at the Cathedral.

Miss Symons was elected to succeed her late father as president of the Guild, and the other elections were: Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southeard; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Clark; secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella; treasurer, Mr. H. Dunstan; peal secretary, Mr. C. Lanxon; representative on the Central Council, the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

It was decided to hold the diocesan festival at Lanivet on Saturday, July 20th, and that if possible membership badges should be issued again and silver medals.

As a memorial to Dr. Symons it was hoped to place two bells in some tower associated with him.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BRUNT

On March 4th the death occurred of Mr. John Brunt, captain of the band at Broughton Astley, who for 70 years had been a ringer in the parish and for 47 years had held the office of parish clerk. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Brunt, who joined the Midland Counties Association in 1913, had rung two peals.

The funeral was on March 7th, and in the evening, as the church bells are at Loughborough for restoration, an open memorial quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Crosby by Len Bodycote 1, Cecil E. Carr 2, Edgar Chamberlain 3, William A. Wood 4, Henry Bird (conductor) 5, William R. Drury 6.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Brockenhurst on March 9th, was attended by 30 members. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reed and Mr. C. H. Kippin. Four new members were elected and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Over forty members and friends of the Sheffield and District Society were present at the annual meeting, held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on March 2nd.

The Vicar, Canon Foster, took the chair at the business meeting and addressed the ringers. The balance sheet showed the finances to be in a healthy condition, 32 members had been elected during the year, and 27 peals had been rung in 15 methods on different numbers of bells. Four members had rung their first peal. The peal book had been written almost to date. A motion to levy one shilling to be subscribed by members ringing a peal to pay for writing was carried.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. B. Ditcher; Ringing Master, Mr. N. Chaddock; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, hon. secretary, Mr. H. O. Chaddock; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. B. Holland.

An invitation to hold the next monthly meeting at Wainston was accepted.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. PAULSON.

The death is announced of Mr. J. H. Paulson, of Matlock, who passed away on February 23rd in his 80th year. He had been a ringer for over 60 years. He learnt at North Scarle, Lincolnshire, and was for a time at Nuneaton. For more than 50 years he was a ringer at St. Giles', Matlock, and during 31 of them was sexton and vergier. He had taken part in about 40 peals in various methods, some of them on handbells.

The funeral on February 27th in St. Giles' Churchyard was conducted by the Rector, some of the ringers acting as bearers. Handbells were rung over the grave, and on March 3rd a quarter-peal was rung half-muffled on the church bells by W. Howsley 1, Jean Dunn 2, G. W. Smith 3, R. Greatorex 4, H. Gregory 5, C. Bradshaw 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, E. Holmes 8.

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT L. HARLOW.

Mr. Herbert L. Harlow, a member of the band at St. Peter's, Bedford, collapsed and died almost instantly while attending a meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Milton Ernest on March 2nd shortly after taking part in a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The meeting, which had only just begun, was abandoned, and during the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung at Bromham by J. E. Hison 1, C. H. Harding 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, Majorie Watson 4, C. A. Prindiville 5, J. R. Brockett 6, P. Inskip 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8. Mr. Harlow was 80 years old.

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folk, and not to the Editor.

The peal at Marden on March 9th was Mr. T. E. Sone's 300th for
the Kent County Association.

MEMORIAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last paragraph of your leading article you make
a statement which, in my opinion, may raise controversy on a sub-
ject where no difference of opinion should arise.

You say, if a band has real grounds for thanking God for the life
of one of their fellows, let them ring his memorial peal open, but
not otherwise. Now, who is to judge whether a decision to have open
ringing on such an occasion is justified or not on those grounds?

With due deference to any other opinions held, I would suggest
that there is only one way of ringing to express one's feelings at
such a loss, that is fully or half-muffled ringing, according to local
custom. If we afterwards ring a peal of thanksgiving to God for
the life of a departed brother or sister, that is another thing, and a
truly good idea, but let us not mix the two.

If I had been able to join in ringing to express my feelings at the
loss of our dear friend Tom Coles, I should have thought the right
thing to ring half-muffled as a token of respect and genuine sorrow
at such a great loss, and surely the best thing anyone could do to
express thanks to God for his life, which you so wisely suggest should
be done in such a case, would be to try always to live up to the
example he set us, to carry on our ringing, and live to give continual
help and pleasure to our fellows as he undoubtedly did.

The decision to ring bells open at the departure of any good friend
and servant of the Church should, in my opinion, only be made when
it is known or thought that this would be the wish of the person
concerned.

Hillingdon.

W. H. COLES.

A LIST OF TOWERS WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has occurred to me that if the Central Council thought
fit to publish a handbook giving towers and numbers of bells in
each from five upwards throughout the country it would prove very
useful to ringers in their itineraries. They could be listed under county
headings, and the co-operation of association secretaries and others
with the necessary information could be sought. What is the general
opinion?

32, Surrey Street, Cardiff.

F. J. HANNINGTON.

SWANSEA AND BRFCON GUILD.

MEETING AT CADOXTON.

Only about 16 members were present at the annual meeting of the
Southern District of the Swansea and District Guild, held at Cadoxton,
near Neath, on March 2nd. Service was conducted by the Vicar,
the Rev. E. Ishmael, and tea was provided by the churchwarden.
The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, at which Mr. E.
Stitch, the hon. secretary, reported that the credit balance had in-
creased by more than £2 10s. since 1939. Six new members were
elected, and the Rev. E. Ishmael was elected an honorary member.
Sketty was chosen for the next meeting in September.

The methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

ODD AND EVEN ROWS.

METHODS ANALYSIS

By M. HODGSON

One of the operations most frequently performed in theoretical work in change ringing is the determination of the nature of rows. This article states briefly the basic rules of the process and, in addition, presents two methods of analysing rows which may not be well known.

An even row is one which differs from rounds by an even number of changes, a change in this respect being the transposition, one with the other, of two adjacent bells. Rounds itself is taken to be even. An odd row is one which differs from rounds by an odd number of changes.

The most straightforward way of determining whether a row is even or odd follows automatically from the definition, and consists in transposing the given row into rounds by the alteration of one pair of adjacent bells at a time. If rounds comes up in an even number of such changes, the given row is even; if rounds comes up in an odd number of changes, the given row is odd.

In carrying out this procedure, the student will naturally change adjacent bells, since he is accustomed to do so when writing out methods. A little consideration will show that any two bells may be interchanged, as the result is always to make the new row differ from the preceding row by an odd number of changes.

Suppose the given row is 53426. Transposing this into rounds by altering one pair of adjacent bells at each move gives, successively, 35426, 34526, 34256, 32456, 23456. Five changes have been made, therefore 53426 is odd.

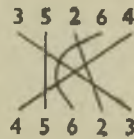
Now, in order to bring the 5th home, we have to move it three places, which requires three changes; similarly, to bring the 2nd home requires three changes. But, in moving home, the 2nd and 5th hunt in opposite directions and must pass each other. One change, therefore, advances both bells and the total number of changes is odd. This is so whatever the original distance apart of the two bells. The bells to be interchanged must move the same number of places, and whether this number is even or odd, the sum is even; but one must be subtracted for the common change, leaving an odd number in every case.

The row 53426 can thus be analysed by interchanging 5 and 2, which brings up rounds immediately and shows that the row is odd.

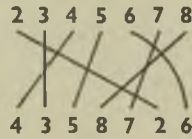
Anyone accustomed to dealing with peal compositions will recognise the nature of many rows at sight. For instance, the lead heads of the plain course of treble-dominated methods are even and so are rows which can occur as course heads in Treble Bob methods. Many rows can be analysed more quickly by comparison with such known rows instead of with rounds.

The first new way of determining the nature of rows is a graphical one. Write the row whose nature is to be ascertained under a row whose nature is known, leaving half an inch or more between them. Draw lines from the bells in one row to the same bells in the other row. Some of the lines will intersect; if necessary, curve the lines so that not more than two intersect at the same point. Now count the intersections: if the number is even, the two rows are of the same nature; if the number is odd, they are of opposite nature.

Examples.



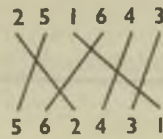
35264 is a plain course lead head and is therefore even. There are eight intersections, therefore 45623 is also even.



Rounds is even and the number of intersections is nine, which is odd. 4358726 is therefore odd.

The same method can be used to decide whether two rows are of the same or opposite nature, without the necessity of determining the nature of the individual rows.

Example.



The nature of both rows is unknown, but there are an odd number of intersections, therefore the rows are of opposite nature.

The second new method has the advantage that it is entirely mental and takes only a few seconds to perform. Keeping in mind the first bell in the given row, count the smaller succeeding bells; repeat this operation on the other bells and add together the numbers so obtained. If the total is even, the given row is even; if the total is odd, the row is odd.

Example.

Given row = 4358726.

4	3, 2	2
3	2	1
5	2	1
8	7, 2, 6	3
7	2, 6	2
2	—	—
	Total	9

The total is odd, therefore the given row is odd.

With very little practice, the eye can be run along a row, keeping each bell in mind in turn, and counting up the smaller succeeding bells.

For example, in the row 251643, with the second in mind, pass the fifth, count 1 for the treble, and pass the sixth, fourth, and third; with the fifth in mind count 2 for the treble, 3 for the fourth, and 4 for the third; the treble obviously contributes nothing, so with the sixth in mind, count 5 for the fourth and 6 for the third; with the fourth in mind, count 7 for the third. 7 is an odd number, therefore 251643 is odd.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- March 10th, 1784. College Youths rang 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark.
- March 11th, 1854. The St. James' Society rang the first silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.
- March 12th, 1758. At Southwark, the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus.
- March 13th, 1882. The Bedfordshire Association founded.
- March 14th, 1898. At Brighton, the first peal of Norfolk Surprise Major.
- March 15th, 1924. At Bolsover, the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.
- March 16th, 1778. The first peal of Maximus on Mancroft bells (6,240 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus).

CATERS WITHOUT A COVER.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your leader in last week's issue dealing with the peal of Caters rung at Basingstoke recently raises many interesting points from the practical ringer's point of view. The tower contains a ring of nine bells, or, perhaps to be more correct, nine bells hung for ringing. It may be argued that, if it is permissible to ring a peal of Caters in such circumstances, it would be also permissible to ring a peal of Sextuples in those towers where there are 13 bells similarly hung. The rules of the Central Council lay down that in the case of Caters and Cinques they must be rung with a covering bell, and as we, as a Guild, have agreed to 'loyally abide the rules and decisions of the Council,' we should not recognise the Basingstoke peal. As the circumstances are in this case unique we feel that we should appeal to the Council for a ruling on this matter at the coming Norwich meeting. Of course, any decision on this point would also include the circumstances of the 13-bell towers and should receive careful thought beforehand. We do not know what was the idea of the ringing of Caters at Basingstoke, but it was probably in the conductor's mind to raise the point regarding revising the Council's rules and decisions in the light of present-day circumstances. As a Guild we shall abide by the Council's reply to our appeal.

FREDK. W. ROGERS, Hon. Gen. Sec.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Cosham.

Sir,—I am not suggesting in any way that peals on any odd numbers of bells rung without a cover should be encouraged, neither do I wish to comment on the musical effect of a peal of Caters rung on nine bells without a cover, but here is a problem. We often see peals of Doubles rung on five bells without a cover and every change repeating 41 times. Such peals are recognised and accepted as quite in order. A peal of Caters rung on nine bells without a cover, consisting of 5,000 odd true and complete changes, is condemned.

As one of the band which took part in the peal at Basingstoke, I don't suppose any of us would have thought of ringing a peal on nine had there been ten bells in the tower.

However, I hope the peal will induce the authorities at Basingstoke to install that much needed treble bell. It would certainly be a very useful and welcome ring of ten in that part of Hampshire.

R. W. REX.

Donnington, Newbury.

Dear Sir,—No doubt you are right when you say that the Central Council insists on a covering bell to Caters for the sake of the music, but the rule would allow a peal of Caters on the front ten of a ring of twelve, and what sort of music would that be?

'ORGANIST.'

INSURANCE OF RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Hawkins' enquiry about the insurance of ringers, we have for many years insured our ringers under a policy with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office against accidents in the belfry, and to include accidents or injury on their way to or from Sunday service ringing and the weekly practice. We pay an annual premium of 12s.

I have no doubt the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2, will supply all the information necessary upon application.

C. CAREW COX.

The Vicarage, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—The ringers at Churchill, Somerset, have been insured by the Church Council for a good many years. The premium is £1 and this covers all the ringers and one named ringer to carry out oiling, putting on muffles, etc.

E. J. AVERY.

Pool Farm, Sandford.

RINGING IN NATAL*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—As has been stated in connection with Australian ringing, immigration is what is most wanted here if progress is to be made. As an auditor, I come in contact with quite a number of people and should be able to be of use in contacting one or two prospective employers.

St. Mary's ten is a fine ring, but no ringing whatever is done there at the present time. The belfry roof leaks and the rain used to pour in to the bells, which were left up. A churchwarden thereupon suggested that the bells be left down always, and this advice or instruction was sufficient to cause a struggling Grand sire Doubles band to pack up their activities. For several Saturday afternoons I have been busy effecting repairs to the roof, and I hope that in a few weeks I shall remedy the trouble.

I recently met Squadron Leader Maskell, of Rugby, but he had no opportunity of ringing here. He spent a very short time here on his way to England.

C. CHAMBERS.

Durban.

[See also advertisement in Notice Column.—The Editor.]

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the views expressed by Mr. F. E. Collins and Mr. C. W. Pipe on the question, 'Which are the best, ball bearings or plain?' as my own opinion is that the only place where a plain bearing should be seen is in a museum.

It is well known that in fulfilling the function of a bearing (which is to offer as little resistance as possible to the required motion), the ball bearing stands supreme. Everyone being agreed on its other virtues such as cleanliness, ease of maintenance, etc., the question arises, 'What quality does a plain bearing possess that makes it so desirable, in certain cases, in spite of its inferiority?' The answer is not difficult to find. It is that by reason of its comparatively high resistance to motion, especially in the vicinity of zero speed (when a bell is coming to the balance), it acts as a brake, and has a steadying effect on the bell. This may seem to be an advantage to a heavy-handed ringer, or to a beginner, but it must not be forgotten that the steadying effect is only obtained at the cost of increased expenditure of energy.

In the case of swaying towers, rickety frames, etc., it may be justifiable to fit plain bearings to secure the desired effect, but at best this is only a 'bodge' to cover up defects elsewhere. The real remedy is, of course, obvious.

As regards completely new installations, the need for plain bearings does not arise, as the engineer has the opportunity of installing a modern correctly designed framework that will do justice to the modern ball bearing unit, and what is just as important, to anchor this framework to the tower in such a way as to reduce sway to the minimum. A good example of this is at St. John's Church, Croydon.

'The matter lies in our hands' certainly, but instead of urging ringers to 'stick out for plain bearings,' let us urge them to insist on structural design coming up to the same level of efficiency as the modern ball bearing.

HARRY W. SIMMONS.

33, Crossways, Addington, Croydon.

Dear Sir,—When ball bearings for bells appeared to be coming into general use, it was the subject of endless argument and discussion amongst ringers. The older ones were, in a great majority, opposed to ball bearings. Personally, I felt that they should have a fair test before condemnation. Ball bearings have been in use quite 'long enough for' most ringers to form an opinion of their virtues or otherwise.

The letter by Mr. Collins covers most of the necessary ground, and in view of his extensive experience is of great value, and, as he writes, the one outstanding advantage of ball bearings is the very little attention required.

Does this give them a balance in their favour? The question is important. With many others, I prefer the plain bearing, but I don't think it will come into general use again till a good self-oiling, foolproof bearing is designed, which, I feel sure, is quite possible. Unfortunately, although in some cases you may get a good steeple-keeper who is prepared to give every attention to a peal on plain bearings, there are others where the reverse is the case, the result: heavy going bells sometimes and a complete overhaul in a comparatively short time.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Melrose, Clock House Way, Braintree.

BROADCAST BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The B.B.C. was approached on January 8th this year after Barking (Essex) bells had been on the air, and in this case six rounds only were broadcast. In the reply from the B.B.C. it said: 'We do not intend to prolong this beyond about a minute, as our experience leads us to believe that if we do so listeners become rather irritated and think the service is never going to begin. We quite appreciate that to include so short a period of bellringing seems to you experts rather a niggardly allotment of time.'

Surely the writer of this letter completely misses the point of ringing at all for broadcast services. Bells are not on the air to irritate people and certainly from my experience and probably most other people do not do so. On the contrary, the object of their broadcast is as a prelude to a service as a fanfare of trumpets is sometimes used to announce the arrival of a distinguished person. They should, therefore, be given their place, and not just be regarded by those responsible for broadcasting as 'fill-up,' especially if the previous programme finishes a little early.

I certainly think that the Central Council ought to put it on their agenda at their next meeting and use its influence to try and explain to the B.B.C. the place bells take in broadcasting and the space of time they should be on the air.

PAUL BIRKETT.

2, Brighouse Road, Queensbury, near Bradford.

BREDBURY BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your note last week about the Bredbury peal is not quite correct. Actually the bells were cast several months ago and we completed the installation of the peal in the tower on Friday, March 1st. This is the first new ringing peal to have been installed by us since the war.

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HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

THE SPEECHES

The following are the speeches delivered at the Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner at the Imperial Hotel on March 1st.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Mr. J. F. Harvey gave the toast of 'Church and State.' He said that without doubt these were the two most important institutions in our national life. The State had in its keeping the well-being of its citizens in the physical world, but the Church, although it should care for this, also had a wider mission to intensify the appreciation of those higher values without which human life must remain poverty-stricken and meaningless. That the Church should fail to retain the affection and loyalty of its people would be a national disaster, but there had been a great falling off in attendance. It would be a great mistake to seek for an explanation in the quality or lack of quality of the clergy. Neither was it due to any special lack of religious feeling in the people. He thought there were three main reasons which outweighed all the rest.

The first was the feeling among the masses that the Church, as a whole, with honourable exceptions, was out of sympathy with, if not actually hostile to, their aspirations for social betterment. He felt that a great deal of sincere and sympathetic work would be needed before that suspicion would be allayed.

The second reason related more to the rather better educated classes. The honest and intelligent man believed what he could and tried to shape his life accordingly, and in his view certain of the dogmas of the Church were out of harmony with the knowledge and the spirit of the age. The third reason was that the Church was far too ready to adopt an attitude of exclusiveness and superiority in relation to other great religions.

We were living in a world in crisis, a crisis in which both Church and State were inevitably involved. He thought that what was needed was an expansion of our mental and moral horizons, an increase in tolerance and understanding, and a supreme effort to make effective in the world the great truth of the unity of all mankind. He was glad to believe that there were signs of progress in all these directions.

Canon Guy Rogers congratulated the proposer on his very capable speech, and expressed relief that Mr. Harvey's conclusion had been on a slightly more optimistic note than he had expected. Coming to the dinner, he had noticed a certain air of depression in the city, caused, he believed, by the afternoon's football results, but he had been greatly cheered by the excellent company assembled, by a good dinner, and especially by the beautiful display of spring flowers so kindly brought by Mr. Rupert Richardson. The Rector said that at a more suitable moment he would be pleased to reply at length to the criticism brought by Mr. Harvey. In his opinion, relations between Church and State in this country were exceptionally happy, and the activities of the Church within the State were not at all hindered by Establishment. That the policy of the Church was in good hands was shown by the appointment of such men as their old friend Archdeacon McGowan to the Bishopric of Wakefield. The Church was, in fact, keenly interested in social problems and could no longer with justice be called 'The Conservative Party of prayer.' The scientific view of life had long ago been accepted by the clergy, certain alterations in the Prayer Book had already been made, and at St. Martin's he welcomed all, no matter what their creed might be.

In conclusion, Canon Rogers observed that he was especially glad to be in the chair on that occasion, since it was exactly 21 years since he came to Birmingham, during which time he had attended practically all the Johnson Commemorations. In 1925 the Johnson Dinner had been his first public function, only a very few days after his arrival in the city.

THE MEMORY OF HENRY JOHNSON.

'The Memory of Henry Johnson' was proposed by Councillor Paddon Smith, who began by reminding the gathering that time passed so quickly that memory was sometimes deceptive. He found it hard to believe that it was forty years since he had taken part in the first peal of Cambridge Major in Birmingham, and that of the band only three or four were still with us. Of those who actually knew that famous man Henry Johnson very few now remained, but he hoped that Johnson's name would always be honoured by this toast and his memory kept green as an inspiration to those who came after.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

In proposing the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' Mr. A. Walker first mentioned three well-known ringers who had passed away during the year—Messrs. W. Saunders, A. E. Pegler and C. T. Coles. Mr. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, where for many years he did excellent work in the cause of ringing, had always been an enthusiastic supporter of the St. Martin's Guild and a regular attendee at the Johnson Dinner. The sudden death of Mr. Coles, who had intended to be present that night, had been a great shock to all, and he would be sadly missed by ringers throughout the country. Mr. Pegler had been a prominent ringer in Birmingham many years ago. Mr. Walker recalled how the Birmingham men had attempted a peal of Royal at Exeter Cathedral, with Mr. Pegler single-handed on the 72 cwt. tenor. After 34 hours' ringing—a wonderful performance—he had been compelled to hand over to his 'relief,' Mr. T. Miller. In Tom Miller's words, 'I free-wheeled nicely down to lead, but it wanted a gas engine to get her back.'

Mr. Walker was sorry that Mr. Miller could not be with them and also regretted the absence of Mr. James George, who, although in his 92nd year and handicapped by an artificial leg, had recently not only taken part in a touch of Cinques at St. Martin's, but had rung for well over an hour in an attempt for a peal of Bob Major at Bishop Ryder's Church.

THE GUILD'S ACTIVITIES.

Reviewing the Guild's activities during 1945, Mr. Walker said that the year had been one of the most successful in the annals of the society, no fewer than 53 peals being rung, with 16 conductors, including the first by the Guild of Yorkshire, Pudsey and Ipswich Surprise. Several young ringers had made excellent progress, notably G. W. Critchley, who rang his first peal on February 16th, 1945, and had now rung 31 peals, 17 of them Surprise, including Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. Practices and meetings had been well attended and a gratifying number of new members had been elected. Much of the Guild's success was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. George Fearn, the Ringing Master, to whom he offered congratulations and thanks. Mr. Reeves, too, as secretary and treasurer, had completed yet another year of successful office, and had accomplished a great deal of work, particularly in connection with the dinner.

Mr. Reeves, in his reply, said that he was very gratified at the excellent company present at this first post-war gathering, the first to be held in the evening for several years. There were 162 persons present, and he had been reluctantly forced to refuse several other applications for tickets. He endorsed Mr. Walker's remarks concerning the progress of the Guild, and added his personal congratulations to the Rector.

Mr. J. W. Pemberton proposed 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' to which Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. S. F. Palmer made interesting and appropriate replies. 'The Health of the Chairman' was the last toast of the evening, proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes, and the Rector's response in his customary happy style brought the evening to a close.

Many visitors were able to stay in Birmingham for the week-end, and on Sunday there was ringing at all four city churches, while a large company assembled at mid-day for the usual handbell ringing and social gathering at headquarters.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT WALTHAM.

A meeting of the Melton Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, held on February 23rd at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, was attended by 43 members from Asfordby, Buckminster, Croxton, Kerrial, Great Dalby, Long Clawson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Twyford and the local belfry, and visitors from Cotgrave, Groby and Hough-on-the-Hill. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Cambridge Minor.

Mr. R. Mount took the chair at the tea and business meeting, at which 14 members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next gathering at Buckminster on March 23rd.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.

A meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Lytchett Matravers on March 2nd, was attended by 35 members from St. John's, Bournemouth, Hampreston, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Poole, Salisbury (St. Thomas' and St. Paul's), Stoke Wake, Swanage, Wareham and the two local towers. Ringing ranged from Cambridge Surprise Minor to Doubles and rounds, ten different methods being rung. After tea Lytchett Minster bells were rung to standard methods. The third bell at Lytchett Matravers is from an unknown foundry and was assumed by the late Mr. H. B. Walters to have been cast about 1431.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HOLLINGBOURNE.

At a meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, held at Hollingbourne on February 23rd, members and friends were present from Linton, Rainham, Bearsted, Boxley, Charing, East and West Malling, Barning, Mereworth, Fast Peckham, Aylesford, Wateringbury, Sutton Valance, Wrotham, Swindon and the local belfry. The Vicar conducted the service and 50 persons sat down to tea given by Mrs. Coleman and friends. Thirty-one ringing members and one honorary member were elected at the business meeting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT BIRKENHEAD.

A meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on February 23rd. After service conducted by the Vicar, about 40 members sat down to tea in the Church Hall.

The methods rung included London, York, Wells and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Hornchurch, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—G. W. Steere.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern.—Lye, Saturday, Mar. 16th. (Wordsley not available.) Usual arrangements.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Rolvenden, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual, Handsworth, Sheffield, Mar. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Schoolroom. Election of officers, etc.—Sidney F. Palmer.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield (10), Saturday, March 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee, Saturday, Mar. 16th, at Girls' Central Club, Chain Street, Reading, 3 p.m. Advise me if coming. Ringing afterwards at St. Laurence's.—W. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Frant, Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea. Bring food.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Western Branch.—Malvern Priory (8), Saturday, Mar. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Newhall (6), Saturday, Mar. 16th. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 4.45.—J. W. Cotton, Sec., Overseal.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Dunstable (8), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Houghton Regis bells not available. No tea; cafes nearby.—H. C. Hillyard.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Berkswell (6), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. A. Stote.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—March 16th. Ringing at Grundisburgh cancelled. Burgh and Clopton available 2 p.m. Tea at Dog Inn 5 p.m. Probably ringing at Grundisburgh after tea. Guild reports ready.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Campsall (8), Saturday, Mar. 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5. Names to Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Mar. 20th.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Brentford, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30. Further ringing evening.—J. E. Lewis Cockey.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Markfield, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Mar. 20th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

SURREY ASSN.—Annual, Beddington, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 19th, to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—C. de Ste C. Parks.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual, St. Thomas', Dudley, Saturday, Mar. 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by March 20th, please.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Holbrook and Stutton, Saturday, March 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea for March 19th to J. W. Jennings, 134, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Newchurch (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson, 7, Holme Street, Stacksteads, Bacup.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Broxbourne (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15. Names by March 20th.—G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday, March 23rd, 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by March 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Royston, Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Winscombe (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in Church Room.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—St. Joseph's, Ansdell, Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—J. H. Foster.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Ashover (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. Tea for those who give names to A. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, near Chesterfield, by March 21st.—H. L. Warburton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Rougham (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, March 23rd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—A. Gillings, Horringer.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby Branch.—Doffield (10), March 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea Bridge Inn, 5 p.m. Business in belfry 6 p.m.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Ash, March 30th, 3. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) to those who notify Miss J. Holman, 4, Lion Terrace, Ash, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, March 30th, 3 p.m.—Ellen E. Davis.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Sone, Linton, near Maidstone.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Amesbury (recently augmented to 8), Saturday, March 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 25th to Wm. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual, Boston (10), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by March 26th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA.—Would old members of this band communicate with G. Barber, 146, Sabine Road, London, S.W.11. Reunion meeting and social, June 1st.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Frank E. Pervin has now returned to his pre-blitz address, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Frank C. W. Knight has changed his address from 24, Walpole Road, to 48, Howard Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

BIRTH.

FEIRN.—To Frances and George E. Feirn, at Cleatham, Kirton-Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs, on Friday, March 8th, a daughter (Veronica Evelyn).

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT RODBOURNE.

A meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Rodbourne Cheney on March 9th and was well attended, the Master of the association (the Rev. Noel Hope) being amongst the visitors. Good practice was had in the standard methods, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Cambridge Minor. It is proposed to hold the next three meetings at Blunsdon, Malmesbury and Bishopstone. After the business meeting a 'ringers' quiz' was held and some of the answers will not be found in any text book, one beginner defining change ringing on seven bells as 'Triplets'!

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WHITTLESFORD.

Owing to bad weather, only 13 persons were present at the meeting of the Cambridge Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Whittlesford on March 2nd. They were from Cambridge, Epsom, Meldreth, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Little Shelford, Trumpington and Whittlesford. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. H. Glover, and tea was in the church hall.

The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Trumpington was chosen for the next meeting.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Watts 1, F. H. Crook 2, W. G. Paul 3, Dr. F. S. Poole 4, H. Timms 5, R. G. Bell 6, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 7, F. Philbrick 8.

MERTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss Audrey Castle 1, E. W. Gibbons 2, L. F. Hoppood 3, Miss Jean Freer 4, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 5.

QUARTER PEALS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On February 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Reife 1, F. H. Hicks 2, R. T. Lambert 3, T. E. Sope (conductor) 4, A. W. Durham 5, R. E. Lambert 6, W. Gorringe 7, W. Rogers 8.

STALYBRIDGE.—On Sunday, February 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On February 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Darlington 1, W. Read 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Alan R. Pink (conductor) 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, W. Sanders 6, E. Sanders 7, W. Berriman 8.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Wednesday, February 27th, 720 Double Oxford and 720 of Plain Bob Minor: Miss Jean Metham 1, Cyril Ward 2, Jack L. Millhouse (conductor) 3, Robert W. Parker 4, Harold Marcon 5, Sydney A. Chambers 6.

NEWMARKET.—On February 27th, 1,280 Bob Major on handbells: J. A. Acres 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, R. Heath 5-6, S. Forwood 7-8.

STAINES.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wainsley 1, E. Fish 2, W. C. Parker 3, E. W. Butler 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, E. W. Morey 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. H. Lancaster 8.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Frank Metham 1, F. Metham 2, Miss J. Metham 3, L. M. Bowles 4, Sydney Chambers 5, Cyril Ward 6, Jack L. Millhouse (conductor) 7, Harold Marcon 8.

HALIFAX.—On March 2nd at All Souls', 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Albert Hancock 1, Fred Dunkerley 2, Stephen H. Parry 3, W. George Turner 4, Ronald Squires 5, Victor A. Jarrett 6, Roy Mann 7, Vernon Bottomley (conductor) 8.

MANGOTSFIELD.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Gardner 1, E. Palmer 2, P. C. Williams 3, C. Baker 4, D. Gardner 5, E. Ridler 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, March 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Perry 1, J. L. Willars 2, J. E. Clarke 3, A. Patrick 4, D. Daiby 5, S. Cox 6, C. Marshall (conductor) 7, E. J. J. Elley 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Watts 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, C. Parks 3, J. Saunders 4, T. Bulgin 5, H. Pratt 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Thomas Tribe 1, Cyril West 2, Jack Ethington (conductor) 3, Frank Ashby 4, John Booker 5, Arthur Dummer 6, George Orchard 7, George Waller 8. With 7-6-5 covering.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Jacobs 1, L. Page 2, L. Harris 3, J. Lewis 4, F. L. Harris (conductor) 5, E. Burgess 6.

DEVIZES.—On Sunday, March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Grant 1, Joy Davis 2, W. A. Swift 3, J. S. Weeks 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, H. Sturgess 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Bob Major: L. Conquest 1, J. Nicholls 2, H. B. Whitney 3, L. Head 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, F. J. Pummer 6, V. Conquest 7, E. A. Belson (conductor) 8. Mr. J. Nicholls, who is the captain of the band, has reached his 81st birthday and has been a ringer for 71 years.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On March 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor on handbells: R. C. Noon 1-2, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 3-4, W. Birmingham 5-6.

STAPLEGROVE.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cox 1, W. Warren 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, F. Copham 4, D. Fear (conductor) 5, S. J. Coles 6.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, C. Bowsher 2, P. Trinder 3, V. Clifton 4, H. Farmer (conductor) 5, B. Townsend 6.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.—On March 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: Keith Brayshaw 1, Hazel Cooke 2, Patricia Barton 3, Robert Butterfield 4, Kathleen Pitchforth 5, Philip Whittaker 6, Gordon Benfield (conductor) 7, Dennis Roe 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Merton 1, Miss D. Killingley 2, L. Barry (conductor) 3, G. Holmes 4, B. C. Sadler 5, J. A. Turley 6, G. Cradock 7, J. Smith 8. 7-6-8 covering.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, A. R. Gassecock 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Bowden 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, M. Fensom 8.

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INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

It is evident that, though the authorities of some churches do insure their ringers against accident, the custom is by no means a universal one. In many cases where there are regular paid bands it is probable that any risks under the Employers' Liability Acts are covered by a general policy, but it may not be at all certain whether a claim for compensation by a member of one of the loosely organised voluntary bands, which are so common, would be recognised, even when they do receive some form of emolument or gratuity. Still more uncertain is the position of a ringer who is merely a visitor, whether a regular one or not.

No doubt there is a general subconscious feeling, due to long custom, that the risks run by ringers are so very small that they are not worth troubling about, and there is much to be said for such an attitude. There are thousands of things which might happen to any one of us, and if one did happen might be disastrous, but we are content to chance them. And rightly so. No ringer need be afraid that he will suffer injury in the exercise of his art, but something unpleasant might happen to him at any time. Let us state a case.

Suppose that a steeplekeeper, who is a paid servant of the church authorities, has taken a beginner into the belfry to teach him to handle a bell, and in the course of the lesson the stay of one of the bells is cracked but not broken through. Next Sunday a band meets to ring and includes a man who is a frequent visitor but not formally one of the company. Something of no importance needs adjusting in the bell chamber, and this man goes upstairs to put it right. Being an experienced man he steadies himself as he moves on the frame among the raised bells by putting his weight on the side of the bells which he knows is, or should be, the safe side. But one bell has the cracked stay, and will not bear his weight. He falls into the pit with the released bell and sustains serious injuries. What claim has he for compensation?

The view a judge and jury would take of such a case if it were brought into court (which perhaps would hardly be likely) cannot be said. Not so many years ago the general opinion would have been that the man went there to please himself and at his own risk, and must take the consequences. In more recent times a different spirit seems to prevail, and the man might receive heavy damages. It would depend on the interpretation of the law, and such a case, we believe, would not be covered

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by any statute law (such as the Employers' Liability Acts) as an injury to a member of a paid band would.

What would decide the case would be, we think, the old English Common Law, and how far the church authorities were guilty of legal negligence in the person of their servant, the steeplekeeper, in allowing the man to go among the bells when one was not safe. The liability would depend on a number of facts. If the steeplekeeper asked the man to go among the bells he would be bound to exercise 'reasonable' care that he did not suffer any injury. If he merely allowed him to go it might be sufficient to show that he did not know that the bell was in an unsafe condition. If the man went uninvited and without the knowledge of the steeplekeeper the law might consider him as technically a trespasser, and then he would have no redress unless he could show that a trap had deliberately been set for him.

Much of what we have been talking about is not likely to happen, but since there is always the possibility of accident, ringers, especially those who are members of parochial church councils, should do what they can to make certain that the insurance policies held by the church cover all accidents to any ringers who may be engaged at the church. They need not, and should not, provide only for those for which the church authorities are legally responsible. A voluntary band, even if it is only a loosely organised one, has as much moral right to protection as a paid one.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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FRED. DUNKERLEY ... Treble	*ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 5
*GERALD DARE ... 2	VERNON SYKES ... 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	FRANK APPLETON ... 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.
* First peal in the method.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

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

THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

On the 'Stelfox' Eight.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of York Surprise Major by all.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.	
FRANK H. HICKS Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... 6
FREDK. A. COLEY ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.



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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

ABKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Treble	FRANK REED ... 5
E. C. STACEY ... 2	*RICHARD WILLCOCKS ... 6
HARRY BARNES ... 3	†ERNEST PADGETT ... 7
ERNEST SHORT ... 4	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPONITION. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. PRECEY ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP... 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

BLACKPOOL, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES ... 5
*HARRY PEARSON ... 2	*ALBERT MORLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. RATCLIFFE... 3	JOE C. MELLOR ... 7
JOHN H. FOSTER ... 4	*HERBERT RAMSBOTTAM... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT ... 5
ALBERT C. BAKER ... 2	*DOUGLAS W. GARDNER 6
SIDNEY G. RICHES ... 3	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. RIDLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 3	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Treble	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	ALFRED MOY ... 6
HAROLD SMITH ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 0040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 4
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	*HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 100th peal together. First peal of York Surprise Minor by all.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Child-wall, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

*CHARLES WOODGATE ... Treble	*MISS JOYCE WOODGATE 4
THOMAS BIRD ... 2	*REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 5
RONALD SUCKLING ... 3	*CHARLES WEAVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WEAVERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDK. C. JOHNSON ... Treble	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 4
NELSON W. BANHAM ... 2	*THOMAS A. A. POTTER... 5
†WALTER J. HOUGHTON... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

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

BILLEDSON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called 720's. Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON ... Treble	*CRAIG T. WHITMAN ... 4
*GORDON LEE ... 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 5
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford and one each of Cambridge, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE 4
WM. C. DUFFIELD ... 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
ERIC DURRANT ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 19 1/2 cwt.

*ARTHUR I. BLIZZARD ... Treble	*F. ALBERT REA ... 4
*FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY... 2	†ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY... 5
*HAROLD WILLET ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Bob Minor.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Sun., Mar. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 4
HERBERT HELLIWELL ... 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 5
STANLEY WHITEHEAD ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

WESTON, BATH.

On Tues., Mar. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*TREVOR HAYWARD ... Treble	*ROGER FRY 4
*ERNEST WHITE 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
*MICHAEL POWELL 3	*KENNETH MEDWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

SQUIRE CROFT Treble	RONALD C. NOON 4
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

CLEWER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JAMES BROOKS Treble	†HENRY A. R. POSNITT 4
*DAVID PEARCE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
†A. JAMES GLASS 3	*ALFRED G. EAGLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. HENLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

SILK-WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENNIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BERNARD H. DALTON ... Treble	LEONARD P. WILSON ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 3, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3-4	*DENIS A. BAYLES 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

BRUCE B. ROGERS 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7-8

*MARY E. DAVIS 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal on ten bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 11, 1946, in Two Hours,

AT 6, CRANBOURNE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, five callings.

RONALD C. NOON 1-2	FRANK H. HICKS 3-4
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*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First 'in hand' by all.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 14, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT 'STEDMAN,' SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	*ERNEST MORRIS 3-4
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FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First handbell peal of Stedman Doubles.

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LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT STALBRIDGE.**

At a meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Stalbridge on March 9th there was an attendance of over 80 from Stalbridge, Gillingham, Mere, Zeals, Marnhull, Shaftesbury, Child Okeford, Shroton, Shillingstone, Bourton, Sturminster, Newton, Stourton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Hazebury Bryan, Motcombe, Iwerne Minster, Cann, Stoke Wake and Stoke Trister. Members of the Cary branch of Bath and Wells Association joined the meeting, and other visitors from Evercreech, Ditchat, Castle Cary, Warminster, Yeovil, Chilcompton, Templecombe, North Cadbury, South Cadbury, Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Longbridge Deverill and Wincanton.

Service was conducted by the secretary, the Rev. J. Hutton read the lesson, and the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Merriman, gave the address. Tea was served in the schoolroom.

Dr. E. W. J. Hellins presided at the business meeting. The balance sheet showed income for 1945, £27 12s. 1d.; disbursements, £21 8s. 4d.; invested in Savings Certificates, £4 10s.; balance in hand, £1 13s. 9d. Commander Seaman and Messrs. H. Doel and M. Chilcott were elected members. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Nether Compton on April 18th, and to invite the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association.

It was reported that some encouraging response had already been made to the suggestion for repairing or augmenting bells as a fitting war memorial.

The methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT SPELDHURST.**

Thirty-five ringers from Buxted, Brencley, Croydon, Hartfield, Lamberhurst, Leigh, Rotherfield, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Withyham and Wadhurst attended a meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild held at Speldhurst on March 9th. After tea at the George and Dragon, Mr. B. Collison presided over the business meeting, at which six new members were elected, and Balcombe (April 13th) and Buxted (May 11th) were selected as the places of future meetings.

Mr. W. Rogers called attention to the clashing of the Guild's meetings with those of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association. It was pointed out that the Guild had held its gatherings on the second Saturday in each month for 19 years, and the secretary Mr. C. A. Bassett, was instructed to get into touch with the association with a view to a mutual agreement.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT DUNSTABLE.**

A meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Dunstable on March 16th, and was attended by members and friends from Bromham, Harrow, Harpenden, Houghton Regis, Luton, Linslade, Maulden, Totternhoe, Tilsforth, Toddington, Woburn and the local tower. A variety of methods were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. At a short business meeting held in the tower and presided over by the Rev. G. S. R. Dale, chairman of the district, Messrs. F. Jacklin, of Harpenden, and J. R. Mayne, of Harrow, were elected non-resident members of the association.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MEETING AT ADWICK.**

At a meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, held at Adwick-le-Street on February 23rd, the Vicar of Adwick-le-Street, the Rev. S. A. Taylor, was elected a vice-president of the society, the question of the training of a new band at Hatfield was discussed, and some of the members agreed to help.

Messrs. B. Dodds and J. Grayson, of Sprotborough, and T. H. Foster, of Selby, were elected new members. Thorne was chosen as the place for the March meeting, and Fishlake for April.

The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT CLAPHAM PARK.**

A meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Stephen's, Clapham, on March 9th, and was attended by between 40 and 50 members and visitors. After tea at a short business meeting two new members, Mrs. G. W. Massey and Mr. L. H. Bowler, were elected, and it was agreed that further ringing and business meetings would be held on the second Saturday in each alternate month.

The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.**A NEW ASSOCIATION.***To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—During my association with the ringers in Australia I have discussed the possibility of forming a change ringers' organisation. Always two main difficulties have barred the way. First the lack of a central and suitable meeting place, and, secondly, the apparently insurmountable obstacle of sectarianism. Recently the belfry of Christ Church St. Lawrence was made available and a series of meetings was called.

From the beginning many varied opinions made decisions difficult, and in consequence several accepted rules were not in conformity with English ideas. Finally it was decided to inaugurate the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers and officers were elected. The association has not sought official recognition by the Church, but we hope a satisfactory understanding will be quickly reached.

To-day there are 40 members, who hold regular weekly meetings to study theory (Ringers' Handbook) and practise methods on handbells. Naturally weekly tower-bell practices are still held by the various towers.

Already we are able to report progress. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe, has called two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles, and on Sunday, January 27th, the association rang two 720's of Grandsire Doubles unconducted.

This new association is intended to operate over all New South Wales and not, as at present, in Sydney only.

I should like to ask a number of questions. (1) Can the N.S.W. Association be affiliated to the Central Council? If so, would it have the same rights as the associations in the British Isles?

(2) Would the association be required to have representatives at the Central Council meetings?

(3) If the association was not affiliated to the Central Council, would the Council assist with literature, advice, etc.?

(4) Would 'The Ringing World' publish the association peal and meeting reports, etc., if the association was not affiliated to the Central Council?

A. G. WILLIAMS.

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[An association of church bellringers in Australia would be treated by the home Exercise on grounds of equality. It could apply for affiliation to the Central Council, which undoubtedly would be granted. It would then have the same right to be represented on the Council as English societies have. 'The Ringing World' always publishes reports of peals and ringers' activities from any source, provided they are of general interest and space will allow.—The Editor.]

Dear Sir,—While I was, in Melbourne recently I was privileged to attend the birthday celebrations of Australia's oldest ringer, Mr. James Lucas Murray, who became 84 years of age on February 12th. Twelve of his fellow ringers from St. Paul's Cathedral gathered at Mr. Murray's house, and after touches on handbells sat down to an enjoyable supper, which included a birthday cake complete with four lighted candles. Musical honours were accorded Mr. Murray, and all present wished him many more years of healthy retirement. After thanking the company for their good wishes, Mr. Murray tapped into reminiscent vein and recounted humorous stories of his early ringing days, and of the rivalry that existed between two Melbourne bands.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Murray conducted the first peal ever to be rung in Australia, Holt's Ten Part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung at St. Philip's, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890.

During an enjoyable 14 days' stay in Melbourne I was given a very hospitable welcome by the ringers and elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was arranged for me at the Cathedral, unfortunately came to grief owing to the tenor rope breaking. On going aloft to fit a new rope it was found that part of the wheel had also broken away.

Early in February I spent a few days in Adelaide, and whilst visiting St. Peter's Cathedral was informed by the vergar that one of the churchwardens had bequeathed a sum of money for a peal of eight bells to be installed. This will constitute the first peal of bells in Adelaide, and the question of raising and teaching a band of ringers is likely to present something of a problem.

W. F. J. COPE, R.N.V.R.

Fremantle, W. Australia.

ESSFX ASSOCIATION**MEETING AT FRYERNING.**

A meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Fryerning on March 16th, at which 27 members attended from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Galleywood, Ingatestone, Maldon, Springfield, Stock and Harwich.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. S. Trimble, and tea, provided by Mr. G. Camp, Mr. A. Bradley and the Rector, was served in the Parish Room.

Mr. F. Fitch, of Little Waltham, was elected a ringing member, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Writtle on May 11th.

A variety of methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, and Ingatestone bells were also available.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Subscribers are reminded that the present quarter ex-
pires with the issue of March 29th. Renewal orders with
remittance for the June quarter should be in the hands
of the hon. secretary on or before Saturday, March 30th,
to ensure prompt delivery. Subscriptions should not be
sent to the Editor.

Mr. Frank Barraclough, who rang the fourth in the peal of Treble
Bob Major at Penistone on March 16th, lost his right arm through an
accident some years ago.

Members of the Society of College Youths should note that the
ringing to-morrow will be at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, not at St.
Margaret's, Westminster, the bells of which are not available.

As will be seen in the Notices Column, the times of the Salisbury
Diocesan Guild meeting at Amesbury on March 30th have been altered.
Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Triples,
Caters and Cinques on both tower and handbells; and peals of York
Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus on tower bells.

We are sorry to learn that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards has had a bad
fall and sustained severe injuries to face and hands.

A report of a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Loders, Dorset,
on February 23rd, has been received without a conductor's name. We
shall be glad if it is forwarded to us.

CANON COLERIDGE.

Canon G. F. Coleridge attended a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan
Board of Finance for the last time on March 8th. The Bishop, paying
a tribute to his services, said that 50 years ago he and his church-
warden used to walk overnight nearly fifty miles from Crowthorne to
Oxford to attend a meeting, and then return immediately afterwards.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

March 17th, 1858. Chellis F. Winney born at Nayland in Suffolk.
1891. At St. Martin's, Birmingham, the first peal of Duffield
Maximus.

March 19th, 1868. At Duffield, the first peal of Duffield Royal.
1929. At Willesden, the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six
methods.

March 20th, 1920. At Birmingham, the first peal of Erin Cinques.

March 21st, 1923. At St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, Charles T.
Coles called the first and only five bell peal rung in the City of London.

March 22nd, 1802. At Southwark, the Cumberlands rang 1,104

Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. Still the longest peal in the method.

1858. Isaac J. B. Lates died.

1901. At St. Peter's, Brighton, Mr. George Williams called the

first peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

March 23rd, 1857. Elijah Roberts tapped on handbells 19,440

Treble Bob Maximus.

1887. At Birmingham, 9,020 Grandsire Cinques.

1898. At Aston on handbells, 8,888 Stedman Caters.

INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following is a cutting I took out of one of the papers in 1934: 'Bearings' Insurance.—A novel insurance is being effected by the Comsborough St. Peter's Parochial Church Council, who have decided to insure the 13 bearers at the church against accident. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. T. Rascoe) says that the insurance of bearers is a new departure in the insurance world. The policy covers the ringers against accident when carrying out their duties at the Parish Church, and in travelling to and from other towers—an amusing and up-to-date touch being given to the policy by the clause that the policy will not be operative if the men travel by air. The cost of the insurance to the Church Council will be 1s. per ringer, and the benefits include £250 in the event of death, £125 for the loss of a limb, and 32s. 6d. for a year in the event of total disablement.'

I think the latter should be intended to read '32s. 6d. per week for a year.'

I have heard plenty of talk re insurance of ringers, but this is the only case I have heard that has been carried out. S. BRIGGS.

54, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

Dear Sir,—The ringers at Bradford Cathedral are insured for accidents in the tower, and I think all ringers should be so insured. The insurance is an employer's liability policy and is cover for all church-workers, which includes 12 bearers, 24 choirboys, one clockwinder, one vergier and, I think, two curates. If anyone would like further particulars, Mr. Simpson, churchwarden, Bradford Cathedral, would be pleased to supply them. E. H. RAYNER.

Bradford.

Dear Sir,—I have made inquiries, and with the help of one of the churchwardens at Wrotham, find that at Wrotham, where the ringers are volunteers, the church authorities have no legal liability under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, since the Acts apply to paid workers only. Quoting further from the same source, 'The position in respect of voluntary helpers is that they are regarded as recognising and accepting the risks associated with the work they undertake, and it is only in the event of a voluntary worker sustaining some bodily injury due to a defect in the premises, or to negligence on the part of the church authorities or their employees, that any legal liability can rest upon the church authorities.' (The church authorities' third party insurance would, I think, cover the above.) The Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., have a scheme of personal accident assurance to provide for the payment of specified benefits to ringers who sustain bodily injury by accident while ringing, attending to the bells or while travelling to and from a church for ringing or practice. R. PALMER.

2, St. Mary's Road, Wrotham, Kent.

Dear Sir,—A few years ago I took this matter up with a well-known insurance company which specialises in church risks. I was informed that if the ringers were voluntary there was no liability attached to the church authorities.

The position with regard to paid ringers is different, inasmuch as should an accident occur the church becomes liable, therefore these ringers should be covered by an employer's liability policy, together with the other paid servants of the church, such as the organist, vergier, etc. A. H. FOX.

122, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, East Yorks.

[We thank other correspondents who have written on this matter.—The Editor.]

BROADCAST BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Paul Birkett is very optimistic if he thinks that the Central Council or anyone else can 'explain to the B.B.C. the place bells take in broadcasting.' The B.B.C. people know their job and the opinions of the persons they cater for. The fact that a few ringers would like to have a little more bellringing does not influence them in the slightest. Why should it? For the many thousands who listen one minute of the bells is quite sufficient. It is enough to give the required church atmosphere, and more would bore most of them stiff. Ringers do not realise that, though many people feel the charm of change ringing, a very little of it goes a long way when it has to be listened to intently. Occasional snort lengths of changes on the wireless do good to the Exercise and its reputation, but much of it would do a lot of harm. X.

Dear Sir,—This subject was well to the fore on Saturday at Nottingham, when a meeting of the Southwell Guild congratulated the St. Mary's band on refusing to ring for a broadcast service on the previous Sunday. An attempt to get a stipulated time on the air was metted 'as the bells were only required for a background.'

The meeting decided to press for action by the Central Council and in the meantime to call on all ringers to follow the example of St. Mary's ringers. T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

Nottingham.

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. W. Simmons seems to think that the saving of expenditure of energy caused by ball bearings is a good thing. So it is to some extent, but by no means entirely, because the expenditure of energy is itself one of the main causes of the fascination of bellringing. One of the greatest pleasures in ringing is in the amount and nature of the pulling needed. Bells can go too well, especially when they are light in weight and have a long draught of rope. Many an old-fashioned ringer has complained that the modern bell-hanger has taken half the enjoyment out of bell handling. The thing is far too easy now and schoolgirls can ring tenors. One result is that there is a lot of sloppy, slovenly ringing done. 'SENEX.'

Dear Sir,—This discussion takes me back to Moulton, October 14th, 1928. It was our harvest festival and the preacher was Canon H. E. Nolloth, late of Beverley Minster and an authority on bells, having been supervisor of the rehanging of York Minster bells.

After service he made for the belfry to watch the ringers. In conversation with them they told him the going was hard. They were perspiring. He remarked, 'You want ball bearings.' I may add, the perspiring was helped on by a swinging frame and oscillating tower, which kept outsiders from coming to ring a peal.

We had the bells rehung in 1931 and put on ball bearings to the great delight of the ringers. No more perspiring. The going was so easy that a band of girl ringers was formed under the tuition of the foreman, Tom Tebbutt, some of them ringing in peals.

Decidedly, after that experience, I vote for ball bearings.

J. M. TURNER, President, N.E. Devon Branch.
The Rectory, Washfield, Tiverton.

A MATTER OF FINANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. C. S. Turner is surely right when he says ringers get their ringing too cheaply. They have free access to any tower for Sunday ringing or for practice, then when the ropes get worn out or the bearings want renewing, ringers are heard to complain bitterly that the so-and-so old parson takes no interest in the ringers. Why should he when the great majority of ringers take no interest in the Church and seldom attend a service? Then the peal ringers. What would happen if the bells were hung in the Town Hall and ringers had to apply to the civic authorities for permission to ring three hours non-stop? I don't think there would be as much peal ringing as there is now. Peal ringing no doubt affords great pleasure to the ringer, but little to the compulsory listener. When a party of ringers wish to ring a peal in a tower that is surrounded by dwellings, as so many of them are, surely it should be the business of the ringers concerned to get the bells blanketed or shuttered off so that they do not annoy the people who live nearby. A lot could be done in this respect by the various ringers' associations if these bodies were wealthier. It surely is time ringers paid something for the pleasure they get out of ringing and the annoyance they so lightly inflict on others. GEORGE N. BLAKE.

St. Albans.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

A meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on March 16th, and attracted over 40 members from Balderton, Bottesford, Bulwell, Daybrook, Derby, Newark, Nottingham (St. Mary's and St. Peter's), Retford, Lincoln, Sutton, Southwell and Ilkeston.

Canon Wilkinson presided at the business meeting in the belfry, at which the resignation of the vice-chairman, Mr. R. Narborough, was accepted with regret and Mr. Paling elected to the vacant office. Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., was appointed representative on the Central Council.

Broadcasting was well discussed on a motion to congratulate the band of St. Mary's, Nottingham, for refusing to ring for a broadcast service on the previous Sunday. Mr. Narborough had attempted to get a stipulated time 'on the air,' but obtained not only a refusal but the added information that the 'bells were only required for a background.' It was decided to press for action by the Central Council, and in the meantime to call on all ringers to follow the lead given by St. Mary's band.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Kent Treble Bob Royal, and also included courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Bristol Surprise Major.

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Vicar and churchwardens of Bradford Cathedral have placed a tablet in the ringing chamber to commemorate the ringing of the bells at intervals during V-Day, on which is inscribed the names of the ringers who took part. It was impossible to ring a peal that day, as there were thanksgiving services taking place up till midnight. I think there were 24 services, and it was estimated 12,000 people took part, a great occasion to keep in memory.

ERNEST H. RAYNER.

54, Thornbury Drive, Thornbury, Bradford.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

BY JOHN P. FIDLER.
(Continued from page 113.)

An old, yet ever new, invocation graced the old tenor of Whitchurch Canonorum, and, like other old inscriptions we have come across, applies equally to-day as the day it appeared; whether they apply to-morrow remains to be seen, but human nature, being what it is, it most likely will.

'Harke when I call. Come to corch
All come to sarve God or come
Not at all. Anno Domini 1669.'

I do not expect anyone would complain if a similar inscription appeared to-day.

At Sherborne we get an invocation of another nature. It does not appear on a bell of the peal, but on an extra bell, which, as the inscription informs us, is the 'Fire Bell.'

'Lord qvnc the fvrious flame
Aris, rvn, help put out the same.'

It is a peculiar shaped bell, and I doubt whether there is another like it. Certainly the following does not describe it:—

'My sound is good, my shape is neat,
Twas Kingston cast me so compleate
1805,'

which appeared on the second bell at Bradford Abbas.

The year 1684 saw an unusual inscription, yet in the main is similar to many we have seen already.

'A wonder great my eye I fix where was
but three you may see six.'

It seems like a statement by a conjurer, who, by sleight of hand, transformed three into six. This appeared on the treble bell at St. Peter's, Shaftesbury.

Reference has been made to the inscriptions which praised subscribers and an inscription which does the opposite is a rarity; in fact one would think it non-existent, yet the following made its appearance at St. Benet's, Glastonbury:—

'Our tones would all have been moch
Deeper if contributions had been
Greater.'

Thus, ye subscribers to bell funds, remember St. Benet's, give liberally and give early; the more you give the better the job will be, no one gets something for nothing, but just what you pay for.

Thomas Janaway, in 1763, put an inscription on Bexley 3rd, which is as topical to-day as the day it appeared.

'Ye rulers that are put in trust
To judge of wrong and right
Be all your judgements true and just
Regarding no mans might.'

No one can fall out with these sentiments, nor with those expressed in the next inscription which Janaway put on Bromley Third ten years later.

'He and he only aims aright who
Joyns industry with delight.'

It is not often a god of music gets a line in a bell inscription, but on the seventh at Bromley Janaway gave us this:—

'The ringers art our grateful notes
Prolong Apollo listens and approves
The Song.'

Judging by the inscription on the tenor at Glington, Northants, they had one of those subscribers all bell

committees like to meet—one who says, 'Raise what you can and I will pay the difference.' The inscription is:—

'John Scott did pay for me
One hundred pounds and odd money.'

I do not know what the odd money was and can only surmise he had promised to make up the amount required to do the bells.

At West Haddon another keen worker gets a pat on the back, for the old second tells us:—

'Heare I had not hunge
Bvt for John Dalington.'

No doubt John was quite pleased with that one.

No matter where we go, we continually come across old inscriptions which apply to-day just as they did when produced, thus in 1834, the Oxford Taylors came out with this one at Helmdon:—

'Obey our call the right the good old way
Shun schism's wiles, nor from it ever stray.'

Whilst the tenor there, dated 1679, gives us:—

'That all may cvm and non may stay at hom
I ring to sermon with a lvsti bom.'

I should imagine we should read 'summon' for 'sermon' here. This is a fairly common inscription and summon is used frequently.

It is not often one finds an inscription which predicts an event, but on Marston Trussel third this appeared:—

'Marke Brewster Marchant gave
The great bell of this ring 1621.'

Yet on 'The Great Bell' we have the date 1623 and the inscription tells us Mark Brewster gave the bell. Do not start wondering how this comes about. Mark Brewster died in Moscow in 1612 and left money to buy the 'Great Bell.'

The ninth at St. Giles', Northampton, takes us back to the reign of George III., and reminds us of the loss of America and a previous European War. It was cast by Arnold in 1783, and presents us with:—

'The joys of peace our infant voice proclaim
With Holland, France, America and Spain,'

and yet it was not long after this that Napoleon started throwing his weight about, so much so, that we still are sorting the bits out. Here, again, we have an inscription which brings us back to earth with a bump. In spite of our progress, are we any further forward than when Arnold cast St. Giles' ninth?

Again an old but ever new inscription comes to light. It is on the fourth at Passenham.

'A trusty frende is harde
To fynde 1585.'

Can anyone complain about this one? As far as I know, it has not been placed on any other bell. This would look better on a 'Wayside Pulpit' than 'Beer is man's enemy,' which was followed up by 'Make a friend of your enemy.'

Our next is not quite so good. It appeared at Towcester in 1725:—

'Ring boyes and keep awake for
William Henchmans sake.'

I am not going to say anything about this inscription, but will let you wonder what it is all about.

By his inscriptions on the old third and fourth at Wicken, Newcombe lets us know what an honest chap he was, and they read like some problem set on an examination paper. I shall not attempt to sort them out, or

I might come a purler, but here they are for those who wish to try:—

Old Third:—

'Tow hvndred waight was
I before aded to me was
Eyght hvndred more this is
No robing of a kirke bvt
Acovnted a good warke 1620.'

Old Fourth:—

'Fowr are torned into one yet
Loss the chvrch received none.'
'Three hvndred weight was
Added more and paid by Wickens
Patrons score 1619.'

During the period of the inscriptions' under review newspaper advertisements were unknown. Quite a number of founders used the bells to extol their merits. Some of these were justified, whilst others were mere puff. The third bell of St. Benet's, Cambridge, was given one of these vain inscriptions which did not justify itself. 'Of all the bels in Bennet I am the best
And yet for my casting the parish paide
Lest.'

This bell was cast in 1607, and certainly was not the best in St. Benet's tower.

Are all St. Benet's parishes poor? or are they still tainted with the Benedictine rule? St. Benet's, Glastonbury, as we have already seen, has a bell which mildly slates the subscribers. There is one thing to be said, nobody, or should it be no bell, can pass rude remarks about the ringers of England through whose efforts the bells of St. Benet's, Cambridge, were restored in 1931 to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. The tenor bell inscription is worth repeating:—

'This bell was broke and cast again as plainly doth appear

John Draper made me in 1618 which time churchwardens were

Edward Dixon for the one whoe stood by his tacklin
And he that was his partner then was Alexander Jacklin.'

I wonder what is meant by 'tacklin'? Had Edward Dixon been a bellhanger one would have assumed he was his hoisting gear. Perhaps it was the wherewithal to celebrate the casting of the bell. Anyhow, it rhymes with Jacklin, so what matters its meaning?

Down in Dorset we found some bells with socialistic tendencies, and at St. Mary's, Ely, we come across two more, but they are milder than the 'Darset' ones. On the fifth we have this:—

'I to the poor and needy am a friend
For whose relief I call you to attend,'

whilst on the sixth we find:—

'May our rich goodd and happy be
And our poor peace and plenty see.'

These were cast by Arnold, 1781. In 1946 both rich and poor would like to see plenty. Again history is repeating itself, for they were having a rough time in 1781, when George the Third was king.

In 1776 we lost America, but Fulbourn had a new ring of six which were cast out of the bells of All Saints' Church and St. Vigor's Church. Some years before, the steeple of All Saints' Church fell down, and in 1775 an Act of Parliament was passed to unite the two benefices. Two single lines of inscriptions put on the second and third bells briefly record the events,

Second:—'The ruins of All Saints were taken down.'

Third:—'And the parishes united.'

Still the inscriptions which record some important event in the history of the bells turn up; when Joseph Eayre cast six bells for Whittlesey St. Mary in 1758 he inscribed the fourth:—

'The five old bells into six was run
With additional metal near a tun,'

whilst that on the old fifth was a favourite of his that discouraged enthusiasm. This peal was made eight in 1803 by Osborn and Dobson.

When the Willingham bells were cast in 1755, the fourth bore a very premature inscription, alas; it tells us:—

'The first time these five bells
Rang was for Thomas Wallman's
Wedding.'

Thomas Wallman was a churchwarden at the time, and for some reason or other he never married. Was he full of hope when the bell was cast? Did the lady take offence when she saw the inscription and told him, 'You've had it, chum,' or whatever they said in those days? As poor old Tom is beyond recall we cannot have the answer.

Like a lot of inscriptions, that of the eighth at Wisbech, St. Peter's, is devoid of punctuation marks, which, at first glance, makes it seem all mixed up:—

'I praise the Lord the people call convoke the priests
The dead deplore plagues drive away and gladden
feasts.'

When I first saw this I wondered why the dead should deplore plagues. I could understand the dead gladdening feasts if the author of the lines was conversant with North Country practice, where it is a poor funeral is one is not buried with ham. On reading it again I saw the meaning. Just look through it again and you will see it.

Rudhall, when he cast the Quatt, Shropshire, tenor in 1700, departed from his stock inscription and gave this:—

'I call the quick & dead prepare
To chvrch & bed.'

Now, is the word 'bed' meant to have some reference to the ringing of the curfew, or is it meant to refer to the 'grave'? Quite possibly the former, because the dead have been called in the first line.

Very rarely do bells record local rhymes similar to the well known nursery rhymes on London bells, but the tenor of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, gives us one:—

'Up Severn and down Morfe
Say the bells of Bridgnorth.'

I cannot give the meaning of 'Up Severn and down Morfe,' but perhaps someone from the locality can enlighten us.

(To be continued.)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT MALVERN.

Over 50 members of the Worcestershire Association sat down to tea, provided by Canon Bartleet and Mr. Allsebrook, one of the churchwardens, at the meeting held at the Priory Church, Great Malvern, on March 18th.

Canon Bartleet presided at the meeting, and he and the warden were elected as honorary members. Ten ringing members were elected, and arrangements for the quarterly peal were left in the hands of Mr. Lawrence. Hanbury was chosen for the next meeting, with Suckley as an alternative. The collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £1 5s. The methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and London and Bristol Surprise.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received **NOT LATER THAN MONDAY.**

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District. — Campsall (8), Saturday, Mar. 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Brentford, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30. Further ringing evening.—J. E. Lewis Cockey.

SURREY ASSN.—Annual, Beddington, Saturday Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. de Ste C. Parks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Mar. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Holbrook and Stutton, Saturday, March 23rd, 2.30 p.m.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Broxbourne (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15.—G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday, March 23rd, 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Royston, Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Winscombe (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in Church Room.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Ashover (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Business 5.30.—H. L. Warburton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Rougham (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, March 23rd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—A. Gillings, Horringer.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby Branch.—Duffield (10), March 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea Bridge Inn, 5 p.m. Business in belfry 6 p.m.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Ash, March 30th, 3. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) to those who notify Miss J. Holman, 4, Lion Terrace, Ash, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Sone, Linton, near Maidstone.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual, Boston (10), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by March 26th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Farnborough (6), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Tumble-down Dick Hotel, 4.45. Names by March 27th.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Kibworth, Sat., March 30th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Village Hall. Names for tea by March 27th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Longparish, Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. T. Marsden.—F. S. H. Marle.

BEDS ASSN.—Bedford District.—Milton Ernest (6), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 61, Church Road, Stainforth, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Saturday, March 30th. Tea 4.45. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12, by March 25th.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Practice at Rainham, Saturday, March 30th, 6.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Tavistock (8), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d. each) by March 25th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth, Devon.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Hardingstone, Saturday, March 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Amesbury (8), Saturday, March 30th. Service 3. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, and details of bus services not later than March 25th to Wm. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Leckhampton (8), Saturday, March 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names by the 26th.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—St. Peter's, Halliwell, Saturday, March 30th, 2.30. Business 6.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) and **LANCASHIRE ASSN.** (Liverpool Branch).—Childwall, Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea provided. Notify G. R. Newton, 57, Amphthill Road, Liverpool 17.—H. S. Brocklebank and G. R. Newton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual nomination meeting, Armley, March 30th, 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.) and business 5 p.m. Names by March 28th.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual, Old Cleeve (8), Saturday, March 30th. Service 4.15. Tea and business at the Village Hall 5.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—West Monkton (6), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

BRISTOL RURAL.—Alveston (6), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by March 25th to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Kegworth (8), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Whiston (8), April 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham.—H. Chaddock.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Brenchley (8), Saturday, April 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names by April 3rd to T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. Practice, Tonbridge, Friday, April 5th, 7.30 p.m.—T. Saunders.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Wembdon (6), Saturday, April 6th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Short, Quantock View, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Aston (12), Birmingham, Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Notify Mr. F. Price, 174, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23. Phone ERD. 0554.—T. H. Reeves.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—SS. Philip and Jacob, April 6th, 3 p.m. Christ Church not available. Tea 5 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall. Notify for tea by April 3rd.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Horbury, near Wakefield (8), Saturday, April 6th; also Ossett (10) available. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names to Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, by April 3rd.—Wm. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEETING AT NEWHALL.

Over thirty members and friends of the Midland Counties Guild attended the meeting held at Newhall on March 16th.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Wright, assisted by the Rev. F. J. Styles, conducted a short service, and Mr. B. G. Key was in the chair for the business meeting. Ten ringing members were elected, and meetings were arranged for Burton Parish Church on Easter Monday and at Barton-under-Needwood on May 25th. Mr. J. W. Cotton was elected representative on the Central Council.

Discussion took place regarding the design submitted by the committee for the Guild's certificate, and the matter was left over to a future meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor and rounds.

The towers represented were Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Repton, Measham, Netherseale, Overseal, Lullington and the local company.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT SHERBURN.

At a meeting of the Selby and District Society, held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on March 16th, about 24 ringers were present from Hull, Goole, Tadcaster, Hemingbrough, Selby and the local tower. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob.

Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. S. Cuthbertson, curate of Selby Abbey, presided. The younger members are to be encouraged to express their views at future meetings of the society.

THE BELLS OF EUROPE.

It is announced that a thousand church bells looted by the Nazis from Belgium, France and Holland have been returned by the Control Commission.

QUARTER PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Tuesday, March 5th, 1,850 Stedman Triples: G. C. Tarr 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Miss P. Holmes 3, H. Hodgetts 4, J. Rootes 5, L. Tarr 6, H. Cashmore (conductor) 7, F. W. Brinklow 8. Also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Rootes 1, H. Hodgetts 2, Miss P. Holmes 3, G. C. Tarr 4, C. W. Woolley 5, L. Tarr 6, F. W. Brinklow 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.—On Tuesday, March 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Cleaver 1, Mrs. G. Savill 2, Miss P. Holmes 3, G. C. Tarr 4, F. Allaway 5, L. Tarr 6, H. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On March 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. A. R. Chamberlain 1, P. C. Bennett 2, R. J. Houghton 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, C. H. Harding 5, C. E. Jeffries 6, L. H. Bywater 7, B. J. Stubbs (conductor) 8.

CHIPPING BARNET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, W. Baldwin 2, W. Vince 3, E. Marshall 4, E. Hoare 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. W. Ward (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8. Half-muffled for Mrs. D. Casley.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, R. Sharpe 6.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Potheary 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Miller 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, B. Sutton 6, C. D. Nichol 7, S. Howard 8.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. T. Weeks 1, S. G. Grant 2, W. G. Mortimer 3, P. J. F. Hunt 4, F. J. Bealing 5, J. S. Weeks (conductor) 6.

BURBAGE, LEICS.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Compton 1, W. Clough 2, C. Turner 3, A. Ballard 4, E. Clough 5, E. Rivitt 6, F. K. Measures (conductor) 7, J. Veasey 8.

EDENHAM, LINCS.—On March 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Stainsby 1, A. Scott 2, B. Wade 3, A. Wade 4, A. Holmes (conductor) 5, F. French 6, Miss M. Gann 7, Dv. Stainsby 8.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On March 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: Keith Brayshaw 1, Robert Butterfield 2, Derrick Taylor 3, Sam Blundell 4, Paul Birkett 5, Philip Whitaker 6, Gordon Benfield (conductor) 7, Dennis Roe 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Garley 1, Brian Austin 2, Roy Summerley 3, C. W. Bird 4, A. Garley 5, H. Baxter (conductor) 6.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: C. H. Hughes 1, Thomas H. Taffender 2, A. Prior 3, F. W. Housden 4, H. T. Andrews 5, R. W. Stannard 6, Richard F. Deal 7, Frank C. W. Knight 8, E. D. Smith (conductor) 9, J. MacPhail 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, Margaret L. Tutt 2, N. I. Alnatt 3, J. Higgins 4, R. Higgins 5, R. A. Post 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,248 Bob Major: T. Belton 1, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 2, H. Knights 3, L. B. Hodges 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, C. R. Belton 6, P. Deacon 7, T. K. Deacon 8. Half-muffled for Mr. E. Green.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wilfred E. Box 1, Henry H. Fearn 2, John Scott 3, Herbert C. Spencer (conductor) 4, Cyril Taberner 5, James F. Harvey 6, George E. Fearn 7, G. William Critchley 8.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MEETING AT MILDENHALL.

A meeting of the Mildenhall District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Mildenhall on March 9th. Forty-seven ringers from 20 towers were present, and the methods rung ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. The Vicar presided at the business meeting and was supported by the general secretary of the Guild and Mr. A. Gillings.

Mr. C. W. Pipe announced that it was proposed to add two trebles to the ring of eight at Mildenhall.

Mr. R. A. Wallace was elected district secretary, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Elveden in May. A collection for the fund to provide the new bells realised £4.

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COMMEMORATION.

At the recent Henry Johnson dinner in Birmingham one of the speakers called attention to the change which of late years has come over the commemoration. When the function was first started and for a time afterwards (he said in so many words) the people who attended it were men who had known Johnson personally and had been influenced by him directly. Many of them were paying homage to the memory of a departed friend. But inevitably that phase has gone. Even at the beginning those who were his contemporaries were but few, and as the years passed those who could say they had been in his company got fewer and fewer until there is left but a handful, most of whom have no more real connection with him than that they were youths when he was an old man. The speaker hinted that there might be something unreal in such a commemoration, and suggested that, though it is a good thing to remember a great man to whom the Exercise owes much, it would be worth while to consider whether there are not other men who have almost as much claim to remembrance as he.

The point is worth some careful thought. In the course of more than half a century the Johnson dinner has become firmly established as an important event in the life of the Birmingham Exercise and indeed in the life of the Exercise as a whole. It has certainly kept the name of Henry Johnson before ringers, and so far has served the end for which it was founded. But it may well be doubted if that has kept the dinner alive, and even if in itself it is a really sufficient reason for its continuance. Entirely apart from anything to do with Henry Johnson, the annual dinner at Birmingham is an excellent thing, and is worth preserving for its own sake, and that we doubt not is the way in which ringers generally regard it. The dinner was founded to commemorate the life and work of Henry Johnson. In the future it may easily be that the name of Henry Johnson will chiefly be known as the title of one of the principal social events in the ringer's year.

Even if this does happen the foundation of the dinner has been justified. It was first held on Johnson's eightieth birthday, when he was already a survival from the past, and to men like Arthur Heywood and Jasper Snowdon was something of a legend. The Exercise was just beginning to wake to fresh life and activities after a period of stagnation and decay, and was looking back over the recent years to the time when there were giants

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in the land. Johnson was representative of the best that had been in the Exercise, he was a lovable man, and it is no wonder that in his mellow old age he was regarded with universal respect and affection. His life and work did much good for Birmingham and the Exercise; perhaps the legend about him created by Heywood and others did even more good.

But much has happened to the Exercise during the last 50 years. In everything connected with the art of change ringing there has been great development. Fresh ideals and standards have been brought in. New leaders have arisen, have done their work, and gone their way. The old names have not now the importance and significance they once had. A name like Henry Johnson no longer towers above others as it once did; and inevitably the modern generation cannot and does not look on his memory with the reverence and respect as the best of their predecessors did. Johnson has to take his place with his peers in history. A great name, certainly, but still one among others.

The idea which founded the Johnson Commemoration in the past was a fine one and has done much good. The danger for the future is that it may become exhausted and be a mere formality. Perhaps the most effective means of keeping it alive would be to retain the present forms but to widen their scope. It might well be that Johnson's name and memory would remain fresher if they were associated with those of other and more recent men, who also in their own time and their own sphere have served their fellow ringers.

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WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	REGINALD A. REED ... 8
*MRS. ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 9
JOHN S. MASON ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... 10
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 11
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6	ALBERT DISERENS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
*LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 8
R. GORDON CROSS ... 4	†ALAN R. PINK ... 9
RAYMOND OVERY ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. RILEY. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † 250th peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TRFBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	†ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 3	†ALAN F. THIRST ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	†HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 9
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* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

FIGHT BELL PEALS.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*KATHLEEN BRAYSHAW ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 5
†MARY E. DAVIS ... 2	ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	*JOHN V. DAVIS ... 7
ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD <i>Treble</i> ... 1	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

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

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
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HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

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On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Wye peal, including Parker's Twelve-part and various ringers like Percy Page and Mrs. T. Cullingworth.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Leicester peal, including Ernest Morris and Walter J. Clough.

* 100th peal together. † First of Stedman. Rung for the marriage of Sidney A. Reed and Marian E. Turner.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Guildford peal, including Alfred H. Pulling and Norman V. Harding.

* 200th peal together.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Pentre Rhondda peal, including Clement Glenn and Albert J. Pitman.

* First peal of Stedman.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Whitley Bay peal, including Miss Hilda Stobbs and Richard A. Gofton.

* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Birmingham peal, including Parker's Twelve-part and various ringers like Francis Bird and Daniel T. Matkin.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LODERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Salisbury peal, including J. L. Glyde and Harold C. R. Vine.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HARPFORD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Harpford peal, including Ronald Pitman and Miss J. Burlinson.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Table listing names and positions for the Hitcham peal, including P. D. Goldsworthy and Mary Pemberton.

* First peal of Minor.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 each of Morning Star, Old Doubles and Stedman, 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 2,880 of Grandsire.

Table listing names and positions for the Wellington peal, including George Davis and Michael P. Moreton.

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Table listing names and positions for the Shirley peal, including S. George Chaplin and John Pinfold.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Table listing names and positions for the Wrenbury peal, including Fredk. S. Sutton and George A. Packer.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

ALVERSTOKE.—On Sunday, March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, F. W. Burnett 2, L. P. Cook 3, E. A. Jurd 4, G. Philpotts 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8. ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sunday, March 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, Ben Norman 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Nicholls 5, W. Bavin 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS MARJORIE WATSON <i>Treble</i> ...	CYRIL A. PRINDEVILLE ...	4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
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Conducted by LEONARD H. BOWLER.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Single Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN WM. LOWE ... <i>Treble</i> ...	RONALD G. EDWARDS ...	4
†STANLEY G. BREWIN ...	*FREDK. WM. LOWE ...	5
†DONALD L. WALTON ...	†HORACE MYATT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HORACE MYATT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 17, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At 83, Church Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	1-2 THOMAS BIRD ...	3-4
RONALD SUCKLING ...	5-6	

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Harris 1, G. Dodds 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, F. D. Bishop 5, Capt. H. W. Rogers (conductor) 6, A. F. Thirst 7, H. Brooks 8. Also 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Winterbourne 1, Miss S. Harris 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Alan F. Thirst 4, G. Dodds (conductor) 5, Capt. H. W. Rogers 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 20, 1946, in Two Hours,

At 83, Church Street,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob.

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2 | ERNEST PYE ... 3-4

RONALD SUCKLING ... 5-6

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 24, Suffolk Road,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6

JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At 24, Suffolk Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

MISS L. M. HUBBERT ... 1-2 | ERIC A. DENCH ... 5-6

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM L. B. LEASE ... 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 22, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Broad Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 1-2 | THOMAS BIRD ... 3-4

*CHARLES WEAVERS ... 5-6

Conducted by T. BIRD.

* First peal on handbells.

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LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

BROADCAST BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Before the broadcasting of the bells from Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday evening last, the opportunity presented itself to bring to the notice of the Northern Organiser for Religious Broadcasts the contents of the various letters which have appeared recently in 'The Ringing World.' His opinion was that the ringing prior to the service appealed only to the few, while the majority of people—were the B.B.C. to allow a prelude of some duration on the bells—would tune in *only* for the service. That same point of view was shared independently by the radio engineers, whose interest in the controversy led to their going up into a belfry for the first time in their lives, and being present while the bells were rung up.

There is general agreement on both sides that the short introduction to the broadcast service does not do justice to the ringers concerned. But it is also obvious that such an occasion is not the time for long touches, and it is, therefore, as wrong for a band to refuse to ring because the ringing forms merely a brief background, as it would be for an organist to refuse to play any voluntary on the grounds that it would be faded out.

The remedy is not with the ringers coming down to the all too common mundane level and going on strike, or trying to ride the high horse with the B.B.C. authorities, but rather with an entirely new approach to the subject of broadcasting the ringing of bells.

In spite of the added interest given to ringing by the imposition and removal of the ban during the war, there is still an enormous amount of ignorance of the elementary facts of bellringing, as well as of the science and art of change ringing. Would not a series of feature programmes (such as was recorded by the band at Worcester Cathedral for transmission to America), giving explanations of the methods, with suitable short touches, go a long way both to remedy this lack of knowledge, and at the same time to give the ringers a real chance to broadcast something worth listening to? This would also stimulate interest. There are a number of keen bands who could do this excellently, and if such an offer were made to the B.B.C. it is quite likely that it would be taken up. Then the listener would tune in to hear the bells.

ARTHUR C. F. DAVIES, Precentor.

Cathedral Close, Blackburn.

Dear Sir,—Unless 'X' has conducted his own Gallup poll, his statement that many thousands of listeners would be bored stiff is purely conjecture. That the B.B.C. people know their job is also only a matter of opinion. Personally, I find much of the B.B.C. fare unpalatable, but I am not compelled to listen and can switch off, and that is what those who do not like bells could easily do.

I contend that whatever time is ostensibly allowed for the bells should be devoted to the bells only, be it only one, two or three minutes, without interruption—courtesy to the ringers demands as much. What, I wonder, would happen if the B.B.C. faded out the choir or the preacher—although some of the sermons I have heard in my time might have a better effect as a background for the bells!

Congratulations to the St. Mary's, Nottingham, band, and may others follow their lead.

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Dear Sir,—Once again the bells were on the air, this time from Blackburn Cathedral, for a whole two minutes. No doubt the ringers of Blackburn will be grumbling because they weren't on longer, as other ringers who have broadcast have done. Well, it's about time ringers learnt more sense and in future refuse to ring for any broadcast unless they can get a guarantee the bells will be on the air for no less than ten minutes, otherwise it's not worth the trouble to turn out. The same applies to Sunday service ringing in general. There should be no less than an hour's ringing before service. If less than an hour, then it's not worth the trouble to climb the belfry to get the bells up.

G. S. LEE.

25, Joseph Street, Rotherham.

Sir,—With regard to this much discussed subject of broadcast bells, I am in entire agreement with 'X,' whose letter appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 22nd. Of course, the officials of the B.B.C. know their job—one minute of the bells on the air is quite sufficient for the listeners.

Much has been talked about the 'music of methods.' I suggest that this is merely an excuse by the ringer for his fascinating hobby. Why doesn't he be honest with himself? The enjoyment he derives from ringing is not from listening to the 'music,' but from the satisfaction of completing so many 'true and complete' changes in some intricate method. The man in the street would much rather listen to some well-known hymn tune chimed on the church bells than any number of well-struck changes, and why shouldn't he? The musical qualities of the tune are certainly far greater.

It is high time ringers began to appreciate their privileges. Church bellringing is essentially an act of worship to God; ringers may think themselves lucky that they have been allowed to turn this duty into a hobby. Do they consider the feelings of some of the outside listeners when they are ringing a peal or indulging in a noisy practice? Many of the caustic remarks of these unwilling listeners

would be unprintable. Not content with inflicting their own neighbourhood with their oftentimes none too well struck changes, they now wish to sink even lower in the estimation of the general public by *demanding* more time on the air.

Get wise to yourselves, ringers. Your hobby is not, and never will be, appreciated by the uninitiated, and if you are genuinely interested in it you will not let this small fact worry you. The personal satisfaction derived from ringing should be quite enough for you as it is for me.

'ANNUTHEREX.'

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence in your columns is most interesting and gives much food for thought. The ring of bells at St. Leonard's Church, Stagsden, were restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1932 (by no means a simple undertaking owing to difficulties raised by the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the vexed question of a timber frame versus a cast iron and steel frame). However, the massive oak frame was entirely reconstructed and the bells rehung with cast iron headstocks and self-aligning ball bearings. The latter have not had to receive any attention regarding lubrication since installation.

On Saturday evening last the quickest peal on the bells in seven Minor methods was rung in 2 hours 38 minutes. At the conclusion of the peal one of the band remarked that he would have enjoyed continuing for another three 720's, and, further, all the band finished the peal as fresh as when they started, and the go of the bells was equally as good. Would these set of conditions have applied had the bells been hung on plain bearings?

As many ringers know only too well, some bell chambers are only visited when a rope breaks, and if the bells are hung in plain bearings more often than not they are neglected unless there is a keen local band with a thorough steeplekeeper. It is then that the last three-quarters of an hour during a peal tells its tale on the ringers at the back end, and usually this is when the standard of the striking deteriorates, often spoiling an otherwise good peal.

As Mr. F. E. Collins rightly says, until some system of continuous lubrication is evolved for plain bearings that really keeps the oil in the bearings, then scientifically designed ball bearings from an engineering point of view score every time.

Many ringers maintain that bells hung on ball bearings need more steadying than those on plain bearings, that the ringer tends to have the bell on his hands much more, but do we not ring too slowly in this case?

Although the peal here last Saturday was the quickest on the bells, listeners remarked on the excellent rhythm of the striking and the beauty of the bells.

PERCY C. BONNETT.

Stagsden, Bedford.

Dear Sir,—Bell hangers have not made things too easy, it was a long felt want (there are still plenty of slaughterhouses for the heavy bell bearings to use in advertising their skill). I prefer the plain bearing. I once rang a bell of 26½ cwt. to a peal of Minor in 3½ hours, but I'm afraid if the bell had been in ball bearings it would have been my master. We always say that with ball bearings we have to 'pull 'em and stop 'em.'

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question of the plain v. ball bearings, surely the question is answered by the fact that as a bearing the ball is more efficient. I have rung during the last two and a half years in towers from Cambridge to Southport in Lancs. I found for general go the ball bearing is easier to ring. Of course, well cared for ball bearings go very well, but in many cases should the temperature be low the lubricant will not thin under the friction while ringing, with the result that the bells will go harder than they should do.

In any case, if a man is entitled to call himself a ringer he should be able to find out how a bell handles, whether she's quick at hand or slow at back or has any other peculiarity, and to adjust his handling to suit his bell and the peal in question.

CYRIL H. KINCH.

Letchworth, Herts.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HANDSWORTH.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on March 16th, about thirty members sitting down to tea. Service in church was conducted by the Rector, who took the chair afterwards at the business meeting.

One new member was elected. The hon. district secretary, Mr. J. J. E. Gilbert, after serving over six years in H.M. Forces, was reinstated in office, and Mr. S. F. Palmer was thanked for undertaking the duties during his absence. Mr. Bernard Ditcher was elected to the committee in the place of Mr. F. C. Wilson, who had resigned owing to ill-health, and Conisborough was selected for the meeting in June. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 11s.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, NORWICH.

As accommodation will be very limited at Norwich dur-
ing Whitsun, members are advised to book early. The
following are hotels which have rooms available:

Annesley Private Hotel, Norwich. Bed and break-
fast 12s.

*Bell Hotel, Norwich. Bed and breakfast 10s.
Double room and breakfast 20s.

Central Hotel, Tombland, Norwich. Bed and
breakfast 10s. Double 20s.

Royal Hotel, Norwich. Single room 9s. 6d. to
10s. 6d. Breakfast 3s. to 3s. 6d.

*Plus 10 per cent. staff gratuities.

The peal at Wellington on March 23rd was rung to celebrate the
60th anniversary of the formation of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Dorchester on March 16th was
rung by Ringing Masters from four branches of the Guild in honour
of Mr. G. F. White's 50 years' association as a ringer with Dorchester
tower.

The Cambridge Surprise Major at Eltham on March 21st was Mr
H. E. Audsley's 800th peal.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal of Bob Major, rung at Enfield on
March 2nd, was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and not for the
Middlesex County Association as printed. W. L. B. LEFSE.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Eighty-two members were present at the annual general meeting of
the Surrey Association, held at Beddington on March 23rd. The
methods rung ranged from rounds to Surprise Major. Service was
conducted by the Rector of Beddington, and Mr. D. K. C. Birt pre-
sided at the business meeting.

In the committee's report it was stated that eleven peals had been
rung for the association in 1945, as against four in 1944.

The membership showed an encouraging increase, and mention was
made of the tea and entertainment at the Croydon Bell Foundry
which Mr. C. F. Johnston provided for the members in September.

Mr. Dan Cooper was elected Master and Mr. D. K. C. Birt treasurer.
Otherwise the existing officers were re-elected.

It was decided to continue the war-time practice of not requiring
subscriptions from members while serving in the Forces.

Fifteen new members were elected.

BELLS AND GUNS.

Although most of the facts have appeared in our columns, the following extract from an article in 'The Church Times' will be read with interest. The 'ordnance' taken at Genoa in 1814 and now in the steeple at Liversedge was almost certainly looted church bells and not bronze guns. Just as the two handsome guns on the Tower Wharf were made from bells looted from Cherbourg in 1758.

The association between armaments and bells is an old one. Until two centuries ago, bell-founding and gun-founding were often one business, and bell-metal and gun-metal were almost identical—about eighty-five parts copper to fifteen parts tin. Hence the law promulgated by Henry VIII. after his dissolution of the monasteries had thrown great numbers of bells on the market:—

noe pson or psons shoulde from thenceforth carrye or convey any brasse, copper, laten, bell mettall, gunmettall, ne shroffe mettall into anye part or parts beyonde the sea, upon payne of forfeiture of the saide mettall.

'After a war bells were sometimes made from the enemy's ordnance. Thus one of the peals of eight bells at Liversedge in Yorkshire carries the inscription:—

These eight bells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with brass ordnance taken at Genoa.

'The history of two famous bells illustrates the double process of guns-into-bells and bells-into-guns. The great bell of Vienna, weighing 17½ tons, was cast, in 1711, from the metal of 180 cannon taken from the Turks. During the war of 1914-1918, it was broken up for reconversion into ordnance. Cologne Cathedral's "Kaiserglocke," weighing 26½ tons, derived most of its metal from 22 cannon captured from the French during the Franco-Prussian war. During the next war this bell went back to the melting pot, to reappear as armaments.

The bells which the Germans took from South Jutland in the 1914 war were replaced by others cast from 44 old cannon provided by Copenhagen arsenal. Actual gun-barrels are now of steel, so conscripted bells have not been used in exactly the old way, but rather for other armaments, such as the mounting of weapons.

A comparable story might be told of guns and statues. When the iron-railings-for-tanks scheme was in operation, Britain decided not to commandeered statues for conversion into armaments. But that fate has befallen many Continental statues, not only in the twentieth century, but long before. Four years after its completion, Michael Angelo's 14ft. figure of Pope Julius II. was melted down to make guns.'

A MATTER OF FINANCE.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. N. Blake's letter contains much food for thought and should set every ringer thinking. The time has come when ringers, through their bands, should contribute to the expenses of the church where they call people to worship. Money is required for new ropes and the smooth running of the bells.

I recommend Mr. C. Morss' collecting box, which has brought in nearly £20 in the last two years in the tower of St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex. This box is brought out on Sundays and Mondays and those present give what they can spare. The money is paid monthly to the church treasurer as a freewill offering. A healthy atmosphere is created and surely that is vital if ringing is to hold its own in a world of many changes. It will be a sad day when ringers take no interest in the Church and its services. Bands will become depleted and in time the bells will become silent.

Mr. Blake's comments on peal ringing cannot be overlooked. As the peal ringers enjoy their lengthy and often intricate performances, I would suggest that their gratitude for the private use of the bells and for their fitness to endure trials of mind and muscle should be shown by a generous donation to church funds, say £1 a peal, each ringer paying his share. Please don't conclude that churches would welcome peal ringing to swell their funds. However, there is no evading the fact that the Church does not receive enough financial help from those who claim to be 'C. of E.'

A Bell Restoration Fund should exist in every association, built up by collections taken at district meetings.

JAMES CHALK, Master, S.W. Essex Division.

12, Cadogan Gardens, E.18.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

March 24th, 1740. At St. Saviour's, Southwark, the first peal of Double Bob Maximus.

1784. At St. Bride's, Fleet Street, the College Youths rang the first peal of Real Double Bob Maximus.

1856. At Hyde, Lancashire, 9,600 Grandsire Major.

March 26th, 1784. At Southwark, the ancient Society of College Youths rang 6,048 Real Double Bob Maximus.

March 27th, 1784. At Shoreditch, the Cumberland Youths rang 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

1826. At Wakefield, the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal.

March 28th, 1750. At Shoreditch, the first peal of New Bob Triples.

1902. At Romford, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells.

March 29th, 1762. At Fulham, the first ten thousand on ten bells rang single handed.

BEARINGS.

BY A TOUGH VETERAN.

Senex is quite right. Bells go far too easily nowadays, and half the enjoyment has gone out of ringing. The modern bell founders and bell hangers have done us an injury which is impossible to forget and hard to forgive. In my time ringers were men and heroes; now schoolgirls and (which is worse) schoolboys catch hold of bell ropes and call themselves ringers.

Many years ago I dropped into the village of South Walsham. I had never been there before, but almost the first man I came across turned out to be a ringer. He informed me that generally they did not meet in the summer and at the time the rest of the band were away harvesting. But he got together some boys and sent them into the fields with urgent messages, and not so long afterwards we had enough in the belfry to raise the five bells. They told me they rang two methods—Old Doubles and Grandsire. I did not like to show my ignorance by asking what they were, but in due course I discovered that in Old Doubles you rang the first lead of Plain Bob and came home at the lead end if you got so far. Grandsire was harder. In it you made thirds place at the go-off, and then went on plain hunting until you had had enough—which was not very long.

Well, we rang one or two peals of Old Doubles and odds and ends of Grandsire, with long and necessary intervals for rest and recuperation, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The tenor man was a big hefty chap who pulled like a rhinoceros, and sweated like a pig. (This is really a figure of speech, because, strictly speaking, I do not think I have ever seen a pig sweat, and I am certain I have never seen a rhinoceros pull. That, however, by the way.) I remarked to the tenor man that I supposed the bell wanted a bit of pulling, and he agreed that she did a bit. And then, because I had found favour in their sight by the way I rang the second, they suggested that I should have a go at her. Being a wise man then (as I still am), I thought it would be better to face the limited difficulties of Old Doubles rather than the unknown and uncertain dangers of Grandsire, and proposed the first. We started excellently and I got the bell down to the lead in fine style. But that was my limit. Up from the lead she would not go, nor, in fact, could I so much as set her again.

When we had recovered ourselves I told the tenor man that I thought the bell did not go quite as well as she ought to, and he answered modestly, as one who thought a lot of his pet, but did not want to overdo things by too much praise: 'No, perhaps she don't. But you can't expect too much. You see she's worn through the brasses and one side is swinging on the wood.' I asked him how long that had been, and he replied: 'Oh, not long. Less than a couple of years.'

They were men and heroes in my time, and now I should not be surprised to be told that schoolgirls and (which is worse) schoolboys ring the bell—that same bell—and think nothing of it.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

On March 2nd a band of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang at Christ Church, Crewe, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the first in the method by all. The peal, we understand, was an exceptionally good one, and a report of it was duly sent us with the figures of the composition, but unfortunately before it was published it was found to be false.

That was a bad piece of luck for the band, but the most regrettable thing was that the composition was by the late Joseph W. Parker, and had been specially supplied by him just before his death. Our first thought was to state the facts and, out of regard to Mr. Parker's memory, to suppress his name, but Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd in a private letter has convinced us that full publicity is the right and indeed the only possible thing. Mr. Shepherd put the case so well that we reproduce his words. He writes:—

'I do not see how you can keep Parker's name out of it. From the time of Reeves onwards composers of the first rank have put out false peals. Among them are Johnson, Carter (I have a false peal of Caters of his: fancy that!) and Knights. The first peal of Double Norwich Caters with 7th place bobs, rung in Sheffield in 1911, composed by Arthur Knights, was false, and Knights naively explained that he did not know that the method would run false inside the leads!

'We do not think any the less of these men because of these lapses. I am sure that Parker would wish for the fullest publicity, and it would be a poor tribute to his splendid memory to conceal this false peal.

Moreover, the peal is extant, and is numbered in a catalogue of the composer's works. It can easily be rung again. In the interests of safety the whole matter should be made clear.'

The men who rang at Crewe were Messrs. George Packer, Harry F. Holding, Kenneth Lewis, Richard T. Holding, John E. Bibby, John Worth, Samuel Jones, jun. (conductor), Percy Swindley, Richard D. Langford and William Edge. A band like that should not have much difficulty in ringing another and more fortunate peal.

Of all well-known methods, Double Norwich Caters is the one which offers the most traps for the composer who has not made a very special study of it. There is need for a good statement on the proof of it, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has written one, and we hope to publish it before long for the benefit of the Exercise.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 101.)

With the coming of Ash Wednesday, ushering in Lent, all signs and sounds of joy were for a time suspended, and the belfry shared the solemn feeling that prevailed. In many parishes it was the rule to chime only and not ring during these six weeks; and in view of the fact that merry peals were commonly employed to mark the great festivals of the church, it would probably be found useful, as well as reasonable, to distinguish the great annual fast in this way. As already noted, the bells at Belgrave, Leicester, were never rung—only chimed—while at Gedney Hill, Lincs, both during Advent and Lent, the second bell only was used for week-day services. At St. Botolph's, Lincoln, the same custom as at Belgrave was followed, while it is stated that at Eversholt, Beds, a bell was rung on Ash Wednesday at 8 a.m. as on Sundays, and the same on Good Fridays, as also at Westbury, Salop, and Offchurch and Shotteswell, Warwicks.

A curious relic of services once held during Lent, but now in many parishes omitted, formed one of the 'duties' of the parish clerk of Barrow-upon-Humber, drawn up in the year 1713:—

'Item. He is to ring a Bell every working day from Monday the first whole week during Lent, until Easter, except such days as there is prayers in the church.'

That 'duty' is more clearly expressed in an old survey or 'Terrar' of the parish thus:—

'The clarke Receiveth from every Cottage at Easter three pence, and from every Husbandman for every Plough Land eight pence, and for Ringing the Day Bell and Night Bell in Harvest two pecks of wheat, being also obliged to ring at Nine a Clock and Four a Clock all the time of Lent.'

We are to understand that this ringing of a bell at the hours of matins and evensong was to take place every day, although no service was said, excepting on Litany and Holy Days when divine service would be said, and that rather later in the morning. A similar custom was formerly in vogue at Cottingham, Northants, and at Caldecote, Rutland, in both of which parishes a bell was rung daily at eleven o'clock in the morning during Lent; the clerk at Cottingham collected eggs from the parishioners at Easter as his fee for this ringing.

For three days—from Maundy Thursday to Easter Eve—the bells in pre-Reformation times were silent. Burnabe Googe (1570) refers to the practice thus:—

'From Thursday then till Easter come, the fondest toyes have place,

Wherein these cathlikes think themselves great men of wondrous grace,

First three days space the belles are wilde, in silence for to lie,

When from the toppes of hawtie towres, with clappers lowd they crie.'

In many places, however, wooden clappers or rattles were substituted. St. Francis Xavier alludes to the custom when, in describing the usages of the Christians whom he found at Socotra, he says: 'They use no bells, but wooden rattles, such as we use during the Holy Week, serve to call the people together.' A wooden bell is preserved at St. Mary Magdalen, Ripon, and there are

several at Lenton. These, it has been suggested, were possibly used in place of the ordinary bells during this solemn time. In some places, as in Mexico, the people on the last days of Holy Week carry wooden clacks, which they rattle as they go about the streets, the idea probably being to scare away evil spirits which are for the time being undisturbed by the bells. The Hon. Margaret Collier (Mme. Gallietti di Cadilhac) describes the custom witnessed by her on Holy Saturday in an Italian village: 'The next morning early,' she says in her 'Home by the Adriatic,' 'men go about hammering bits of wood and crying "Come to Mass in memory of Christ's death." This is called tric-a-trac.'

Aubrey, in the Lansdowne MSS. (quoted in Brand's 'Popular Antiquities'), describes what seems to have been a survival of a similar practice in England:—

'It is the custom for boys and girls in country schools, in several parts of Oxfordshire, at their breaking-up in the week before Easter, to goe in a gang from house to house, with little clacks of wood, and when they come to any door, they fall a-beating their clacks and singing'—a doggerel ditty which he gives. The wooden clacks for church use are mentioned in some of the inventories of the churches of mediæval Lincolnshire.

The modern Roman usage is to discontinue all use of church bells of every kind, from the singing of the 'Gloria in Excelsis' at the Maundy Thursday Mass until the same place in the Mass of Holy Saturday. It is usual in many places in England to toll only for the service on Good Friday, and in not a few places the older custom of observing a solemn silence in the belfry has been revived. At Lincoln 'Great Tom' is tolled for service on this day, and in numerous instances the tenor alone is sounded. At Aisthorpe, Lincs, Easton, Herts, and elsewhere a muffled peal is rung, and the tenor tolled, at the solemn hour of 3 o'clock, being 'about the ninth hour,' and in some places thirty-three strokes are rung representing the year of our Lord's life on earth.

While on the subject of wooden rattles it will be of interest to note that one of the ponderous dimensions (matraca) is suspended in one of the lofty arches of the famous Giralda tower in Seville, one of the minarets left by the Moors upon their surrender of the city to the Christians way back in the year 1248. This rattle is composed of four elongated boxes attached equidistant to a common axle-tree in such a way that, when the apparatus is revolved by means of a crank a series of iron hammers fall successively on each box. When kept in constant revolution these boxes emit a rhythmical series of sounds not unlike the explosion of a bunch of crackers. When set in motion this instrument produces a great noise.

Suspended above the nine great bells in the beautiful steeple of Toledo Cathedral is another massive rattle, worked by a curious mechanism, which it is the custom to sound continuously for forty-eight hours before the 'Gloria in Excelsis' of the Saturday before Easter. Ella-combe records that in the Fiji Islands bells are made by hollowing out the trunk of certain trees and then cutting into sections three or feet in length with bevelled edges. These are called 'Lali.' When placed upon a resonant of elastic body and struck with a mallet, a roaring sound is produced. Explorers state that these gongs can be heard many miles away. Similar contrivances are in use in South America and Africa.

From ancient times it has been customary to welcome the Archbishop or Bishop with a joyous peal. Fox relates in amusing terms a visit of Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury (1396-1413) to London — 'who, passing by the high street, did not only look and wait for the ringing of the bells, for a triumph of his coming, but took great snuff, and did suspend all churches in London (not only with the steeple and bells, but also with organs) so many as did not receive his coming with the noise of bells.' [Acts and Monuments, III, p. 313.] The churchwardens of St. John the Baptist, Peterborough, charge in their accounts:—

'1473 Itm paid for ryngyng yense (against) my Lord of Lynckoln at his vysytacyon . . . ija.'

Chester Cathedral has this entry in 1544:—

'To the Ryngers at the receyving of my Lord to the Visitacon viijd.'

The churchwardens of Melton Mowbray, Leics, charge:—

'1557-8 Itm pd for a galland of ale to ye Reyngers when ye bycchype was here . . . iijd.'

At Ludlow:—

'1554 Itm for shottynge of iij ropes when the ronge bishop Samson in . . . vjd.'

At Rotherham:—

'1611 Item paid for ringing at the Byshopps being at Rotherham . . . 13d.'

Latimer tells a quaint story of a visitation in a sermon preached before King Edward VI. on April 12th, 1549. He says:—'I heard of a bishop of England that went on a visitation, and as it was the custom, when the bishop should come, and be rung into the town, the great bell's clapper was fallen down, the tyall was broken, so that the bishop could not be rung into the town. There was a great matter made of this, and the chief of the parish were much blamed for it in the visitation. The bishop was somewhat quick with them, and signified that he was much offended. They made their answers and excused themselves as well as they could: "It was a chance," said they, "that the clapper brake and we could not get it mended by and by: we must tarry till we can have it done: it shall be mended as shortly as maybe." Among the others there was one wiser than the rest, and he comes to the bishop, saying, "Why, my Lord, doth your Lordship make so great a matter of a bell that lacketh his clapper? Here is a bell," saith he, and pointed to the pulpit, "that hath lacked a clapper this twenty years. We have a parson that fetcheth out of his benefice fifty pound every year, but we never see him."'

In this connection we may also quote one of the regulations promulgated by Bishop Alnewick, of Lincoln, in 1444, to the effect that 'not to Ring the bells on the arrival of a bishop is a manifest mark of contempt, for which the Vicar may be summoned to give account.' This same bishop in the same year (1444) issued a proclamation for a tax to be levied on all the hearths in Leicester, called 'smoke farthings,' to erect a campanile or bell tower at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

The church accounts of St. Giles', Northampton, show:—

'1638 Item to the Ringers when the Bishop was in towne. . . .'

After the presentee to a benefice has been inducted by the bishop or his delegate, he is passed through the open

door into the church: he then tolls a bell which is supposed to be a means of making his induction known to the parishioners. There is a popular belief that the number of strokes given on the occasion will correspond with the years the incumbent is to hold the living. 'Our clerical friends,' wrote Dr. Gatty, 'ought to remember this on being presented to a valuable piece of preferment!' The custom is an ancient one, and is not confined to parish churches, for at St. Albans the new Abbot touched the bell ropes to signify his power, then all the bells were rung. [Walcott, Soc. Arch., p. 327.] An amusing tale is told of a Vicar who, before deciding on taking a new living, went to view the church. After looking around, he came across an old man, to whom he put the question, 'Are you the caretaker?' The old fellow replied, 'I dunno rightly, sir, the first parson I served under called me a beetle [beadle], then we has another who called me a sextant [sexton], and the last one called me a virgin [verger].' 'Well, my good man,' says the Vicar designate, 'You must have served here a long time?' 'Aye, sir, I've rung yon tenor bell for five dead parsons, I'd like to make it half-a-dozen afore I retire.'

(To be continued.)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT MACCLESFIELD.

Twenty members and friends were present at the annual general meeting of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on March 23rd.

Service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Devereaux, chairman of the branch, and the address was given by the Rev. J. Kingdon.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. J. D. Devereaux; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Worth; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Tipper; representative on General Committee of the Guild, the Rev. A. Clarke and Mrs. C. W. Lawton; representative from the branch on the General Committee, Mr. J. Worth.

The statement of accounts was adopted and five new members were elected from Gawsorth. The Rev. F. T. Lever, of St. Peter's, was elected an hon. member and Mr. Horsfield a ringing member.

It was proposed to hold meetings at Alderley, Gawsorth and Bollington during the year. The Ringing Master mentioned the bell funds at St. Peter's and Christ Church. Both funds are doing well; the former is in the region of £800, although the bell founders are not hopeful of doing the work until 1948. It is hoped that the re-hanging of Christ Church bells will be completed this year.

The methods rung during the day consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT DISS.

Over 40 ringers attended the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Diss on March 16th. They came from Attleborough, Bressingham, Bergh Apton, Coston, Dickleburgh, Diss, Fornsett, Garboldisham, Hardwick, Ipswich, Long Stratton, Loddon, Mulbarton, Mendlesham, Norwich, New Buckenham, Palgrave, Paston, Redenhall, Winfarthing, Wymondham and Yaxley.

Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Appleton, assisted by Canon T. A. Nock, and Mr. W. L. Duffield presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. J. A. Appleton, Canon Nock, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and Messrs. Nolan Golden, A. G. Harrison, E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham and R. H. Drane. All the officers of the branch were reappointed and six new members were elected. Redenhall and Starston were selected for the next meeting on May 18th.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES STEER

Mr. James Steer, a member of the band at Winsford, near Minehead, Somerset, and the oldest member of the Dunster branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild, has died at the age of 91. A few weeks before his death he was ringing for a local wedding.

A carpenter and joiner by trade, he was a skilled craftsman of the old type, and the re-roofing of Exford Church will serve as a memorial to him.

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KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Ash, March 30th, 3. Service 4.—B. J. Luck.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual, Boston (10), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Farnborough (6), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Tumble-down Dick Hotel, 4.45. — C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Kibworth, Sat., March 30th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Village Hall.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne, March 30th, 2.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Saturday, March 30th. Tea 4.45. Business 6 p.m.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Practice at Rainham, Saturday, March 30th, 6.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Tavistock (8), Saturday, March 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Amesbury (8), Saturday, March 30th. Service 3. Tea and meeting to follow.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual, Old Cleeve (8), Saturday, March 30th. Service 4.15. Tea and business at the Village Hall 5.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—West Monkton (6), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Kegworth (8), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, April 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Whiston (8), April 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham.—H. Chaddock.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Brenchley (8), Saturday, April 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names by April 3rd to T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. Practice, Tonbridge, Friday, April 5th, 7.30 p.m.—T. Saunders.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Aston (12), Birmingham, Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Notify Mr. F. Price, 174, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23. Phone ERD. —0554. T. H. Reeves.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Horbury, near Wakefield (8), Saturday, April 6th; also Ossett (10) available. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names to Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, by April 3rd.—Wm. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice, Wargrave (8), Saturday, April 6th, 6 p.m. till 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice, Lower Beeding, Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Coppull, Saturday, April 6th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Trowbridge (12), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Clifton (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Thornton Curtis (6), Saturday, April 6th, 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Towers will be notified about tea.—H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Birstall, Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Humphreys, Wyndale, Barkby Lane, Syston, by April 3rd.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Long Buckby, Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—T. H. Loakes.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Sutton-in-the-Isle (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—R. H. Bullen.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Draycott (8), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, by April 2nd.—Andrew Thompson.

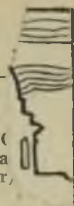
BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Tuesday, April 2nd. Good bus services.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Alresford (8), Saturday, April 6th, 2.30 p.m. Also available Old Alresford (6) and Bishops Sutton (5). Service 4.30. Tea and business, British Legion Hut, Alresford, 5 p.m. Names by April 3rd to W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Names by April 3rd to Mr. J. W. Bennett, 4, Manor Road, Desford, nr. Leicester.—W. A. Wood.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—St. David's, Brecon (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by April 2nd to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Market Weighton (6), Saturday, April 6th. Tea 1s. 6d. Names to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by April 4th.—T. H. Foster.



LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Cockerham, April 6th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Bring food. For transport from Bay Horse Corner write to Mr. J. Woods, 44, Blades Street, Lancaster.

DERBYS AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Old Whittington (6), April 13th. Names for tea to G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, by Wednesday, April 10th.—Sam Scattergood.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District.—St. James', Clerkenwell, Saturday, April 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 20th, 3 p.m. New rule books now available to members; price 3s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Bedford, Easter Monday, St. Paul's (10), 10.30 a.m. Own arrangements for lunch. St. Peter's (6), 2 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4 p.m. Meat tea, 3s. per head, 4.30 p.m., in the Trades Club, followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, by April 13th.

NORWICH ASSN.—Annual General, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. John de Sepulchre, 10 to 11.45 and after 3. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon. Lunch, Samson and Hercules, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business, S. and H., after lunch. Names for lunch must be sent to me by April 12th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich.

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'SLOVENLY RINGING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Slovenly ringing (and there is more of it about than ever) is the fault of the tutor and not the pupil. It is also due to many conductors tolerating anything in order to report one more peal. If the pupil is given just enough rope at rope's end that he or she can only set the bell by going on their toes in the first place, much will be done to avoid slovenly and sloppy ringing, also every ringer should be reminded of every clipped blow. Don't try to teach Cambridge before the pupil can ring and strike rounds.

Regarding 'schoolgirl' tenors, I have at least eight of them in my tower, where we have a 16 cwt. tenor. It is not fair to sate the youngsters for sloppy ringing, the sloppiness is usually amongst the older hands. We shall have many towers closed to peal ringing unless more heed is paid to striking and more consideration given to the outside public.

Burnham, Bucks.

GEORGE GILBERT.

QUARTER PEALS.

TAUNTON.—On March 10th, at St. Mary's, 1,257 Stedman (F. Chedzey 1, G. Coles 2, W. Millard 3, D. Sheldon 4, A. Wa F. Morris 6, W. Tarr 7, H. Mockridge 8, W. Gigg (conductor), Thomas 10.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss D. R. Fletcher 1, J. Howard 2, Rev. R. Routh 3, M. Routh 4, J. Pryor 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: F. Gummer 1, A. Drayton 2, R. Beale (conductor) 3, A. Rowsell 4, H. Rowsell 5, A. Pond 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Beamish 1, J. Draycott 2, J. F. Clarke 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Gibbons 5, H. Harris 6, L. Trevor (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8. Half-muffled.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: B. Cornelius 1, J. Best 2, B. Drayton 3, R. Welch 4, F. Welch 5, R. Beale (conductor) 6, K. Welch 7, W. Marks 8. With 2-1-8 covering.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, R. Lathbury 4, H. Colcombe 5, G. Curtis 6, J. Gill 7, W. Simmonds (conductor) 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, R. Bedford 5, F. Kirk (conductor) 6.

THURLBY.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's and Plain Bob, 120 each of April Day and Canterbury Pleasure, 300 of Grandshire): R. Wade 1, A. Wade 2, N. Horton 3, B. Wade 4, C. Wade (conductor) 5.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Padgett 1, T. Groombridge 2, H. R. Cobbin 3, V. Jennison 4, F. Brown 5, F. Bradley 6, J. A. Barrett (conductor) 7, K. Wagstaff 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss Mavis Allen 1, R. Allsop 2, Miss Jean Dunn 3, H. W. Gregory 4, G. H. Paulson 5, B. Allsop 6, H. E. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. Roberts 8.

BARWELL, LEICESTER.—On March 17th, 1,450 Bob Major: T. C. Belton 1, W. J. Whitehead (conductor) 2, H. Knight 3, R. Hodgetts 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, C. R. Belton 6, F. Deacon 7, T. K. Deacon 8. Half-muffled.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: V. Wilsden 1, Derek Wilsden 2, Jean Bartter 3, C. Dilnot 4, Brenda Philpott (conductor) 5, Derek Chatfield 6.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor: W. Greenwood 1, J. Robertshaw 2, S. Whitehead 3, H. Hellwell 4, A. Rushworth 5, A. Bairstow (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled for J. W. Nicholson.

CIRENCESTER.—On Monday, March 18th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: C. W. Price 1, W. A. Godwin 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, A. Law 5, F. J. Lewis, jun. 6, H. L. Cooke 7, H. R. Acock 8, W. H. Hayward 9, R. R. Wallis 10.

GLOUCESTER.—On March 18th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: H. Austin 1, T. Newman (conductor) 2, J. Hodson 3, H. Barnett 4, H. Daniels 5, W. Cox 6, H. Newman 7, F. T. Waite 8.

LEIGH, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mrs. B. W. Pankhurst 1, W. Card 2, D. J. Pankhurst 3, A. Stubbings 4, B. W. Pankhurst (conductor) 5, C. V. Ingram 6. Half-muffled for R. Gardener.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Francis Hunt 1, Frederick G. Hooper (conductor) 2, Peter N. White 3, David A. Carpenter 4, Frederick Dixon 5.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Wednesday, March 20th, 1,260 Grandshire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, F. Garland 2, G. Latham (conductor) 3, S. C. Than 4, R. J. Thain 5, A. Howell 6.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On March 21st, 1,440 Minor, being 720 Single Court and 720 Oxford Bob: Miss Ivy M. Jordan 1, C. Verey 2, Miss E. Iris Rowley 3, A. R. Tonks 4, H. Turner 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6.

AMESBURY.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: C. L. Wenham 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, J. E. Figgures 3, L. Harris 4, F. Smith 5, W. A. Theobald 6, P. D. Wenham (conductor) 7, W. Abrahams 8.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): H. Barnes 1, Miss G. Burchnell 2, Miss J. Sa't 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, J. Newbert 5, H. Denman (conductor) 6.

FAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: E. Sawyer 1, H. Bishop 2, R. Bond 3, K. White 4, E. Robey 5, B. Brown 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, J. Napper 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On March 23rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Haves (conductor) 1, G. F. Hinton 2, E. Markham 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, F. D. Boreham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, C. A. Smith 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, R. Coles 9, A. D. Strathead 10.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Marsh 1, J. R. Lunham 2, A. Tomlinson 3, W. Core 4, T. Horridge 5, T. Hammond 6, A. Maudesley 7, J. Riddard (conductor) 8.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 24th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Peter King 1, Richard Dixon 2, William James 3, Philip Sadler 4, William Perry 5, Roy Brown 6, John Fowler 7, Fred Souter 8, Frank Lufkin (conductor) 9, Charles Chambers 10.

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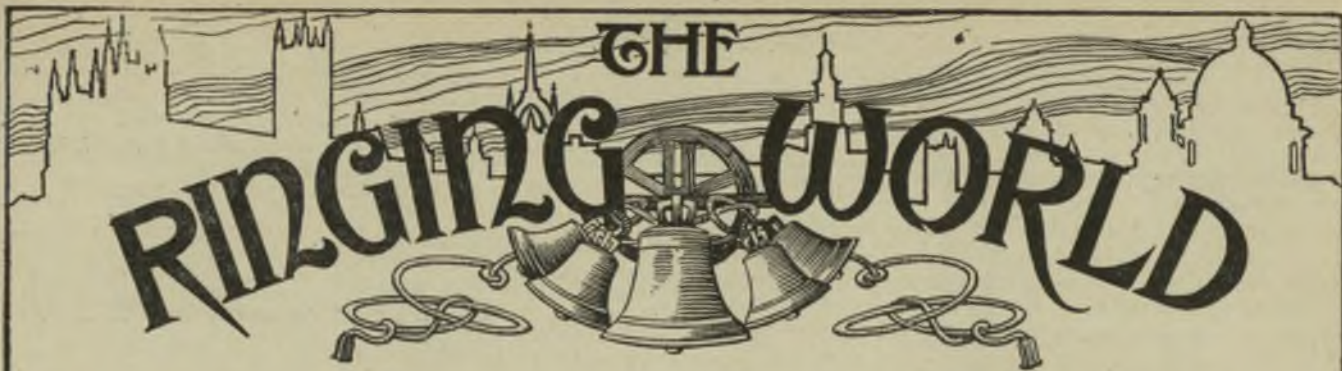
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BROADCAST RINGING.

The charge is sometimes brought against ringers, and especially against peal ringers, that they are selfish persons who practise their art solely for their own amusement and without the least regard for the general public or the purposes for which bells should properly be rung. The charge is not really a fair one. Ringers can compare favourably with any other class of men and are not more selfish than other people. But it is true that, owing to peculiar circumstances they are specially tempted to look on their art, and everything connected with bells, from their own particular inside point of view, and to lose sight of the fact that in some things at least ringing does concern not only the Church, but the general body of public citizens.

Owing to the nature of the art, and to its history, the Exercise is virtually a secret society of initiated men, whose aims, and interests, and rules, and standards, are quite unintelligible to outsiders. A band that has met for a peal, when once they have locked the steeple door and climbed the belfry stairs, is as remote from the public and as much a secret meeting, as if they were masked conspirators gathered together by candle light in an East End cellar, or a tiled lodge of Freemasons. It would be remarkable if this did not profoundly influence the opinions and views of ringers though they may not realise it.

During a peal what the ringers are doing and how they are doing it are matters which, at the immediate time and for the men themselves, concern the band and no one else. And yet all the while there are no other performers the effects of whose art or work is more forced on the notice of outsiders. The ringers themselves are as completely cut off from contact with their fellow men as if they were on a desert island; the result of what they are doing is forced in the ears of all the people in the parish whether they like it or not.

These anomalous conditions are both an advantage and a disadvantage to the Exercise. One of the attractions of change ringing lies in the fact that it is something for the select few and not for the vulgar herd; but, on the other hand, there is the subtle temptation to forget that the opinions and interests of outsiders cannot ultimately be ignored in tower bell ringing as they can in handbell ringing. Besides which, ringers miss the stimulus which musicians, and singers, and speakers, feel when they perform in public. A good speaker or a

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good singer will respond and react to the feelings of his audience and only a bore will be indifferent to whether he pleases or no, and will keep on whether people like it or not. Ringers can never fully experience the feeling that they are public performers and that the value of what they do lies in the effect it has on those who hear it. That is inevitable because change ringing is not merely a musical performance, and its chief value and attraction, as change ringing, are for the ringer himself and not for the listener.

Ringers would do well to remember some of these things when they express opinions on broadcasting. Readers of 'The Ringing World' will naturally sympathise with those bands who, having been asked to broadcast, feel aggrieved because they are allotted no more than one or two minutes on the air. These men consider, and ringers generally will agree, that two minutes are not enough to do justice either to the bells or to themselves. But what is difficult for them to understand is that it is not the object of the broadcast to do them justice. The B.B.C. does not require their services to give an exhibition of change ringing. Theirs is the humble preliminary role of suggesting a church atmosphere, and what will decide the matter is not how long the ringers would like to be listened to, but how long the B.B.C. people consider is best for their particular purpose. After all, though little change ringing can be done in two minutes, it is a long time for the ordinary people who are listening on the wireless; and a band which gives two minutes of really good ringing may well afford more satisfaction to listeners, and gain more credit for themselves, than they would if they were allowed the full time they themselves would like.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Mar. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
JAMES S. EASTWOOD 2	AUBREY M. PICKERING... .. 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	ALFRED J. MOY 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL 4	KENNETH W. KNOWLES... .. 9
HAROLD SMITH 5	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. HOWELL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 6
EDWIN J. RIDLER 2	*NORMAN H. COOMBS 7
CLEMENT GLENN 3	WILLIAM H. PARKER 8
*MONICA RICHARDSON 4	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK 9
THOMAS W. KIMBER 5	LEONARD DERRICK ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SPICER... Treble	*WILLIAM J. DOVE 6
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	HAROLD V. FROST 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM... .. 8
ALAN WHITE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... .. 9
DONALD C. PRICE 5	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAMPION ... Treble	ERIC STAINROD 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY 2	IVAN KAY 6
ISAAC GARTSIDE 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

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On Mon., Mar. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	LEONARD TUFFEY 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First in the method by all and for the Guild.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
	*MISS MARGARET FIDELL 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 6
	THOMAS H. REEVES 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
	JOHN ANDERSON 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Triples.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

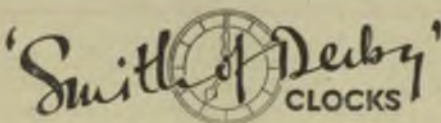
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 30 cwt.

*MISS DORA HAYWARD... Treble	*WILLIAM A. HUGHES 5
†THOMAS A. BLOW 2	†ROY A. SIMMONS 6
*MISS EDNA GEORGE 3	HARRY W. SIMMONS 7
†JOHN H. HAYWARD 4	*WALTER J. PERROT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. SIMMONS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor.



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On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
*JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	*ALFRED MEARS ... 5
*FREDK. A. BURNETT ... 2	*ROBERT E. TURNER ... 6
*PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 3	*JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
WALTER C. ROSE ... 4	*FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. First for the Guild.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.	
F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ARTHUR H. CROSS ... Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
RONALD C. NOON ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	WALTER A. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by W. BIRMINGHAM.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*GORDON HARRISON ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE ... 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 7
JACK BAILEY ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Major.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*ROBERT HIGGINS ... Treble	RICHARD A. POST ... 5
JAMES HIGGINS ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	*J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ... 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

*HUBERT C. CROME ... Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	CECIL V. EMBERSON ... 6
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
CLAUDE COUSINS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.	
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN EATON ... 5
*ARTHUR TIMMINS ... 2	JOSEPH H. COX ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	THOMAS GREENHALL ... 7
ALBERT H. HARRIS ... 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... Treble	JOHN E. ROOTES ... 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 6
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
*EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH ... 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.	
MRS. C. F. GOODMAN ... Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 4
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 5
JOHN MOOR ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*HERBERT COOPER ... Treble	*THOMAS WM. TUNE ... 4
WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... 2	FRANK LAMB ... 5
FRANK REED ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

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On Wed., Mar. 27, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.	
GEORGE WALL ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON ... 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 5
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*PETER N. WHITE ... Treble	GEORGE FOSTER ... 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	FREDERICK HOOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.	
ERNEST STITCH ... Treble	TREVOR RODERICK ... 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 2	ARTHUR HOARE ... 5
THOMAS SCOTT ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.	
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... Treble	*F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4
WILLIAM TYLER ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Mar. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT 'TRENTWOOD.'*

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ...	1-2	JACK BRAY ...	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ...	3-4	FRANK LORD ...	7-8
GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	9-10		

Composed by JACK BRAY. Conducted by FRANK LORD.
First peal in the method as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Mar. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING ...	1-2	THOMAS BIRD ...	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Mar. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT 15, PRIORY ROAD,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*MISS MARY ELKINS ...	1-2	ALAN J. BROWN ...	3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5-6		

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in hand and first in the method.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Mar. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS',*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ...	1-2	JOCELYN B. GARDINER ...	3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5-6		

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MEETING AT ASHOVER.**

At a meeting of the Peak District Society held on March 23rd at Ashover, a charming old world village with a fine church and a good peal of eight bells, about 25 ringers attended from various towers in the surrounding district, including Ashover, Clay Cross, Dore, Darley Dale, Morton and Sheffield. Darley Dale was chosen as the place of the next meeting, to be held on May 25th.

DEATH OF MR. T. H. WHITE.

The death occurred on March 21st of Mr. Thomas Henry White, who for many years had been secretary and treasurer of the company at Swaffham, Norfolk. He was 81 years of age and had joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1905. The funeral was at the Parish Church on March 25th, and in the evening ringers from Downham Market, Caston, Hilgay, Marham, Shouldham and the local band rang the bells half-muffled.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ASH.**

A meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Ash on March 30th. At the service in the church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Carter, a collection for the Association's Benevolent Fund realised £1 15s. Tea was in the Lion Hotel, at which 85 members and friends were present, and at the business meeting five new practising and one new honorary member were elected, and Wickhambreux was chosen for the next meeting.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE H. CUTTELL.

Mr. George Hust Cuttell, who for nearly sixty years was a ringer at Holmfirth, died on March 3rd at the age of 75. At the funeral in the Parish Church on March 6th ringers from the neighbouring parishes with the local men rang muffled touches on the bells before and after the service. Mr. Cuttell came of a family of ringers, and his father and grandfather before him were members of the local company. He did not ring peals, but took part in many ringing contests.

ACTON.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: D. R. Judd 1, J. C. Birt 2, A. Cutler 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, L. H. Bowler 6, F. A. Finch 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

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LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

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In some counties it was the custom—now seldom observed—to ring a peal after divine service on Sunday morning, when banns of an intended marriage were 'put up.' Such was the case at Humberstone and Owston in Leicestershire after the first 'asking.' The same took place at Bulwick, Northants; and at Sutton in the same county the custom (until 1867 when it was discontinued) was for some young men of the congregation to rush to the bellrope and jangle the single bell. The single bell at Pickworth, Rutland, was sounded a few times on the same interesting occasion. The banns peal was sounded at upwards of fifty parishes in Lincolnshire and, it is remembered, as of recent occurrence, in many more. The ringing usually took place after 'the first time of asking,' but in some instances after 'the last time of asking,' while in others after each of the three askings. In some parishes the custom is called giving the couple their 'spurring' or 'sporrings,' from the Danish 'sporge' or asking. At Denton, Swayfield, and North Witham the ringing is called 'spurs.' The joyous peals which signify the celebration of a wedding have become proverbial among us: 'Merry as a marriage bell' is accepted as a simile for the acme of mirth and gaiety. Edmund Spencer (circa 1580) sings in 'The Bridal Day':—

'Ring ye the bells ye young men of the town
And leave your wonted labours for this day.'

The churchwardens of Loughborough about this time (1588)

'Agreed at this accompt that every marridge having or reqring to have the bells rung shall paye vid. to the poreman's box and vjd. towards repairinge of the bells.'

So also, a few years later (1612) it was agreed by the wardens of St. Martin's, Leicester, that only three peals be rung at weddings for half-a-crown: sixpence more to be paid for every peal beyond that number. Peals were not only rung after, but also before the ceremony. Ben Jonson, 'Tale of Tub. II. i,' writes:—

'We are going to church in the way of matrimony . . .
They have rung in already.'

In some parishes where there is only one bell a not very successful attempt is made on the occasion of a wedding to be hilarious; at Stroxtun, Lincs, where, till recently, there was only one bell, and it was customary for three men to beat a kind of peal on it with hammers, which was called 'Three bell peal.'

At Pickworth, Rutland, they were wont to make as much noise as possible on their single bell; and at Little Raveley, Hunts, which had put one bell, a rustic joke was current that 'all the bells are rung for a funeral, but only one at a wedding.' Bells not infrequently bear inscriptions referring to the marriage peals. The 5th at Coton-in-the-Elms, Derbys. (1786), bears:—

'The Bride and Groom we greet
In holy wedlock joined:
Our sounds are emblems sweet
Of hearts in love combined.'

Two favourite inscriptions are:—

'When female virtue weds with manly worth
We catch the rapture and we spread it forth.'

'In wedlock bands
All ye who join with hands
Your hearts unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.'

In some places it was also customary to ring the bells early on the morning after the wedding, as at Hogsthorpe, Lincs, this being known as the 'Bride's Peal.' At Fotherby, in the same county, the peal was rung at 7 a.m., and was called 'Ringing them up,' and under this name at Steppingley, Beds., whilst at Grandborough, Warwicks, a peal was rung at 5 a.m.! Never did ringers receive payment in a larger bulk at a wedding than they did on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Stephen Brignall to Mrs. Mary Thrisby at Ottringham, Yorks, when, in 1778, the bridegroom paid all the fees in farthings—the ringers receiving two hundred and fifty as their share.

(To be continued.)

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and Districts Guild was held on March 23rd at St. Thomas', Dudley, and was attended by 80 members and friends.

Service was conducted by the president, the Rev. J. Waring, who afterwards took the chair at the business meeting. The accounts showed an increased balance in hand. The officers were re-elected, with Mr. D. Holden as an additional auditor.

A presentation of Treasury notes was made to Mr. J. Goodman in recognition of services rendered to the Guild.

Eleven new members were elected, and Enville selected as the place of the next quarterly meeting.

The treasurer mentioned the question of the insurance of ringers and advised those present to approach their parochial church councils on the matter.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT ARMLEY.

At a meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held at Armley on March 30th, members were present from Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell and Sherburn.

Mr. S. H. Barron, vice-president, took the chair at the business meeting, at which one new member, Mr. Brian Sissons, of Sherburn, was elected, and reference was made to the recent death of the Vicar of the parish.

The next meeting will be at Leeds Parish Church on April 27th, when the following nominations of officers for 1946-1947 will be confirmed: President, Mr. J. McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, T. W. Strangeway and F. Hutchinson; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Roe; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BRENTFORD.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, held at Brentford on March 23rd, was attended by about 30 members and friends from Brentford, Ealing (St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Gospel Oak, Hillingdon (St. John's), Hounslow, Isleworth, Kilburn, Leeds, Oxhey, Twickenham and Willesden. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, and rounds.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Pitt, and tea in the Church Hall was provided by the Vicar and church authorities. Mr. W. H. Cole took the chair at the business meeting.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT EARLSHEATON.

At a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, held at Earlsheaton in Dewsbury on March 16th, about 30 ringers were present from Almondbury, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Felkirk, Horbury, Headingley (St. Chad's), Hillingdon, Liversedge, Shelley, Shipley, Rotherham Parish Church, Wath-on-Dearne and the local belfry. They were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. H. Dransfield. Mr. J. R. Brierley, the president, took the chair at the business meeting, at which five new members were elected, Mr. Dransfield, of Almondbury, Mr. Hewitt, of Earlsheaton, Mr. A. Smith, of Headingley, Mr. Goodfellow, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Mr. Simpson, of Shipley. Eastwood, Rotherham, was selected as the place of the next meeting, to be held on April 13th.

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MONDAY.

DEATH OF MR. R T HIBBERT.

We regret to announce that Mr. R. T. Hibbert died on Sunday last.
The funeral was at Isley on Wednesday.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Irish Association was held in
the Grammar School of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on March
18th, and was attended by 74 members from Arklow, Bray, Drogheda,
Dublin (Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral and St.
George's), Limerick, Rostrevor and Waterford.

The report showed that the first practice meeting of the associa-
tion was held at Bray on June 9th with an attendance of 25, four
members had passed away, and though no peals had been rung during
the year, progress in change ringing had been made at St. Thomas',
Belfast. The Attendance Shield was won by St. George's, Dublin,
but only six sheets were returned. Five teams in the north have
entered for the 1946 competition, and this should create keen competi-
tion between north and south, as it is the first year any team from
the Northern Branch has entered.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £22 6s. 10d.
The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr. James Cun-
ningham, Rostrevor, Co. Down; hon. secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes,
Jenkinson, Duudalk; hon. treasurer, Mr. David Gibson, Bray; Ring-
ing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, Dublin.

Among those present were the Deans of St. Patrick's and Christ
Church, Dublin, the Rev. Canon T. W. E. Drury, the Revs. W.
Carroll, R. J. Kerr, T. P. S. Wood and J. Armstrong and Messrs.
M. Hogan and H. S. Lightbody.

The ringing at St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals included
Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob
Minor.

BROADCAST BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Amongst the adverse criticism in 'The Ringing World' about the time allotted by the B.B.C. to the broadcasting of bells just prior to religious services, I notice some mention now of Blackburn Cathedral. May I, as an organist who loves bells for what they are, say that on every occasion there has been a broadcast of the bells from this cathedral it has been entirely at my suggestion. Never has the suggestion come from the B.B.C.

Surely it is not now considered imperative for bells to be heard prior to a broadcast service? Neither is the organ voluntary any more necessary to attain the soul's true weal. Some of us think, maybe wrongly, that this is not the time for recitals of any sort. If, as someone contends, church bells must be heard on the air for 10 minutes before a broadcast service, then the organist, wanting his pound of flesh likewise, might legitimately demand his 10 minutes—total 20 minutes. The difference between a miniature and a symphony apparently needs to be realised as much in the belfry as in the organ loft (or pulpit).

A glance at some of the messages received here subsequent to our broadcasts, from hospitals, sick-bays, institutions for the aged and such like—nearly all of them mentioning their joy at the bells (even when broadcast for a brief minute)—might well convert any who have been led to think that 'getting up the bells' for such a space is not worth while.

THOMAS L. DUERDEN, Organist.

The Cathedral, Blackburn.

A STERN REBUKE.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Last week 'The Tough Veteran' made some remarks which I cannot let pass without commenting upon. Why is he so prejudiced against schoolgirl and more still schoolboy ringers? Does he forget that they are the ringers of to-morrow and without the young recruits it would be impossible to carry on the Exercise?

'Youths' are quite tough enough to meet the remarks made about their ringing by the 'Tough Veteran'—indeed, some of them would be tough enough to make him eat his words. Why does he remain anonymous? Why does he hint that the ringers of his day were heroes and the ringers of to-day are not?

We must be thankful that such men as the 'Tough Veteran' are few or little would be done to encourage youths to learn ringing.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN (schoolboy).

Fiverton.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

April 1st, 1927. At St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, the first ten-thousand ever rung on any number of bells. Though the method was Oxford Treble Bob Major and men had not yet discovered its great tendency to falseness, there are sufficient reasons for accepting the composition as true.

1755. The Cumberland Youths rang Cumberland Pleasure at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. The figures of the method are lost.

1929. At Chelmsford, the first peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Maximus.

April 3rd, 1899, at Erith, Kent, a band which included Harry Flanders, Isaac Shade, John Cheesman, Edgar Wightman, and the three brothers Pye, with William as conductor, rang 15,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It was William Pye's 100th peal. The band was a first-class one and the peal by general consent was an excellent one. A few weeks later at Kidlington, James W. Washbrook called 17,024 in the same method. The truth of that peal was hotly challenged and there can be little reasonable doubt that it was not rung correctly.

April 6th, 1916, Henry Dains died at the age of 78.

SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOB MAJOR.

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42356	—	1	—	35264	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	23456	—	2	—
512				512			
23456	W	B		23456	W	B	M R
36245	—	2	—	23645	—	2	—
43265	—	—	—	23564	—	2	—
35426	—	2	—	45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	23456	—	—	—
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23456	W	B	M R	23456	W	B	M R
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45236	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—
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Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

For more than three hundred years the Society of College Youths has generally been accepted as the leading society in the Exercise. This primacy, which, of course, has by no means gone unchallenged, has rested on various factors from time to time. In the 17th century it was mainly the social position of the members that gave them pre-eminence. In the 18th century, owing to the influence of several brilliant leaders, the society led the Exercise as practical skilled ringers. In the 19th century any social advantages were missing, and the performances in the belfry would not have been in any way remarkable if there had not been throughout England a general decline in ringing. During all the years the members varied enormously in social status and in skill as ringers, but throughout the society managed to retain most of the prestige which it gained in its earlier times. This no doubt was largely due to the fact that it was (at least until 50 years ago) thoroughly representative of the Exercise at large, both in its strength and its weakness, in its good qualities and its bad.

The history of the Society of College Youths is a chequered one, as that of any live and active body must be, but all through it has preserved its identity remarkably well. It was a far cry from the young aristocrats who founded the society in the reign of King Charles the First to the men who met in the King's Head at Southwark in the middle of the 19th century. There was little in common between them, yet there were continuous links and no real break in the chain. The College Youths are one of the strongest of the cords that bind the present-day Exercise to the past. How great is the value of it is not easy to say, but it is not small.

One visible sign of the society's continuity is the property it has inherited from the past. It has lost, it is true, its original name books and peal books and the most valuable it now possesses are copies. But they are old copies and are well authenticated, though they offer some most interesting problems for an historian of change ringing to solve. The engraving, which for rather less than a hundred years has been used as the certificate of membership, was originally the dinner ticket and was the work of Francesco Bartolozzi, a distinguished engraver of the late 18th century. The original copperplate is still in the possession of the society, and during the last few weeks Mr. J. F. Smallwood has been able to secure a supply of impressions from it on good pre-war paper. A copperplate, after it has been used a certain number of times, deteriorates in quality; but this plate has been treated in a special way and the imprints from it are as clear and as artistic as if the engraving were done but yesterday.

In addition to the certificates, Mr. Smallwood has been able to get reprints of the book of rules and inventory of property issued to members on election. This was first printed in 1928 and was a very artistic production. The new edition is almost an exact reprint, though a few minor corrections have been made, and a certain amount of unimportant matter omitted. In its general style and the quality of the paper the new edition will compare favourably with the old. The illustrations, which were a notable feature of the old book, have been reproduced.

Among these illustrations is one of an 18th century dinner ticket, and anyone who is interested in the history of ringing and the problems it sets the historian should compare the two books. In one the invitation is from the Society of College Youths; in the other it is from the Ancient Society of College Youths. Now in the 18th century there was no Ancient Society of College Youths. There was an ancient Society of College Youths, but that was a different body. The research worker of the future who comes across these things may be puzzled and may suspect a falsification of evidence. Of course, there is a simple explanation, but any use of the word 'Ancient' in connection with the College Youths before the year 1850 is almost certain to be spurious. Until quite recently what passed as the history of the London ringers was little more than insubstantial legends, and the historical account of the Society of College Youths given in this handbook will in due course need to be revised in the light of later discoveries.

HANDBELL RINGING IN BERLIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Several weeks ago you very kindly published a letter of mine in 'The Ringing World' describing my handbell activities in Berlin with the two German boys.

As I have now returned to civil life, I am very anxious that they shall not lose contact with this branch of our art, as during the whole time of our practices their enthusiasm never flagged and they continued to make rapid progress with the tune ringing. I am desirous now that they shall possess a set of their own (12) and would be glad to contact anyone who may have some for sale somewhere about 15 size, so that I can present the boys with them.

If this is possible there is a comrade at my late military unit who has kindly offered to pass the bells on to the boys should I be fortunate to obtain a set. If anyone can help me in this matter I should be pleased if they would communicate to the address below as early as possible. Trusting someone will come and help me

S. HARRISON.

73. Hopfield Road, Leicester.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

BY JOHN P. FIDLER.

(Continued from page 137.)

Perhaps I may be allowed to digress for a short time and refer to one or two local 'sayings.' We have the old story of the rivalry between the three- and two-bell towers, the three-bell tower asking, 'Who rings best?' 'Who rings best?' to which the two-bell tower replies, 'We do,' 'We do,' but there used to be two couplets in the Ludlow district:—

'How dare you do so
Say the bells of Ludlow,'

to which the Leintwardine bells reply:—

'Because we've a mind
Say the bells of Leintwardine.'

Then we have the old Cheshire one:—

'Higher Peover kettles
Lower Peover pans
Knutsford's sweet music
And Rostherne's great drones.'

Of course, there are many more, and perhaps one day somebody will collect them and give us the benefit of their efforts.

Coming back to bell inscriptions, we have another old but still topical line:—

'May the single be married and the
Married happy'

at Chirbury. I wonder what the moulder would have put on had someone taken his H, A, P any Y stamps? Perhaps he would have put 'Single,' then it would have been an inscription in a thousand.

I do not suppose for a moment Briant composed the two following inscriptions on the treble and second when he cast them for High Ercall in 1812. More likely someone who knew the locality well produced them, and they certainly would not appear in any other district.

'Twin sisters we unite our tuneful powers
With this sweet band to charm the vacant hours;
In mazy changes clear the landscape wide,
And court coy echoes from yon mountains side.'
'Where meandering Roden gently glides
Or Turnes proud current fills its ample sides;
Thence meditation views our calm abode;
Heals the sick mind and yields it pure to God.'

On the treble, the Wrekin is referred to as 'yon Mountain,' whilst on the second the rivers Roden and Tern are brought into the picture.

Briant may have composed the following, which he placed on the fourth bell of Littlebury, Essex, in 1789:—

'Coexalted here we are on hegh
VI emblems of parish harmony,'

but, as it is another of those 'love orphan' types of inscription, I am inclined to be of the opinion that it is the work of a 'local lad.'

Henry Pleasant was one of those founders who never let an opportunity of advertising pass by, and sometimes in a subtle manner, as witness the old treble, second, third and fourth of All Saints', Maldon:—

1. 'When three this steeple long did hold'
2. 'They were three emblems of a scold' ' ' '
3. 'No musick then bvt now shall see'
4. 'What pleasant mvstick six will be.'''

Thomas Gardiner was another Eastern founder who did a lot of 'puffing,' and a favourite of his was:—

'Tho. Gardiner did me cast, I will seng
His prais to the last.'

A bit crude but, no doubt, it served its purpose.

In our next we have a 'puff' of a different nature, and it is an inscription which reminds us of the days when bell founders confined themselves to founding and left the hanging to the bell hangers established in various parts of the country:—

'The founder he has played his part,
Which shews him master of his art
So hang me well and ring me true
And I will sound your praises due.'

Another 'solo' inscription and one which passes rude remarks, but in a different form to the St. Benet's ones, appeared at Great Horkesley, Essex, and informs us:—

'Wm. Sadler who had a negligent partner caused
me to be cast by Sudbury Gardner 1747.'

One can only presume that Wm. Sadler and the negligent partner were churchwardens, but not the best of friends; anyhow, judging by the mutilation the inscription has suffered, we can only imagine the negligent gentleman took umbrage at the offending inscription and, imitating Cromwell, knocked it about a bit in an attempt to obliterate it.

Still, we find more 'subscription list' inscriptions. This appeared at Little Berkhamsted in 1621:—

'Thomas Stens truth to tel gave twente povnd toard
this bell.'

I think there is a bit of sarcasm underlying this one, and I should imagine Thomas Stens had found a 'hard nut' to crack; if we substitute 'strange to relate' for 'truth to tel,' I think we get the true meaning of the inscription. Of course, we get 'tightfisted' ones today, but they do not have an inscription to advertise the fact.

In 1703, 'John Eyer gave twenty pound to meek me a lesty sound,' appeared on the treble of six at Bentley, Hampshire, whilst, through a paraphrase of a common couplet on the fifth we learn:—

'Thomas Eyer and John Winslade did contrive
To cast from four this peal of five,'

whilst at Binsted, in the same county, the following appeared:—

'In 1695 Nicholas Wheeler did contrive
Too kast from fouar this peall of five
Docktar Nicholas gave five pound
Too helpe kast this peal tunable and sound.'

As Samuel Knight was the founder of these bells, it would appear he had a hand in the drafting of these.

Strathfieldsaye treble and second received inscriptions of a similar type, but the third is a horse of another colour:—

1. 'Wee will our voices raise
To ring Sq Pittes praise 1756.'
2. 'Mr. Murre did contrive to cast the
Fouer into five 1756.'
3. 'I will fight in amongst them all
Thos. Swain made me in 1756.'

As Mr. Murre seems to have been the instigator of the augmentation, if not the donor, it would seem that the 'Pitte' referred to was the Great Prime Minister. When we come to the third, we seem to have struck an 'all-in' do, although I have heard bells fighting for a place on many occasions, I never have seen an inscription so worded.

The events of the stormy days of George the Second were reflected in the inscription which was placed on the tenor bell of Fareham in 1742:—

'In vain the rebels strive to gain renown
Over our Church, the laws, the King and Crown
In vain the bold ungrateful rebels aim
To overthrow when you support the same
Then may great George our King live for to see
The rebellious crew hang on the gallows tree.'

I suppose the modern version of this would refer to mines, transport, friendly societies, etc., in the second line, or would it? It would seem that these echoes of the past are still with us.

Newport (I.O.W.) sixth also received one of those inscriptions in 1808 which could well be used to-day:—

'May England's coast the pride of commerce see
And Britain's pride be always to be free
May peace return to bless Britannia's shore
And faction fall to raise her head no more.'

There is little need to ask what the modern version of this would be. No alteration seems to be necessary.

Again, we come across one of those inscriptions that needs a little sorting out. Did the moulder do it on purpose, or did he know no better? Here it is, so decide for yourself:—

'Iamtheforstanhobotsmaliwilbehardabofeyoall.'

This appeared at Chilbolton in 1641, and at first glance appears to be just a jumble of letters, but it does make sense, as you will see.

Still we find evidence of the rivalry that existed between the old bellfounders. In 1581, Joseph Carter apparently recast a bell for West Hoathly, Sussex, and inscribed it thus:—

'Joseph Carter mede me bettrer.'

Probably some other founder had made the bell so badly in the first instance that it had to be recast, but Carter did not make a meal of it like Bartlet did at Richmond, when he recast the fourth in 1680, for he came out with:

'Lambert made me weak, not fit to ring,
But Bartlet amongst the rest hath made
me sing.'

Just for a moment let us take another look at the row of letters on the Chilbolton bell to see what sense we can arrive at. With a little trouble we get:—

'I am the forst an tho bot smal
I will be hard abofe yo all.'

Silly, is it not, but I suppose the producer was quite pleased with his effort.

At Glatton, in Huntingdon, the Leicester Foundry presented this one:—

'Searve God and o beay thy princ 1595.'

As this was cast during the reign of Queen Elizabeth one might wonder who the prince was they had to obey, but when comparing it with the inscription on Stanground tenor, which came from the same foundry, it is evident there is a mistake; here is the Stanground version:—

'Sarve God and obe thi princes 1588.'

No doubt Queen Elizabeth was meant by the Princess.

Another inscription which seems to be incomplete is that of 1723, third of St. Ives, Hunts, which reads:—

'Their sound is gone.'

No doubt 'Their sound is gone into all lands' should have been the inscription; but, as it reads, the bells never had any sound.

You, reader, might think the line was completed on the fourth bell; but no, the fourth bell received this:—

'Sometimes joy and sometimes sorrow
Marrige today and death tomorrow 1723.'

In the fifth we have another Fire Bell, for:—

'Whne backward rving we tell
of fire think how the world
Shall thus expire 1723.'

I should imagine that by the time the ringers had arrived to ring the bells backward the fire would have burned itself out. This brings us back to recent times when Whitehall said the bells were to be rung in the event of enemy paratroops arriving, and no one could supply the answer as to how the ringers were to be mustered at a second's notice to sound the tocsin.

Not far from St. Ives, and still in the Fen country, is Godmanchester, where one of those inappropriate inscriptions arrived for Thomas Osborn's fourth, 'Made Hills and Valleys Echo Round'; thus it shows how a stock inscription can be very much out of place.

I am aware of one case only where a founder admitted that, as far as he was concerned, luck entered into the scheme of things, at Goodleigh in Devon. T. Wroth, in 1743, had the courage to place this inscription:—

'I am little, smart and small,
Luck made me concord to all.'

(To be continued.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT CAMPSALL.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Campsall on March 23rd, was attended by about 35 ringers from Arksey, Barnby Don, Campsall, Doncaster, Felkirk, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessele, Howden, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Pudsey, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sprotborough and York.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. L. A. Hick, and tea in the Vicarage was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar took the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hedon, if possible on June 22nd.

The methods rung included Grandire and Stedman Triples. Plain and Treble Bob Major, and Cambridge Minor. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

The New South Wales Association referred to in a recent letter in our columns is not the first ringing association to be formed in Australia. Nearly fifty years ago, in June, 1899, a letter appeared in 'The Bell News' signed William Shenton, from which this is an extract: 'The Victorian Association is composed of members of both St. Patrick's and St. Paul's Cathedral Societies. We ring at each Cathedral one Sunday night and one week night in each month, but I am sorry to say that ringing is not flourishing in the Colonies as it should. We have plenty of bells, but nobody cares much for them, and somehow the colonial youth will not take to the art. At all the churches which have bells the authorities appear to care very little for them. In very few instances will they pay for ringing, they get into bad repair, and then it is chiming or something worse.'

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HILLMAN.

The death is announced of Mr. William Hillman, a member of the company at Heene, Worthing, which took place on March 25th. Mr. Hillman had rung several peals, including some in Surprise Major methods. Fifty years ago he was one of the band at Henfield, who, under the leadership of Mr. C. Tyler, rang double-handed handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

On Sunday, March 31st, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by F. Page 1, F. Meetens 2, R. W. Groves 3, F. Tregus 4, H. Weaver 5, H. Colley 6, P. Wood (conductor) 7, S. White 8.

STEDMAN

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—With some diffidence I put forward the suggestion that the time has come when the Exercise should consider the adoption of a logical go-off in Stedman by commencing the changes at the first row of a slow six.

H. MILES.

53, Oakthorpe Road, Oxford.

[The present go-off of Stedman is quite 'logical' and convenient. If there is anything 'illogical' it is in considering that the method runs in Sixes and not in Twelves.—The Editor.]

NOTICES.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Brenchley (8), Saturday, April 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Practice, Tonbridge, Friday, April 5th, 7.30 p.m.—T. Saunders.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Owing to the death of Mr. W. Davies, Ringing Master at Aston, revised arrangements to-morrow as follows: Memorial Service 4 p.m. Tea, business meeting and ringing afterwards.—T. H. Reeves.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Horbury, near Wakefield (8), Saturday, April 6th; also Ossett (10) available. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division. — Practice, Lower Beeding, Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Grimsby District.—Thornton Curtis (6), Saturday, April 6th, 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Towers will be notified about tea.—H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Good bus services.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—St. David's, Brecon (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — North Stoneham, Hants. Ringing, April 12th, 5.30 to 6.30. Induction of Rector. Practice, April 13th, 3 to 7 p.m.—G. Pullinger.

DERBYS AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Old Whittington (6), April 13th. Names for tea to G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, by Wednesday, April 10th.—Sam Scattergood.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — St. James', Clerkenwell, Saturday, April 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rochdale Branch. — St. Leonard's, Middleton, Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—I. Kay.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston and Fylde Branches.—St. Anne's, Saturday, April 13th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rigby, J. H. Foster.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), April 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Badby (6), Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery.—Chew Deanery.—Backwell, Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Blackburn Cathedral, April 13th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business in tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District. — Harby, Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Names to J. Butcher, Harby.—J. H. Cook.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Ubley (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, by April 10th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Newton St. Loc (6), April 13th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Corston (8) from 6 p.m.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District.—Blackmoor (6), April 13th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business, 5 p.m., in School. Numbers by April 9th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice, Ditchling, Saturday, April 13th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 10th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by business. Horsell (6), 3 to 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. Sleet, Fushia, Brox Road, Ottershaw, by April 8th.—F. E. Hawthorne.

SALISBURY GUILD (North Dorset Branch) and **BATH AND WELLS ASSN.** (Ilchester Branch). — Nether Compton, Sherborne, Saturday, April 13th.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District. — Trumpington (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Green Man.—H. L. Martin.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Leicester District.—Groby (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by April 10th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Kirkby-in-Furness (6), Saturday, April 13th, 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Brampton, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged.—H. J. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Lymm, Saturday, April 13th. Advise Mr. L. Bradburn, 20, Church Road, Lymm, by April 10th to enable catering arrangements to be made.—John E. Ashcroft.

BARNSELY DISTRICT. — Eastwood, Rotherham, April 13th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each. Notify Mr. A. G. W. Measures, 209, Rother View Road, Canklow, nr. Rotherham, by April 9th.—D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, nr. Barnsley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 20th, 3 p.m. New rule books now available to members; price 3s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual, Retford, Saturday, April 20th, three towers available. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford, by April 17th.—H. Denman.

KENT ASSN. — Annual, Ashford, Easter Monday. Committee in Parish Room 11 a.m. Service in Church 12 noon. General meeting 2 p.m. No catering available. Allowance to members attending. Ashford and outlying towers open during the day.—F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — General, Minehead, Easter Monday. Names for lunch. Details later. — J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Bedford, Easter Monday, St. Paul's (10), 10.30 a.m. Own arrangements for lunch. St. Peter's (6), 2 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4 p.m. Meat tea, 3s. per head, 4.30 p.m., in the Trades Club, followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, by April 13th.

NORWICH ASSN. — Annual General, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. John de Sepulchre, 10 to 11.45 and after 3. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon. Lunch, Samson and Hercules, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business, S. and H., after lunch. Names for lunch must be sent to me by April 12th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich.

ELY ASSN. — Annual general, Cambridge, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Tea at Dorothy Cafe, 2s. each. Details of ringing later.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Epsom, Easter Monday, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), 3 p.m. Service, St. Martin's, 5 p.m. Tea, St. Martin's Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate, Surrey, by April 17th. — D. Cooper.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN. — Annual, Newport St. Woolos' (12), Easter Monday, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hanington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Annual, Cheltenham, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Parish Church bells 11 a.m. Meeting 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Charlton Kings, Leckhampton and Prestbury bells after tea.—Cyril R. Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, nr. Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual, Ipswich, Easter Monday. St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30 a.m. Five towers. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 12 noon. Lunch, Regent Cafe, 12.45, 3s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, by April 15th.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting, College Hall, 12 noon. Bells: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithun's (6) 10 to 10.45 a.m. Cathedral (12) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Luncheon, 1.30 p.m., by ticket (2s. 6d. per head). Application, with remittance, by April 16th.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Owing to catering difficulties on Easter Monday, the committee has postponed the annual general meeting to Saturday, May 11th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Any ringer visiting, or resident in Slough, is invited to St. Mary's Parish Church (ringing: Sundays 5.30; Thursdays 7.30), or to communicate with W. Birmingham, 6, Cranbourne Road, Slough.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The address of E. J. Munday is now Shelvingford, London Road, Liphook, Hants. Telephone: Liphook 3264.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

NYE—HAMMOND. — On April 6th, 1896, at St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Frederick Charles Nye to Charlotte Jane Crosby Hammond.

DEATH.

DAVIES.—At Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, March 28th, William, Ringing Master, Aston Parish Church, age 66. Cremated at Perry Barr, April 2nd.

WANTED.

WANTED.—'Among the Bells,' by Robinson, 2 copies. Also all copies of 'The Ringing World' from August, 1944, to date. 3d. per copy offered.—Write, Frank C. W. Knight, 48, Howard Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

DEATH OF CAPT. B. GLAYSHER.

Capt. B. Glaysheer, who before joining the Army was a member of the band at Bromley, Kent, was killed on February 20th by an explosion in a mine at Dortmund in Germany. He was 26 years of age and had been a member of the Kent County Association since he left school.

QUARTER PEALS

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier 1, A. R. Geden 2, W. D. Sparrow 3, W. T. Hardiman 4, A. G. Taylor 5, A. Reed 6, F. E. Jones (conductor) 7, G. Maisey 8.

CLAPHAM PARK.—On March 20th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, C. Potheary 2, A. Thirsk 3, T. W. Taffender 4, J. W. Chapman 5, J. G. Prior 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Howard 8.

EALING.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Cutler 1, D. R. Judd 2, J. C. Birt 3, A. Jones 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, F. A. Finch 6, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 7, W. G. Wilson 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Burt 1, Mrs. E. Salmons 2, G. Hutchinson 3, P. Whitford 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, R. Burford (conductor) 7, A. Ashford 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On March 26th, 2,160 Bob Minor: C. Gardner 1, J. Mason 2, R. Elliott (conductor) 3, W. Jones 4, P. Mason 5, D. Mason 6.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Thursday, March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, W. Hacker 3, F. Hacker 4, L.A.C. Ring 5, H. Burry (conductor) 6, R. Barry 7, W. Haines 8.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,320 Bob Minor: F. Cooper 1, A. E. Austin (conductor) 2, R. Simmonds 3, G. Jennings 4, W. Hurrell 5, J. Ford 6.

STREATHAM COMMON.—On Sunday, March 31st, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. L. Miles 3, S. Croft 4, C. Potheary 5, T. W. Weibourne 6, J. W. Chapman 7, R. Sanders 8.

WILLESDEN.—On March 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Lankester 1, F. G. Robbins 2, G. M. Kilby 3, H. C. Collier 4, R. C. Kersey 5, A. Cutler 6, H. Kilby 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. Bennett 3, E. Jones 4, E. Mounter 5, H. Warnett, jun. 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Murdock 1, W. Coe 2, R. Ireland 3, A. Williams 4, E. Dodds 5, R. Hart 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, G. Barber 8.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Trevor Cross 1, Thomas G. Dennis 2, Eric Naylor 3, William E. Court 4, Francis J. Cheal (conductor) 5, George A. Naylor 6, William J. Walker 7, William Hollands 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Trevor Cross 1, Mrs. George A. Naylor 2, Francis J. Cheal 3, William E. Court 4, Fredrick G. Southgate 5, William J. Walker 6, George A. Naylor (conductor) 7, Alfred Naylor 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. Turner 1, L. P. Cook 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, C. Philpotts 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Tabraham 1, A. Birch 2, Miss R. Lund 3, H. Wingrove 4, D. Pearce 5, W. Eastwell 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, E. Briden 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 31st, at St. Gregory's, 1,264 Bob Major: H. G. Herbert 1, H. G. Felton 2, W. A. Scott 3, H. Day 4, T. Chinery 5, L. Johnson 6, A. A. Pritch 7, A. J. Haynes (conductor) 8.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stillwell (conductor) 1, R. G. Blackman 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, R. Stredwick 4, A. V. Corden 5, A. E. Holden 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, H. J. Doick 8.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Not many weeks from now the next meeting of the Central Council will be held, and we do not doubt that most of the members are looking forward to a visit to Norwich and are making the necessary preparations. That any meeting of the Council will be pleasant and enjoyable is certain, for there are so many things to interest the visitor quite apart from the actual deliberations. There is the gathering of men so well known in the Exercise, the reunion of old friends, the social intercourse in the evenings, the ringing on bells famous in the history of the art of change ringing—all these make a meeting well worth while apart from any business that may be transacted. The value of this side of the Council's meeting should not be made light of, for it has played an important part in making ringers feel that they belong to a community with common aims and ideals, and that in a real sense they are members one of another. Even those who are not privileged or able to be present may reap some advantages from this social life.

But, of course, the Council has a definite and important function to fulfil in the organisation of the Exercise, and that is the main reason for its meeting. It is the parliament of ringers at which are gathered the most influential and representative persons in the Exercise. They meet to discuss questions important to the well-being of the art of change ringing and to give advice and guidance to ringers generally. On the extent to which they can do that depends much of the success of the meeting.

Full and free exchange of the best and most experienced opinion is the essential of a good debate. There will be no lack of men of experience or of men whose opinions are valuable and well worth listening to. But something more is needed. There must be preparation beforehand and there must be an agenda which will allow of the discussion of suitable subjects. A large proportion of the agenda must necessarily be provided by the officials who are responsible for the routine work, but everything ought not to be laid on their shoulders. Others must bear their share.

It is too much to expect that the various committees, which were reappointed last year after the long break during the war, will have been able to gather together again all the threads that were dropped in 1939. Formal reports may not be looked for, but some statements might be made and the members induced to ask questions and express opinions on matters which still greatly concern

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the Exercise as a whole. Nor should the members themselves be backward in debating these things.

What ought to be remembered is that every member of the Council who is interested in anything relating to bells or bellringing has the right to bring it up for discussion, and that any society, or any band, or any individual, has the same right except that it must be exercised through the proper representative. But the thing must be done according to due form. A resolution must be placed on the agenda, and for that due notice must be given. Time is slipping away, and those who wish to act must act now.

The usual and almost inevitable tendency is for men to put things off and not to bother about preparation until the last minute. But preparation is an absolute essential in a good statement on anything. No man—at any rate, no ordinary man—can make a good speech on any subject unless he has thought out beforehand what he wants to say and how best to say it. There are quite a lot of men who have something to say worth saying and who would be listened to gladly by the Council, but who make themselves largely ineffectual because they fail to give themselves sufficient preparation.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Apr. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	FRED PRICE ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... 9
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	ALLAN SHORT ... 10
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN. Half-muffled for William Davies.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	*SAMUEL JONES ... 7
*JACK TIPPER ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 8
*JOAN HOLDSWORTH ... 3	*ALAN J. BROWN ... 9
PETER LAFLIN ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 10
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5	JOHN WORTH ... 11
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 6	*VICTOR NORBURY ... Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	GEORGE AMBLER ... 8
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 9
ALLEN MORGAN ... 5	FREDERICK N. FLUCK ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by R. WOODYATT. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	WALTER E. WHITE ... 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	COLIN HARRISON ... 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 8
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KENNETH A. ROE ... 5	JOHN P. FIDLER ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JAMES A. BULLOCK ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*ARTHUR HUBBLE ... 2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 8
FREDERICK SOUTER ... 4	*FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 9
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Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN. * First peal of Royal.

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On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 8
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

On the Gabriel eight, tenor 19 cwt.

R. W. BARBER ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
ERNEST SHORTING ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
GEORGE SAVERS ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
WILLIAM MAYERS ... 4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

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ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WILSHAW ... Treble	*FRANK E. CORFIELD ... 5
FREDERICK C. SUTTON ... 2	*MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 6
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 3	*ERIC NOBLES ... 7
*DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... 4	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. PARKER. * First peal of Treble Bob.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
*MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE ... 6
*FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	*LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
JOHN W. PINFOLD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. BAKER. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN. * First peal in the method and for the Guild.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT <i>Treble</i>	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ...	5
JAMES A. MILNER 2	JOHN WORTH 6	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	7
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY 4	FRED DUNKERLEY Tenor	

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD ALLPORT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS WILLIAMS 5
ERNEST PARSONS 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
*ALBERT MALLEN 4	WALTER E. MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal 'inside.' Half-muffled for Miss Harris.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR W. DICKENSON <i>Treble</i>	JOHN ALDIS, SEN. 5
†THOMAS SIMMONS 2	†CECIL POYNIZ 6
†ARTHUR POYNIZ 3	†JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 7
LEONARD POYNIZ 4	GEORGE POYNIZ Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE POYNIZ.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*EILEEN H. BASTOW <i>Treble</i>	VERNON SYKES 5
†GERALD DARE 2	IVAN KAY 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE Tenor

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.'

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF WELLINGTON LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
*EDWIN BARNETT 2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 6
*FREDK. J. CULLUM 3	*HARRY HOVERD 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. First by the association.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT <i>Treble</i>	*POWER R. TAYLOR 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN H. HUNT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 4	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PHILIP J. COWARD <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH 5
*LUCILE M. HUBBERT 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 200th peal.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*CECIL F. HAINES <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. C. SMITH 5
†HERBERT ABRAHAMS 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 6
JAMES E. FIGGURES 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	EDWARD J. DOEL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DAVID COX <i>Treble</i>	†ROBERT W. METCALFE 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	HARRY JONES 6
WALTER LEE 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	*RONALD P. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN A. BROWN <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5
MISS MARGARET FIDELL 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	JOHN HEDLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CASTLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent Double Court and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BROWN <i>Treble</i>	A. CHARLES RIPPINGALE 4
REGINALD RIPPINGALE 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
SIMON DACE 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LESLIE A. PAGE <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES LEWIS 4
LEONARD HARRIS 2	†FRANK L. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	*ERNEST BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.



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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Containing nine six-scores Grandsire, nine six-scores April Day and 24 six-scores Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MISS JEAN FREER Treble	L. FRANK HOPGOOD ... 3
†EDMUND W. GIBBONS ... 2	‡GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

WATERFOOT, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor: 12½ cwt.

*KENNETH HINDLE Treble	*BETTY MORELAND 4
*CHRIS. JOHNSON 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
*GERALD COPPIN 3	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by A. MILLS.

* First peal. Fully muffled for Mr. James Edwin Whittaker, 30 years a ringer at Waterfoot.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ... Treble	*MISS M. JEAN LAWRENCE 4
*ALLAN F. KIRKMAN ... 2	†GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 5
R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE... 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	*ERIC A. DENCH 7-8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* 100th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5039 CHANGES;

MARY E. DAVIS 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7-8
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 1, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT 15, PRIORY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS MARY ELKINS 1-2	ALAN J. BROWN 3-4
*C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5-6	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* 200th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

JILL POOLE 1-2	*PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	MRS. H. J. POOLE 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

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BEARINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I support the letter of schoolboy Richard J. Bowden? If 'Tough Veteran' will reveal his identity we may be able to judge for ourselves, firstly, whether he can claim to be a veteran, and, secondly, whether his claim to be tough is well founded.

He apparently fails to appreciate the difference between rope-pulling and bellringing. Surely the charm of our art is the beauty of hearing the bells irrespective of the effort necessary to ring them.

Was 'Tough Veteran' such a wise man as he would have us believe when he tells that he bluffed the ringers rather than show his ignorance by asking them something he did not know? When a person thinks he knows it all he is suffering from a mental illness, which often develops into an incurable disease by reaching the stage when he thinks others know nothing. I agree that the bellhangers may have done 'Tough Veteran' an injury—not by depriving him of his labours of love—but by making it possible for the bells to be rung by young ringers, some of whom he is not able to bluff as he obviously did his heroes of long ago. There are, no doubt, still plenty of bad going peals of bells about for him to pull at if he desires and is not too old.

It is very necessary that young ringers should be encouraged. Except in a very few cases of swelled head—they will learn to respect those from whom the encouragement was received.

HAROLD J. POOLE (once a schoolboy).
President, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

[There is no need to worry. The 'Tough Veteran' is quite a decent, harmless sort of person. It would seem that what schoolboys (or some of them) need is not so much ringing ability as a sense of humour.—The Editor.]

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With regard to ball bearings and plain, I cannot see there is anything in it, only the ball bearings encourage idleness. At the tower which I ring at the bells go well and visitors very often say how nice they go.

They make inquiries who put them in and are very much surprised when told they are on plain bearings. Of course, they want looking after and keeping clean. One of your correspondents the other week spoke of the contents of the oil can on the chamber floor. If the lubricators are kept clean and well soaked with oil it answers as a sponge on the bearing and will last without oil as long as a ringer can go.

It's not altogether the bearings of the bell that want attention, the pulley under the wheel, the sliders. Also see that the stay is straight and does not bind on the slider. Also see that the end of the bearing is free from rust and hard grease, so the bell can move from one side to the other with the swing of the tower.

Dale Abbey, Ilkeston.

E. C. GOBEY.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. DAVIES.

The funeral of Mr. William Davies, Ringing Master of Aston Parish Church, took place on April 2nd.

The service at Aston, which was attended by many members of St. Martin's Guild, was conducted by the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens, who, in paying tribute to Mr. Davies, referred to him as 'an upright character and a sincere friend to all who knew him.'

When leaving for Perry Barr, Birmingham, the cortege was halted at the south door of the church and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. Price, R. Ingram, G. Swann, A. Shorto, followed by a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Caters on the tower bells. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Aston.

At the close of the service at the St. Martin's Guild quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 6th, Mr. Davies' ashes were buried in the precincts of the Aston Church tower.

LONG SERVICE.

During the long period of 72 years, Mr. George Jeffs has served the church at Tichmarsh as chairman, chimier, ringer, sexton and church clerk. Joining the Tichmarsh choir in 1873 when nine years old, he sang in it all down the years without a break to the beginning of 1945. At the same age he learnt to chime, and in 1874 was able to ring rounds. He was a member of the band all through his active days till 1944, when he found the climb to the ringing chamber more than his strength would allow.

GEORGE NEWSON.

Last Sunday was the fiftieth anniversary of the death of George Newson, who for many years was the leading man in the Society of Royal Cumber and Youths. He was born in the year 1844 at the Norfolk village of Carbrook, where there was a ring of five bells. He went to London twenty years later, where he joined the Cumberlands and he rang his first peal with them in the following year. In 1876 he called William Harrison's 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major, the longest length with the tenors together. Jasper Snowdon related that he received the composition just in time to let Henry Hubbard have it before the new edition of his 'Campanologia' was published. 'I agreed with Mr. Harrison that we should not send the peal out until it had first been made public through this book. It was thus open to anyone to be the first to ring the peal. The books were sent out on April 25th, one was received by the secretary of the Cumberlands on the 26th, the ringers were chosen the same evening, and the bells went off into changes at 2.30 p.m. the next day.'

In 1877 Newson called the first peal of Double Norwich Major that had been rung in London for 30 years, and he afterwards did a good deal to popularise the method. In 1894 the Cumberlands made an attempt at Brentwood to ring the extent with the tenors together, 13,440 changes, but lost the peal just before the end through a broken rope. Not long afterwards they were successful at Romford.

Newson's peal total was 357, not a long one judged by present-day standards; but in those days peals were not so easily arranged and rung as they are now, and the list represented a very active ringing career. It included the standard methods and Cambridge, Superlative and London Major.

Newson enjoyed a considerable reputation as a composer, and some of his peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques have merit, though, being in the tittums throughout, they are not likely to find much favour in the eyes of modern conductors.

George Newson was 51 years old when he died. He was buried in Hampstead Cemetery, where a stone was erected to his memory by the subscriptions of ringers.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

By the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. A. Turner, the restored and augmented bells of Broughton Astley were rung for the first time on March 30th. The ring of five (tenor 18 cwt.) has been tuned, a new treble added, and all rehung on a new steel frame for eight. The work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild from Burbage, Croft, Coventry, Sapcote and Wigston rang touches from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor under the conductorship of the local chairman, Mr. Hy. Bird.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held on April 6th at Horbury, and about 50 members were present from Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Guiseley, Halifax (All Souls'), Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Kidwick, Leeds Parish, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Shipley, Woodlesford, Wakefield, Felkirk, Rotherham and Pontefract.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Combe). The vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. T. W. Strangeways was re-elected Ringing Master. Messrs. W. H. Senior, J. Hardcastle and A. Baird were elected to the District Committee, and Mr. Senior to the General Committee. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of Middlesex, was elected a member of the association. The collection for the belfry repairs fund amounted to 11s. 7d. The bells of Horbury and Ossett were rung to a variety of methods throughout the day.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

About 70 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild, held at Broadclyst, where there is a fine octave in excellent condition. Several ladies took part in the ringing, which included Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Tea in the Parish Hall was followed by business, over which Preb. E. V. Cox presided. A satisfactory report was presented and accounts showed a balance in hand of nearly £20. The Rev. H. D. Christie (Honiton Clyst) was elected president, Messrs. Brian Pidgeon (hon. secretary) and J. L. Gianville (Ringing Master) were reappointed. Miss Goodman Messrs. J. Salway and Wills were chosen as representatives on the Guild Committee. Lymptone (six bells) was approved for a meeting in June.

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ing Whitsun, members are advised to book early. The
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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN
MONDAY.

Mr. Walter Nichol's has been elected Ringing Master of St. Mary's,
Nottingham, in place of Mr. Ralph Narborough, who has been com-
pelled to resign through ill-health.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Hughenden on April 6th was the
250th on the bells and Mr. R. Biggs has taken part in 100 of them.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.— On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire
Triples: W. H. Evans 1, A. Hannington 2, I. G. Lewis 3, E. T. Bailey
4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, T. Roderick 6, D. R. James 7, A. W.
Wright 8.

BROADCAST BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was surprised at the sentiments expressed by G. S. Lee in your issue of March 29th that anything less than 10 minutes 'on the air' or one hour's service ringing makes it 'not worth the trouble to climb the belfry to get the bells up.'

Ringers are, or should be, willing and co-operative church workers, looking upon their Sunday turn-out as a duty and with the object of ringing the bells for the purpose for which they were installed and dedicated, namely, to the glory and praise of God, and as a call to the public to gather for prayer. Sunday ringing should not be treated purely as an amusement for those taking part, but each should give of his best to ensure the highest standard that the band can attain no matter how short the service ringing may be. The length of such ringing, I feel, should be a matter for discussion with the clergy, having due regard to the type of locality in which the church is situated and the general feelings of local inhabitants.

So often one finds Sunday ringing treated as just another practice with methods attempted a little beyond the scope of the band, often to please a welcome visitor, with the inevitable result of a 'collapse' and discordant firing to greet the congregation entering the church.

On no account should ringers hold up the authorities to ransom in order to obtain more time 'on the air' by refusing to ring. It is the service that they should be primarily ringing for, and the fact that their efforts are being broadcast should be of secondary importance!

Ten minutes, as the suggested minimum time on the air by G. S. Lee, is too long to expect the majority of radio listeners to retain interest, as they regard bell music not as the 'star turn,' but as the 'supporting programme.'

The B.B.C. should be encouraged to include the bells prior to every service emanating from a church possessing a ring, no matter how small their contribution to the length of the programme may seem, but refusal to ring when asked will not help matters, as I see it, and future occurrences may well cause cessation of, or disinterest in, plans to broadcast them in B.B.C. policy.

Broadcast ringing should not be regarded by ringers solely as a publicity stunt to increase public interest in our art. They should be more conscious of ringing for the service rather than for themselves.

RONALD I. SHEPHERD.

25, Second Avenue, Walthamstow.

Dear Sir.—As one of the early (and still unrepentant) objectors to the high-handed attitude of the B.B.C. in regard to broadcast ringing, I read with interest your leading article this week, also the letter from Mr. T. L. Duerden, of Blackburn Cathedral. I use the term unrepentant, as it appears to me that other demands are creeping in and may confuse the issue.

I have no argument with your article or with Mr. Duerden, as my complaint has always been the treatment of the broadcast ringers, not the time allowed. For those who require 10 minutes I would quote the pre-war Sunday morning broadcast from St. John's, Croydon, when I believe about three or four minutes was about the time.

The recent broadcast from St. Mary's, Nottingham, was not devoid of ringing because the time was too short, but because no time at all was allowed; the bells were merely required for a background. I would point out that quite a good show can be put up with 42 Grandsire Triples, 63 Stedman or 80 Bob Major in three minutes or less, and surely this is not unreasonable, but to ask a band to ring for any time at all merely as an accompaniment to an announcer's prattle has been the sore point for years.

The pre-war Croydon broadcast used to give us the short touch without any accompaniment, and I feel positive that were those conditions restored, this controversy would cease immediately.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

Nottingham.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—You say that any use of the word 'Ancient' in connection with the College Youths before the year 1850 is almost certain to be spurious. How do you account for the fact that the board recording the 7,008 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1874 is headed 'Ancient Society of College Youths' (J. W. Snowdon, page 16), and that Shipway says (A.D. 1814) that London Surprise seems to have received some partial practice by the Ancient Society of College Youths? ('Bell News' reprint, page 261).

C. Y.

[These two are a good example of the 'spurious' use of the word 'Ancient.' The peal board was restored and rewritten in 1874. As it apparently had become illegible, the particulars were taken from the peal book. The original wording is given in an 18th century history of Southwark by Concanen and Morgan. The title is 'Society of College Youths.' In the original copies of Shipway's book the word is 'ancient.' The author used it as an ordinary adjective (not part of the title). The intention was to distinguish between the company which was generally known as the College Youths and the company which claimed to be the real successor of the original body. This latter disappeared in 1788.—The Editor.]

THE LATE RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

As announced last week, the funeral of Mr. R. T. Hibbert was at Ilsey on April 3rd. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hibbert (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sneller, Mrs. W. East (niece), Mrs. Sanderson (sister), Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. and Miss Hart, the Rev. Kingsley-Kefford, the Rev. A. Ogle, the Rev. C. E. Wigg Messrs. F. Pontin, C. Parfitt, W. Turvey (Compton), G. Pryor (representing J. S. Napper), E. King (Harwell), A. Brown, A. Smith (Thatcham), — Hedges, G. Hedges (Brightwaltham), E. Humphries, G. Foster, Mrs. Catterail, Mrs. Lewinden (Reading), Messrs. R. White, S. White (Appleton), G. Martin, A. Martin and son (Maidenhead), R. Rex (Donnington), G. Holfield, A. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths), J. J. Fowler (Cookham), G. Gardiner (Swindon), E. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Locke (Abingdon), Messrs. T. Curtis (Beedon), H. W. Curtis (Newbury), G. Fowler, A. Richardson, E. Wallace (Beenham), W. Bartholomew (Hampstead Norris), Miss Davies (Bucklebury), Mr. A. Arlott, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cullum and Arthur (Caversham).

An account of Mr. Hibbert's ringing career will appear next week.

At Appleton a muffled 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal: E. Drewitt 1, F. C. White 2, F. White 3, A. H. Webb 4, F. Messenger 5, C. Calcutt 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holfield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White tenor.

SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOB MINOR.

(1) 720	(2) 720	(3) 720
23456	23456	23456
S 32564 1	S 32564 1	S 32564 1
S 23645 1	S 23645 1	S 23645 1
S 32456 1	S 26345 5	S 26345 5
S 23564 1	S 62453 1	S 62453 1
S 63452 2	S 52346 2	S 52346 2
S 36524 1	S 25463 1	S 53246 5
P.L. 62345 1	P.L. 56234 1	P.L. 34562 1
Four times repeated with S	S 65342 1	S 43625 1
at end gives	S 45236 2	S 23564 2
24356	S 35624 2	P.L. 45623 3
S 42563 1	S 53246 1	Repeat last part
S 24635 1	P.L. 34562 1	three times with
P.L. 35462 2	Repeat last part	S at end gives
Four times repeated with S	S at end gives	24356
at end.	24356	S 42563 1
S 42563 1	S 42563 1	P.L. 35462 2
S 24635 1	S 45236 1	Four times repeated with S
P.L. 35462 2	P.L. 35462 2	at end.
Four times repeated with S	at end.	

This is an interesting example of how a 720 of Minor may be varied. No. 1 is an irregular ten-part extent composed 65 years ago by J. J. Parker. The third leads in each of the first five parts form a natural course which can be singled as one block into any one part as in No. 2. Similarly the seventh leads in each of the first five parts of No. 1 form a natural course which can be singled as one block into any one part. This operation in addition to the other produces the 720 No. 3.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

April 7th, 1741. At St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the Eastern Scholars rang the first peal of Treble Bob Royal.

1761. On this and the following day, at Leeds in Kent, James Barham's band rang the extent of Bob Major, 40,320 changes. It was rung, of course, by relays of ringers.

1801. At Shoreditch, the Cumberlands rang 5,220 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

1857. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, the conductor of several peals, born.

April 8th, 1912. At Knebworth in Hertfordshire, a band of the Hertford County Association, with Mr. George Price as conductor, rang the then longest peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 12,160 changes. The record stood only till the following May 27th, when William Pye's band rang 15,264 changes at Hornchurch.

April 9th, 1830. At Birmingham, Elijah Roberts tapped 7,536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.

1890. At Sydney, the first peal—Grandsire Triples—rung in Australia.

April 10th, 1879. Thomas Dav, famous as a composer of long peals of Treble Bob Major, died in Birmingham at the age of 75.

April 11th, 1888. At Appleton, 13,265 Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

April 12th, 1909. At Loughborough, 18,027 Stedman Caters, conducted by William Pye, who rang the tenor.

April 13th, 1859. William T. Cockerill born.

1914. At Ashton-under-Lyne, 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, conducted by Samuel Wood.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

	123456789	
	214365879	
	241638597	
	426135879	Fifths
	462318597	
Thirds	643281579	Sevenths
	463825197	
Fifths	648352917	
	463859271	
	648395721	
	684937512	
Fifths	869473152	
	684971325	
Thirds	869417235	
	689142753	Sevenths
	861924735	
	816297453	Fifths
	182694735	
	128967453	
	219876543	
	123456789	
	214365879	
Bob	241638597	
	426135879	
	246318597	
	423681579	
	243865197	
	428356917	
	243859671	
	428395761	
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Double Norwich Court Bob Caters appeared first in Shipway's 'Campanalogia,' published in 1816, but there is no evidence of its being practised seriously until the year 1894. In that year the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, under their brilliant conductor, John Austin, rang the first peal ever rung in the method. The Society was very active at that time, and the brothers E. Bankes James and H. Law James were, to use John Austin's own words, 'mad on ringing, and after me to go somewhere every night.' It appears that H.L.J. was keen on the Double Norwich Caters, and his brother composed a peal for the band to ring.

On Saturday, September 22nd, 1894, the St. Michael's Juniors went to Bristol, and at the Church of St. Stephen rang 5093 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, in three hours and twenty-four minutes. John Austin conducted. The band stood as follows: Frederick Musty 1, Francis Hart 2, E. Bankes James 3, John Austin 4, Francis E. Ward 5, Adolphus Roberts 6, Walter T. Bennett 7, Harry Roberts 8, H. Law James 9, Ernest Davis 10.

The composition was in the tittums throughout.

The performance brought forth some comment. The leader writer in 'The Bell News,' writing obviously without much knowledge of what had been rung, adopted a rather lofty and patronising tone. After comparing the peal to performances of Treble Bob Caters, he went

on: 'The fact is, the adoption of such methods on a number of bells hitherto looked upon as foreign, is a novelty, and novelties do not always find favour, even with experts. But it may be taken for granted that such peals are not to become frequent. We apprehend that even the St. Michael's Juniors would prefer to ring a peal of Royal in this method to ringing another peal of Caters.'

The figures of the peal and a lead of the method were published a week later, and the following, from a letter sent to 'The Bell News' by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, shows how little was known of Caters in this method at that time: 'The appearance of the lead of Double Norwich Caters in your last issue was to me a very agreeable surprise. The name suggested phantoms of fourths and sixths places, bells lying still for four blows, and other hideous nightmares, which the substance itself does not realise. . . .'

Although Davies liked the method, yet it did not find favour with all. Even John Carter complained: 'I do not know what method he (H. Law James) rang in a short time ago, although it appears in Shipway under the name of Double Norwich Caters'; and as far on as 1905, Sir Arthur Heywood refused to accept the method as Double Norwich.

No further peal seems to have been rung until December 13th, 1904, when W. E. Garrard called a 5004 by Mr. Frederick Dench. This was at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and it was, of course, the first peal of minimum length in this method. The bells were in the tittums throughout.

In 'The Bell News' of January 16th, 1906, Mr. J. A. Trollope wrote: 'Of all the methods that have been or can be composed and rung on nine bells, not one is superior, and very few are equal to Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. It is as far finer than Grandsire Caters as Double Norwich Major is finer than Bob Major.' Although we may question this statement, there can be no doubt that Double Norwich Caters is a method of rare beauty, with startling elements of surprise both in its music and its composition. It has been slow in taking its place in the ringing exercise, but at times various bands have explored its beauties, and recently there has been a renewed interest shown by some of our leading Cater ringers.

There are, as may be recalled, two forms of bob used in Double Norwich Caters, a 3rds place bob and a 7ths place bob. Most peals are rung with the 3rds place bob, but in 1911 Arthur Knights experimented with the 7ths place bob and produced a peal which Sam Thomas called at Chesterfield. Unfortunately, the composition was false, and in writing to apologise for the mishap, the composer confessed that he had no idea the method could run false inside the leads. He produced a fresh composition, and this was rung later in the year.

Composition in the method is highly fascinating and deliciously dangerous. Against every lead of the method there are 12 false leads. If 789 are left alone in their plain course position **there are no false leads**, and you may compose with as great ease as you can in Bob Major. Similarly, of course, if the bells are undisturbed in the tittums, there are no false leads; but if you use the handstroke home position together with the tittums, **look out for squalls!** No doubt, when Mr. Bankes James produced the first peal he stuck to tittums

throughout for the sake of safety, and probably Mr. Dench did the same. Since those days, good peals have been produced by people like Mr. Joseph Pigott and Mr. Charles W. Roberts in which the bells run half in the tittums and half in the handstroke home. Even so, only a short time ago a false peal came from the distinguished and honoured composer, Joseph W. Parker, to serve as a reminder of the fascinating peril of this beauty among methods.

It is because of the interest shown lately in this method that I am venturing to place before the Exercise a proof of Double Norwich Caters. I have set out the steps of the reasoning in great detail, so that each stage of the proof can be scrutinised and checked, for it is very necessary that there should be no flaw in the reasoning. I believe that this line of argument is simple enough to be followed by anyone accustomed to ordinary pricking and transposition, and it will be found, I think, that what looks at first sight involved and cumbersome, is capable of resolution into a fairly simple chart from which peals may be proved with comparative ease.

(To be continued.)

HANDBELL RINGING BY METHOD CONSTRUCTION

By G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Recently some of the principles of method construction have been explained in 'The Ringing World.' These principles can be utilised for ringing advanced methods and splicing on handbells.

It was pointed out that the places made in a lead are symmetrical about the treble. Thus in Double Norwich, in which all the places are right, they run—14, 36, 58, 18 (treble behind) and then the same, but backwards—58, 36, 14 and 18 (treble leading) or 16 for a bob. The position of the treble is also important, thus "Court" places are made about the treble as it passes through 3.4, the places being 4th and 3rds, and sometimes, as it passes through 5.6, 6th and 5th. In Double Norwich both these sets of places are made. As the treble hunts down these places will be reversed. There were also two articles, about 1941, explaining the method of ringing a pair, in Bob Major, by the various positions they fall into.

These positions must be so well known as to be automatic.

Thus, suppose at a lead end, one bell is in 3rds and the other in 7ths. If the places are right, at handstroke the bell in 3rds should automatically move into 4ths and the other on into 8th. If the places to be made are 14, the bell in 4th will stay there and the one in 8th move back to 7th. In the next handstroke the one in 4th will move to 3rd and the one in 7th back to 8th, or, in other words, it will dodge.

All that is necessary to ring the method is to know the places made in a lead and the position of the treble. It is not necessary to know the whole work of a bell throughout a plain course, and it must be thoroughly understood that a pair of bells should be rung as a unit to help each other; on no account should one attempt to follow the work of each bell separately. This is the essential difference between handbell and tower bell ringing, and applies with greater force when the higher methods are attempted. A little thought will show that if the places made are:—

- 1.2 Bells in 34, 56, 78 dodge.
- 1.8 All the inside bells continue hunting.
- 1.4 Bells in 56 and 78 dodge, those in 23 hunt.
- 3.6 Bells in 12 and 78 dodge, those in 45 hunt.
- 5.8 Bells in 12, 34 dodge, those in 67 hunt.
- 1.6 Bells in 78 dodge, and the rest hunt.
- 5.6 Bells in 12, 34, 78 dodge.
- 3.4 Bells in 12, 56, 78 dodge.
- 3.8 Bells in 12 dodge, those in 45 and 67 hunt.

The first three account for Bob Major.

As an example of the use of these principles follow the motions of 56 in Double Norwich. Again, it is not necessary to remember that 6 is the treble bob bell down, and that 5 is doing four places. These come by the automatic handstrokes and knowing the places and observing the position of the treble.

As the handstrokes are automatic, take the changes in pairs.

Position	of Treble. Places.	Movements of 5 and 6.
23	14	5th and 6th dodge.
45	36	6th down to 4th, 5th makes 6th.
67	58	6th dodges 3.4, 5th makes 5th.)
8	18	Both continue hunting.
76	58	6th dodges 12, 5th makes 8th.
54	36	6th dodges 12, 5th dodges 78.
32	14	6th leads full, 5th dodges 78.
Leads	18	6th up to 3rd. 5th down to 6th.

Again, consider the start of Superlative: ringing 3.4. To repeat, it is not necessary to know that 4 will be doing odd 3rds last and the 5 goes to work behind. At the first change, 4th goes to 3rds and 3rd to 4th. 2nd change, places to be made being 36, 4 stays in 3rd, while 3 continues towards the back.

On looking at Double Norwich it will be seen what a lot of it is Bob Major, (a) all handstrokes, (b) when treble is at lead and behind, (c) 14 are merely bobs in Bob Major, though the treble is not leading. Having mastered Double Norwich, Hereward, Pershore and Double Oxford will present no difficulty at all, as the only differences are when the treble is leading, behind, or both.

It might be a good thing to try plain Minor methods such as Little Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford or any method of which the work is not known. They will be found to be surprisingly easy. Then perhaps Cambridge, and after this Primrose, Ipswich and Hull, which will be quite easy after Cambridge.

These principles can be used by a man visiting a strange tower where a method, unknown to him, is being rung, such as St. Clement Bob Minor. He will learn the places in a lead in half a minute, and should then be able to carry on.

Try all this seriously and get on to difficult methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT LECKHAMPTON.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held at Leckhampton on March 30th, was attended by about 30 ringers. The Rector, who had recently returned from a Japanese prisoner of war camp, presided, and was elected an honorary member. Owing to ill-health, Mr. Walter Yeend was compelled to resign the office of hon. secretary, and Mr. S. Taylor, of The Poplars, Hester's Wav, Cheltenham, was appointed to act in his place for the rest of the year. The sum of £1 3s. 4d. was collected for the belfry repair fund.

NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — St. James', Clerkenwell, Saturday, April 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), April 13th, 3 p.m.—C. A. Bassett.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Ubley (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District.—Blackmoor (6), April 13th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business, 5 p.m., in School.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warrasah, Hants.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice, Ditchling, Saturday, April 13th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by business. Horsell (6), 3 to 4 p.m.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District. — Trumpington (6), Saturday, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Green Man.—H. L. Martin.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Brampton, April 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged.—H. J. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Monthly practice for April 20th cancelled. Next practice May 18th.—P. Newton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 20th, 3 p.m. New rule books now available to members; price 3s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual, Retford, Saturday, April 20th, three towers available. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford, by April 17th.—H. Denman.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Saddleworth open ringing day, Saturday, April 20th. Names for tea by April 17th to Mr. J. C. Carter, Lea Cross House, Diggle, Saddleworth.—I. Kay.

KENT ASSN. — Annual, Ashford, Easter Monday. Committee in Parish Room 11 a.m. Service in Church 12 noon. General meeting 2 p.m. No catering available. Allowance to members attending. Ashford and outlying towers open during the day.—F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Bedford, Easter Monday, St. Paul's (10), 10.30 a.m. Own arrangements for lunch. St. Peter's (6), 2 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4 p.m. Meat tea, 3s. per head, 4.30 p.m., in the Trades Club, followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, by April 13th.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Epsom, Easter Monday, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), 3 p.m. Service, St. Martin's, 5 p.m. Tea, St. Martin's Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate, Surrey, by April 17th. — D. Cooper.

ELY ASSN. — Annual general, Cambridge, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Tea at Dorothy Cafe, 2s. each. Details of ringing later.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

NORWICH ASSN. — Annual General, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. John de Sepulchre, 10 to 11.45 and after 3. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Lunch, Samson and Hercules, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business, S. and H., after lunch. Names for lunch must be sent to me by April 12th.—A. G. C. Thurslow, 52, The Close, Norwich.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN. — Annual, Newport St. Woolos' (12), Easter Monday, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual, Ipswich, Easter Monday. St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30 a.m. Five towers. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 12 noon. Lunch, Regent Cafe, 12.45, 3s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, by April 15th.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting, College Hall, 12 noon. Bells: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithun's (6) 10 to 10.45 a.m. Cathedral (12) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Luncheon, 1.30 p.m., by ticket (2s. 6d. per head). Application, with remittance, by April 16th.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Honiton, Easter Monday. Service 4 p.m., at St. Paul's. Tea and business in the old school, King Street. Awliscombe (6) available in evening. Names for tea to J. Arbury, Belmonth, Ottery St. Mary.

ELY ASSN.—Annual general, Cambridge, Easter Monday, April 22nd, St. Andrew's (8), and St. Benet's (6), 11 to 3.30; R.C. (8), 11 to 12.30 and 6.30 to 8; Chesterton (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Great St. Mary (12), 2 to 4, and after tea. Cups of tea available at St. Andrew's from 1 to 2 p.m., for those bringing luncheon sandwiches. Service, Great St. Mary, 4 p.m. Tea, Dorothy Cafe, 5 p.m., 2s. each, followed by business. Reports available.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Burton and District.—Burton Parish Church (8), Easter Monday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 4.45. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.—Annual, North Wingfield, Easter Monday, April 22nd, 2 p.m. Address 4.15. Tea at 4.30, followed by business. Tea only for those who send names by Wednesday, April 17th, to Mr. W. Wain, South View, Church Lane, North Wingfield.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Annual, Minehead, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1.15, 4s. 6d. per head. Meeting to follow. Bells, Minehead from 10.30, Dunster, Timberscombe, Old Cleeve and Carhampton after meeting. Names for lunch essential.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Annual general, Derby Cathedral (10), Easter Monday, 2 p.m. In Diocesan House, committee 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.), followed by business meeting. Names to James Pagett, 35, Jackson Avenue; Mickleover, Derby, by April 17th.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

LEWISHAM COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Eltham, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Sidcup (6) in evening. Names for tea by April 23rd to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Annual, St. Albans, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's bells 2.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Waterend Barn 5.30 p.m., 2s., followed by business. Names for tea by April 25th.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Stafford, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Names by April 23rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Shenington (5), Saturday, April 27th. Wroxton after tea and meeting. Please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names by April 24th, to J. Jennings, Pont Place, Great Bardfield.—H. A. Pratt.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—West Pennard, Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea by April 23rd.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Scmerset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Guildford, April 27th. Service, S. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting S. Nicolas' Hall, Millmead Terrace, 5.15 p.m. Notices to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by April 22nd. No notice, no tea.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Preliminary notice. St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, April 27th.—J. E. L. Cockey.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Warwick, April 27th, St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m. Committee, 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in vestry 6 p.m. Names by 24th. Private bus. from Nuneaton, leaving 2 p.m. Names by 20th.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Ramsbottom, St. Paul's (8), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Business in tower 6 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson, 7, Holme Street, Stacksteads, Bacup.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 6d., for those who notify by April 20th.—A. D. Baxter, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Wivenhoe (6), Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. Names for tea must reach me by Monday morning, April 29th.—L. Wright.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Any ringer visiting, or resident in Slough, is invited to St. Mary's Parish Church (ringing: Sundays 5.30; Thursdays 7.30), or to communicate with W. Birmingham, 6, Cranbourne Road, Slough.

BRISTOL.—St. Stephen's (10), 1st and 3rd Sundays; St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5.15-6.30 p.m.—C. Glenn and D. G. Clift.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—All correspondence for the secretarial side of the O.D.G. should be addressed to W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MEETING AT TAVISTOCK.

On March 30th, in summerlike weather, a meeting of the South-Western Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Tavistock. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and rounds. Cambridge Surprise was attempted without success. A high standard of striking was maintained. Service in church was conducted by the curate, the Rev. J. Delve, and an address and word of welcome given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. Bickersteth.

Tea was in the church hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which 56 persons were present from Bridgerule, Okehampton, Kelly, Liskeard, Plympton, Newton Abbott, Mablethorpe and Plymouth (Emmanuel and St. Andrew's).

The Chairman, the Rev. F. W. Moore, referred to the loss sustained by the branch in the death of Mr. E. W. Marsh, who had been the secretary and treasurer since its foundation in 1919. Mr. T. G. Myers was elected hon. secretary, treasurer and ringing master, and Messrs. W. G. Lavers and J. Sims to fill vacancies on the committee.

Newton Ferrer's with Revelstoke was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on September 28th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT FARNBOROUGH.

At a meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Farnborough Old Parish Church on March 30th, ringers attended from Ash, Farnham, Farnborough, Aldershot, Seale, Bramley (Hants), Pirbright, Worplesdon, Walthamstow and Worcester. Service was conducted by the Rev. L. Jones, and the address was given by the Rector, Canon W. A. Challacombe. Mr. C. Williamson, of Aldershot, was at the organ. Tea was served in the Tumbledown Dick Hotel, a company of 35 sitting down.

The short business meeting which followed was held in the open, the weather being fine and warm, and Major H. J. Cann was voted to the chair. Four ringing members from Seale and three from Bentley were elected, and a non-resident ringer from Walthamstow became a member. The chairman spoke in appreciation of the warm spirit of friendliness that existed in the Farnham district and thanked those responsible for the organisation of practices and meetings.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT TROWBRIDGE.

A meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held on April 6th at St. James', Trowbridge, was attended by 50 members from Bishops Cannings, Bradford-on-Avon, Devizes, Holt Keevil, Longbridge Deverell, Melksham, North Bradley, Southbroom, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Urchfont, Warminster and Westbury, with visitors from Ashford, Capenhurst, Chippenham, Corsham, Hethersett, Mere, Norwich, Oxford, Swindon and Yeovil. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major. The Rector, the Rev. Canon N. L. Pelly, conducted the Guild service. Mr. A. T. Weeks was at the organ. Tea was served in the schools, and Mr. E. F. White presided over the meeting which followed. The rectory garden was open to the members.

THE LATE MR. HERBERT HARLOW.

The sudden death of Mr. Herbert Harlow at a meeting of the Bedfordshire Association on March 2nd removed a respected and popular figure from ringing circles in the neighbourhood. He was one of the oldest practising ringers in the association, and by his regularity at district meetings and in his home tower, St. Peter's, Bedford, he set an example to others. The day after his funeral would have been his 80th birthday, and last October he celebrated his diamond wedding, for which a peal was rung at St. Peter's.

Mr. Harlow rang 257 peals, the last being on July 29th, 1944. Particulars of the first 50 are not preserved, but the others consisted of Doubles 25, Minor 133, Grandsire Triples 3, Caters 1; Stedman Triples 2, Caters 1; Bob Major 13, Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 12, Royal 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 10, Double Oxford Major 1, and Cambridge Surprise Major 2.

SWANSEA AND BRFCON GUILD.

MEETING AT BRECON.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at St. David's, Brecon, on April 6th, when members were present from Brecon (St. Mary's), Bronllys, Ffhw Vale, Llangatock, Swansea, Morriston, Sketty and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was in the Parish Hall, where some 20 ringers were entertained by the wives of the local band. Congratulations were sent to Mr. C. Powell, of Llangatock, a foundation member, on his golden wedding. A peal attempt was arranged.

The next meeting will be at Llanfagan on July 6th. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, rounds and call changes.

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DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

It is a somewhat remarkable thing that, though there has been during the last half century a great and notable increase in the methods practised on six and eight, and even on ten and twelve bells, there are actually fewer Cater and Cinques methods in common use than there were one hundred and fifty years ago. For nine bell ringing Stedman has for long enjoyed a pre-eminence which is not undeserved, but has had the less fortunate result that the great merits of Grandsire have been disparaged unduly and the good qualities of other methods have been almost entirely overlooked.

This is so notably in the case of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, which is a most interesting method not only in practical ringing and for the problems it sets the composer, but also as illustrating the trend and development of thought and opinion in the Exercise. If we can imagine some clever man sitting down to draw up on theoretical lines a scheme of the most suitable methods, we may be sure that for Major his first method would be Plain Bob and his second Double Norwich; and when he turned to nine bells the same reasoning would lead him to select first Grandsire Caters and then Double Norwich Caters. But while the art has actually developed on one number in the natural and obvious way, it has not done so in the other. Why is not altogether easy to say.

Double Norwich Caters was one of the extensions produced by William Shipway and published by him in his 'Campanalogia.' It was at a time when the forces and influences which had made a success of the Exercise in the eighteenth century had largely exhausted themselves, and a period of stagnation and even decline was beginning to set in. There were, of course, still to be found skilful hands and clever composers, but, with all their success, they lacked the right sort of imagination, and a band like the Birmingham men, even with such a leader as Henry Johnson, could think of nothing better than Treble Bob Caters with every bell lying still behind for four blows, and Stedman Major and Royal with their broken coursing order and other awkward features. People got into the way of thinking that any adaptation of a Major method to Caters must similarly be a miserable makeshift, and when an attempt was made to introduce Double Norwich Caters it was faced by a deep seated prejudice and a general, but quite unfounded, opinion that the method was not proper. This opinion
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was not merely held by ordinary unthinking men; it was shared by those who ranked as the leaders of the Exercise, and, though we do not suppose anyone would openly and consciously avow it to-day, it still governs the estimate ringers have of the method. Far more than they suspect or would admit, ringers form their opinions from traditions and what others have told them, nor, generally speaking, is that a bad thing. It is well, as a rule, to stand in the old and tried paths, but not everything that has come down from the past is the best. We are at a stage in the life of the Exercise when newer and wider ideas and opinions have a good chance of being accepted. It is therefore essential that those men who are leaders of the Exercise, and who largely influence the opinions of others, should examine the standards of the past and see how far they are valid for the present and the future. Would it not be better to encourage more Cater ringing in place of the present tendency to consider Cambridge Royal the highest method for ten bells?

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Composed by W. BARTON.

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Conducted by F. VARTY.

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ARTHUR TOMLINSON, JUN. 3	SERGT. V. J. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

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PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7-8
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 9-10	

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The schedule and the history given in Jasper Snowdon's books are intensely interesting to anyone who cares at all about what has been done by ringers in the past, and they supply a fairly reliable indication of the progress made by the Exercise through the ages. But, though they tell us much, there is a great deal more that they do not tell us. We learn how one peal superseded another and how the record passed from one company to another, but the test inevitably is an incomplete and one-sided one. All that is (perhaps all that could be) taken into account is the actual number of changes. Nothing is said of the quality of the ringing. No account is made of the weight of the tenor. It might well be that, by virtue of a few more changes, an indifferently struck peal on a light ring of bells is held to supplant a first class performance on a heavy ring. Further than that, in a schedule the records appear as if they were all of equal value; but, in fact, some of the peals are very much more dubious and uncertain than others. The historian of ringing would like to find out, if he can, a good deal more about these record peals than is shown on the face of the bare accounts.

When we look a little closely into these peals we find that they vary enormously. At the top are performances which will bear the closest scrutiny. We can be quite certain that they fulfilled every test that can be applied

to peal ringing. The composition was true and the performance was above reproach. At the bottom there are some performances once claimed as peals which must definitely be rejected. In some of them, satisfactory in other ways, the composition was afterwards found to be false. Others (of which the 16,608 at Earlsheaton in 1872 is the outstanding example) have not been accepted because ringers believe that the full length was not properly rung.

Between these two extremes are a number of peals, any one of which in varying degree may be open to question. In some cases the doubt may affect the truth of the peal as judged by ordinary peal ringing standards; in others it may be that the quality of the ringing or the occurrence of some particular incident may have been such that, though the performance was technically a peal, its moral claims to surpass one that went before it are very slender. The evidence the historian has to decide these points is usually very scanty, but often something can be done.

Of all the performances in the more remote past none is better attested than the 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch in 1784. We know that the composition was true. We know that the peal was heard by many listeners, including keen and hostile critics who were on the alert to find anything which would invalidate the performance. We know that the truth and quality of the ringing was generally accepted by the London Exercise without question. And the names of the men who rang (apart from anything else) create in the mind of the historian the presumption that the peal was a good one.

This is an excellent instance of a well attested peal. Much the same thing can be said of the two long peals of Maximus at Southwark by the College Youths in 1784, and the Cumberlands in 1802. Other early performances are equally beyond reproach, and so are some of the more recent record peals. It may definitely be said that (among others) the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 1892, the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton in 1903, the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, the 21,363 in the same method at Appleton in 1922, and the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton in 1929, were not only above suspicion so far as truth is concerned, but much above the average in the quality of ringing.

There are many other performances which have ranked (and in some cases still rank) as record peals. They are quite above suspicion, but in most instances they have not quite so full an attestation as those mentioned.

The first group of peals about which some doubt may be entertained belong to early days, and the question with them is not so much whether the ringing was correct as whether the composition was true. To that in most cases no definite answer can be given. The first ten-thousand ever rung was at St. Miles', Norwich, in

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1727. It was before the precarious nature of the proof of Treble Bob was understood, and for long after that date the truth of any performance in the method is gravely suspect, yet there is sufficient evidence to convince us that the Norwich peal was true. On the other hand, the long lengths of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch in 1777, which found their culmination in the 12,000 in 1784 already referred to, are doubtful. The College Youths rang 10,000 on February 18th; the Cumberlands rang 10,200 on May 10th; and the College Youths rang 11,080 on May 19th. So far as the ringing is concerned the truth of these peals is as well attested as the 12,000, but the truth of the compositions is doubtful.

Charles Purser composed and called the College Youths' peals; George Gross composed and called the Cumberlands' peal. There is nothing we know about Purser to lead us to suppose that he was capable of composing a true peal except by luck, though quite clearly he did not doubt his own ability. George Gross may have been more capable, but there is little means of judging. The figures of all three peals are lost, which, in itself, is not a good sign.

(To be continued.)

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.

(Continued from page 161.)

How he knew it would 'concord to all' before he cast it is a mystery; perhaps he put it on the mould hoping.

Over in Staffordshire, at Bilston, this appeared:—

'Unconstant fickle men who love, through every scene to range,

Their own example to approve, have taught us bells to change

First this, then that, then tother leads, the fourth next shows the way

Then him the fifth succeeds, and all come into place

Just so at court men shift about, all eager in the chase
Tustle by turning tother out and step into his place.'

I suppose when this was concocted Grandsire Doubles was the high spot of the locals, and no thought was given to a possible increase in the peal.

Nowadays bellfounders leave a card of instructions on the maintenance of the bells, and you who are lucky enough to possess one of these cards just give a thought to the old towerkeepers of Penkrige, who had to climb to the bells for his reminder, which is:—

'To speak with mellow tone but ne'er to swear,

John Taylor taught us with a father's care

Clappers, screws, wheels and all keep well in place

Then for an age quite sound this tower we'll grace.'

As far as I know this is the only bell bearing an inscription having reference to that essential item—maintenance—and there are many towers where that reminder is long overdue.

On first seeing the inscription on the third bell of South Damerham, Wilts:—

'Ovr three became five when few els

Did thrive,'

one is inclined to ask what it is behind it all; but, when we have that of the tenor bell, it is easy to see what is inferred. Apparently both bells were cast by the same founder, Francis Foster, of Salisbury, and he placed on the tenor:—

'I was cast in the yeere of plagve,
Warre and fire 1666.'

Thus, again we have a bell connecting us with an unpleasant chapter in England's history, the Great Plague, the Great Fire and War with the Dutch. Bells with inscriptions bearing reference to these events are a rarity.

Eynesbury, Hunts, second, also received an inscription that is a rarity. It was cast by R. Taylor in 1810, and, in addition to the date and founder, it has:—

'S. Orris ex. officer professor
of Campanology.'

Now, who was S. Orris? I do not know, and I doubt whether anyone else does. He might be an ex-officer, but what about the 'Professor of Campanology'? That does want a bit of swallowing. I should think he was 'the captain of the ringers' when the bells were done, and can well imagine that he was boss in that tower and saw that everyone knew it. It would require some courage for a ringer to style himself thus to-day; in fact, when you come to think of it, S. Orris had a nerve in 1810.

At last we approach the end. I can only hope my efforts have been of interest. For my part, the compiling and writing has given me pleasure and brought back some happy memories of my various journeyings up and down the country.

In vain have I searched for an apt inscription with which to close this series, so will conclude with something which, so far, has not yet appeared on a bell:—

'Ye ringers who, in deafening bands,

No pity have for age or sex,

Would that the ropes, pulled by your hands,

Were fastened round your cursed necks.'

(Concluded.)

QUARTER PEALS.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Sunday, March 31st, 360 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hart 1, B. Ridout 2, R. Ridout 3, W. G. Damen 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, G. W. Dennis 6.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hill 1, R. Beale (conductor) 2, B. Drayton 3, R. Welch 4, F. Welch 5, T. Vickery 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: Charles Lovett 1, James H. Elphick 2, Keith E. Lovett 3, John W. Lowe 4, Fred W. Lowe 5, Horace Myatt (conductor) 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: G. Peters 1, A. Winch 2, A. Smith 3, G. Cook 4, G. Marriner 5, C. Smart 6, A. Harman 7, W. G. Newberry (conductor) 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Bradley 1, Miss S. Moore 2, Miss F. M. Hope 3, E. Cooper 4, W. A. Godwin (conductor) 5, F. Evans 6.

UPHILL, SOM.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, Reading, New, St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Union, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): W. Hart 1, W. Blake 2, W. Weaden 3, E. J. Avery 4, G. Prescott (conductor) 5, G. Edwards 6.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, March 31st, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Richard 1, Mrs. J. E. Davis 2, G. A. Parsons 3, R. G. Long 4, F. Shorter (conductor) 5, J. E. Warner 6, F. W. Richardson 7, F. Morris 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Newton 1, R. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, A. Heywood 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BRENCHLEY.

A meeting of the Tonbridge Branch of the Kent County Association,
held at Brenchley on April 6th, was attended by 36 members from
Ashford, Dartford, Horsmonden, Leigh, Hawkhurst, Tunbridge Wells,
East Peckham, Rotherfield, Shipbourne, Wateringbury and Paddock
Wood. The service in church was conducted by the Rev. Sir H.
Fitzmaurice, and tea was served at the Bull Hotel, followed by the
business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. It was decided to
continue the monthly practices at Tonbridge, and Benenden was
selected for a meeting on the first Saturday in June.

RICHARD THOMAS HIBBERT.

On Wednesday, April 3rd, in beautiful weather, Mr. Richard Thomas Hibbert, who had passed away on the previous Sunday, was buried in the churchyard of East Ilsley, the village where he was born on February 15th, 1869, seventy-seven years ago. Canon G. F. Coleridge conducted the service, and although the notice was very short, more than one hundred relatives and ringing friends were present. In the words of Canon Coleridge, it was a joyous service for a man whom all loved and honoured.

In all Mr. Hibbert took part in 375 peals, of which the following is a list: Grandsire Triples 69, Caters 17, Cinques 1; Stedman Triples 62, Caters 20, Cinques 47; Plain Bob Major 23, Royal 1; Treble Bob Major 9, Royal 3, Maximus 4; Cambridge Major 26, Royal 1, Maximus 2; Double Norwich 45; Bristol 10; Superlative 20; London 11; Grandsire Major 2; Bob Triples 1; Minor 1. Of these peals Mr. Hibbert conducted 128.

His son, Mr. William Hibbert, thus writes of his father's ringing career:—

He was not a prolific peal ringer, his love being the teaching of youngsters and attaining as near as possible to perfect Sunday service ringing. In his younger days he was known and spoken of by his older contemporaries as the 'Prince of Strikers,' and no doubt perfect ringing was a joy to him.

In 1891 he called his first peal at Sonning, Berks, and in 1895 the first peal in South Wales at St. Woolos', Newport.

The next notable performance was in 1902, the first peal of Grandsire Caters at Exeter Cathedral, to which he rang the ninth. In 1906 he rang St. Paul's tenor to Stedman Cinques, and in the next year the 11th to W. T. Cockerill's 'Terrible Bob Maximus' at Bow, Cheapside, the first of Maximus on the bells. In 1912 he rang the tenor at Knebworth to the 12,160 Bristol Surprise, and in the first peal of London at Westminster Abbey. In December, 1915, he called his son's first peal (Grandsire Triples) on the occasion of his parents' golden wedding.

In 1919 he rang St. Saviour's, Southwark, tenor and called a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and in 1922 he rang in the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, which was followed by the ill-fated peal of 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark, of which he writes in his peal book that 'this is the finest Stedman Cinques I have ever heard.' With his son he took part in the fathers' and sons' peal at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in 1928.

He was secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from 1917 until the time of his death, and with the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, he gave his ability and service unstintingly to build the Guild into the flourishing society it is to-day, but those who were near and dear to him know that his heart was given to the College Youths. He was a proud man when elected Master on November 13th, 1923.

A great raconteur, it was always interesting to listen to his yarns of the old men of the society, Matt. Wood, Pettit, Cooter, Muskitt, J. Murray Hayes, etc., and of famous men outside London, such as Squire Betteridge, J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Fred White, of Appleton, and Canon Coleridge, who with Bob Newton and A. D. Cullum are the oldest of the friends left behind.

APPRECIATIONS.

BY CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Always a privilege to be in the company of such a man as Tom Hibbert, it is no less a privilege to write a few lines in his memory, though the time is short in which to do it worthily.

Years ago, when the last Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was driving me to some branch meeting, we were discussing as we bowled along the merits of certain ringers known to us both. Of Tom Hibbert he remarked, 'He is the perfect ideal of all that a man should be in his station of life.' I held precisely the same opinion as he had formed—neither of us hurriedly, but from the knowledge we had gained during a closer relationship with him than was possible for others who had only casual dealings with him as an officer of the Guild. We both agreed that as a father his own family owed everything to him—his life was ever a pattern for them to take to themselves—a godly, righteous and sober mode of life was always practised at home. Outside many looked up to him, not a few during his long years of hard service at the forge in the G.W.R. engineering shops at Reading.

We both agreed that his work as secretary of the Guild with its 2,000 and more members was beyond praise, and, of course, we were unanimous in our admiration of him as a practical ringer, knowing well what an immense work he was incessantly engaged in, training bands and giving instruction on all sides, only reserving for himself an occasional peal, which counted for nothing if not struck to perfection.

As a real true man, philosopher, friend or companion no one could desire a better—his dry humour, witty sayings and apt remarks all found their billet, and were taken in good part by those for whom they were intended.

Year by year he looked forward to the annual dinner of the College Youths, though sadly shorn of its glamour as in the days when he was Master: to meet his old cronies there was a very real joy to him: his presence was always welcome, both in the tower and outside: his talk relished, his advice, when sought, given freely, and rarely,

if ever, found at fault: a combination of all good qualities, he was a power among men, all the more so since it had its force in a quiet, unobtrusive spirit.

Born in the downland village of East Ilsley, Berks, his body rests on the south side of the church on the hill round which most of his thoughts were centred in life, with the full knowledge that at death his body would rest in that self-same spot dearer to him above all others on earth.

BY ONE OF HIS LEARNERS.

Our friend, Tom Hibbert, has passed to his rest, and, looking back on his busy life, we realise how large a place in it was taken up by thanksgiving. 'Thank God for good parents, for so many kind friends, for strength to do as much as most men, for good ringing, for a good laugh.' How often some such phrase was on his lips.

And now that we shall hear his voice no more we too thank God for all his friendship meant to us—his constant aiming at perfection in the belfry, the terrifying shout to keep one right, then the gentle, 'I'm not really angry, you know!' His keen appreciation of beauty, both in nature and in architecture, his powers of organisation—how it all added to the enjoyment of our outings together and notably those glorious Whit Mondays. Of his ceaseless labours for the Oxford Guild and for ringing in general there is no need to speak. It only remains for those he has taught to the best of their ability to carry on.

BY J. W. JONES.

It was with great regret I read of the death of Mr. Tom Hibbert. How time passes! Fifty-one years ago he conducted for us the first peal of Triples ever rung in Newport, Mon. Of those who took part I am the sole survivor.

BY CAPT. C. J. TAYLOR.

At our first meeting in the belfry of his beloved St. Laurence's, Reading, I realised that here was one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise. In the long history of ringing he can have had few equals in handling a bell. Equally at ease on the lightest of trebles or the heaviest and most awkward-going of tenors, his effortless style and grace were a joy to behold. Poor striking, he often used to say, gave him a physical pain, and he simply would not tolerate it in his own tower.

He was of a type more common in Elizabethan days than in this stereotyped age. Emotional to a degree, he was not ashamed of tears when profoundly moved. His quick temper occasionally offended some whose slovenly handling or poor striking had caused it to flare up, but with those who bore with his criticisms and strove to profit by them he had endless patience. He was a born leader, the best of good company when ringing for the day was over, with an inexhaustible fund of reminiscence, and a brilliant public speaker. The bedrock of his fine character was his honesty and integrity. On one occasion at Wrington where he had long cherished the ambition to ring the tenor to a peal of Royal, he called 'Stand' in the very last lead rather than turn over two bells which had changed course. To the protests of more than one well-known ringer there he replied simply, 'I came here to ring a peal.'

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

April 14th, 1928. At Heptonstall, an attempt for 22,096 Double Norwich Major, lost after 18,360 changes had been rung in 10 hours 31 minutes.

April 15th, 1813. At St. Giles', Norwich, 6,272 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung with 6th place bobs.

April 17th, 1769. At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the first peal of Double Norwich-Court Bob Royal.

1820. At St. Martin's, Birmingham, 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

1911. At Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, still the record length.

April 18th, 1737. At Painswick, 12,006 Grandsire Caters.

1894. At Romford, 13,440 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

1916. Sir Arthur Heywood died.

1927. At Heptonstall, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

April 19th, 1932. At Willesden, William Eye called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods.

SCHOOLBOY RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to say that in my short time as a ringer I have found boys and girls alike most welcome in all the towers that I have visited.

Unlike most towers, when the ban was lifted we had one person who could ring—our steeplekeeper. So chaps were asked if they would like to learn. We have about nine chaps from our Youth Club now who ring twice on Sundays and we have a practice every Thursday. The conductor of our parish church came to our rescue and is a regular comer to the tower. We are now starting Grandsire Doubles on the bells and are making good headway. Indeed we are very pleased with the progress which we have made, and I would like to say that it is a pity more young people do not realise what enjoyment can be derived in the belfry.

G. MANNING WILLIAMS.
106, Melrose Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

(Continued from page 173.)

Some notes on the proof of Double Norwich Caters by Dr. A. B. Carpenter appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 4th, 1911. They dealt with the 7ths place bob variation, and obviously were inspired by the publication, a short time before, of the false peal by Arthur Knights. Dr. Carpenter showed how to work out the false leads of the 7ths place bob variation, with special reference to the Tittum position. The subject matter of the article was, however, very compressed, and did not pursue the argument very far. The very important relationship between Tittums and Handstroke Home was not dealt with, and proof by the Natural Course Ends—the means of saving a great deal of labour in this method—were not discussed.

In the proof of Double Norwich Caters there are two important processes. The first is to ensure that all the treble leads are true. This may be achieved fairly easily, as will be shown, by the use of Natural Course Ends; and this part of the proof gives very little more trouble than proving a simple block of Bob Major rows.

But the truth of the treble leads in this method will not ensure the truth of the composition. In Double Norwich Caters the same rows may be produced from entirely different treble leads; in fact, every lead has twelve other leads that can produce repeated rows. The second important process of proof, therefore, is to make sure that no false leads occur.

These two important parts of the proof—(1) proof of the treble leads, and (2) tests for false leads—will now be considered in detail. For the purpose of this investigation we shall study the 3rds place bob variation, and shall confine ourselves to the usual Tittum and Handstroke Home positions, trusting that the student will readily perceive that the principles of proof attaching to these placings of the bells may be, and should be, applied to other musical positions of 789.

The usual type of Caters composition has

1. An opening course, which places the heavy bells in the Tittums;

2. A block of Tittum rows;

3. A turning course, which turns the bells into the Handstroke Home position;

4. A block of Handstroke Home rows.

If the turning course is used merely to produce rounds, then No. 4 may be of very short duration.

Opening and turning courses need very special attention and the most meticulous care in examination, for it is here that many of the pitfalls occur. For the moment let us keep them outside the argument and confine ourselves to the blocks of rows where 789 are fixed.

First, then, to the proving of the treble leads in a block of Tittum or Handstroke Home rows.

Without disturbing 789 there are three places where bobs may be called in Double Norwich Caters. They are at 1, 3, and 5. (A single at 7 also leads from one course to another, but for the moment we will ignore the single.) Thus, when we start from 23456789, we are in the course 23456. So long as we put no calls we shall remain in that course. But if we put a bob at 1 we are immediately shunted into the course that belongs to 63254, and if no more calls are put we shall eventually come to the course-end 63254. On the other hand we

may follow up with a bob at 3, in which case we shall be placed immediately in the course that belongs to 26354, and if the changes then run uninterrupted the course-end will be 26354.

To set out compositions by these Natural Course Ends (as they are called) the student must first know what course-ends are produced by bobs at 1, 3 and 5. The scale is given here.

23456 1 3 5

63254 — Now to illustrate the method of setting out by Natural Course Ends it will perhaps be best to take a short block of courses and arrange them for proof. Here is such a block, and we may imagine that it is a portion of a composition we have to prove.

63254 — The figures are given here as they appear in the composition. Below

64352 — — they are set out by the Natural Course

45623 — — Ends.

	1	3	5	7	1	3	5
— 63254		63254	63254	63254	—		
— 43652	—	64352	64352	64352	—	—	
— 24653		24653	— 45623	45623	—	—	
45623	—	64523	64523	64523	—		

There are five columns. The first four are headed 1, 3, 5, 7, and the last column contains the calling. We start from 23456 and ring the course as far as 1. Seeing that there is a bob at 1, transpose 23456 by 63254 and place the result in the column under 1. Now ring on to 3. There is no call at 3, so we are still in the course 63254. 63254 is therefore entered under 3. When 5 is reached there is still no call, so 63254 is entered again under 5. When 7 is reached we are at the actual course-end, which is 63254.

Start now from 63254 and treat the second course with the same consideration. If no bob is called enter the previous course-end unaltered; if a bob is called, transpose by the appropriate course-end. When the four courses have been dealt with, the block will appear as shown in these columns.

If the same natural course-end does not occur twice in one column, then it is clear that in no case has a portion of a course been rung twice. This means that all the treble leads are different.

The student should master very thoroughly this mode of setting out blocks of changes. It is used here in its simplest form; but a thorough knowledge of the process will be found necessary in our subsequent consideration of the interaction of false courses.

It may be well here to point out that in addition to the bobs at 1, 3, and 5, singles may also be called at these places, and that a single at 7 (but not a bob at 7) may be used without disturbing 789. The full transposition table for setting out by natural course-ends is given here.

23456 1 3 5 7

63254 —

42356 —

35426 —

63452 s

43256 s

32456 s

53426 s

In a preceding paragraph it has been pointed out that while it is necessary to prove the treble leads in Double Norwich Caters, yet the truth of the treble leads does not ensure the truth of the composition. We must therefore proceed to the second important part of the proof, namely, the consideration of false leads.

The first step is to write out a lead.

- 1 752913846 The lead will not start from rounds, but
- 2 579231864 from the point where a bob may be
- 3 759328146 made. This essay is concerned with the
- 4 573982416 3rds place bob, and the lead will there-
- 5 759384261 fore start from the place where the
- 6 573948621 treble is in 5ths place going up, and will
- 7 537496812 end at the place where the treble is in
- 8 354769182 4ths place going up.
- 9 537461928 In this way it is possible to get 18
- 10 354716298 rows that are quite indivisible and abso-
- 11 534172689 lutely unalterable from first to last.
- 12 351427698 Examination of the lead given here will
- 13 315246789 show that as soon as row 1 has been
- 14 132547698 rung, all the other rows must inevitably
- 15 123456789 follow until row 18 has been reached.
- 16 214365879 After row 18 has been reached the
- 17 241638597 changes may move into the next lead by
- 18 426135879 plain or bob or single; but nothing can

alter the sequence from row 1 to row 18.

It is a fixed block of rows based on 123456789, and 123456789 may be called the Characteristic or index of the block.

As in all pure Catter methods, the rows of the lead are all of the same nature. (They will, of course, all be even until a single is called.) It therefore follows that a row occurring, say, when the treble is in 7ths place going up may also appear in some other lead at the place where the treble is in 7ths going down. Here is an actual example:—

	1		2
	429385671		327514986
	243958761		235741968
A	234597816	B	325479186
B	325479186	A	234597816
	234571968		325498761
	325417698		234589671

The rows A and B occur in one lead when the treble is ascending and in the other lead when the treble is coming down. The lead marked 2 is therefore said to be false against the lead 1. Conversely, of course, lead 1 is false against lead 2.

The important task now is to take every row of the lead based on rounds, and to find in which other leads the rows of this lead can occur.

Start with row 1.

Row 1. 752913846. This belongs to 123456789, but it could also appear in another lead in the same position as row 10. If so, it would be in the position occupied in this lead by 354716298, and it would belong to some other lead in the same way that 354716298 belongs to 123456789. The reasoning then is as follows:—

354716298 belongs to 123456789, therefore 752913846 would belong to 187253964.

The use of the transposition may be seen more easily if the setting out is as follows:—

354716298	752913846
123456789	187253964

187253964 then is the other lead in which row 1 (752913846) can appear. 187253964 should therefore be noted carefully as a lead false against 123456789.

Row 2. 579231864. This belongs to 123456789, but it can also occur in another lead in the position occupied by 537461928 in this lead. Reason out as before:—

537461928 belongs to 123456789, therefore 579231864 would belong to 167253948. Or, in short:—

537461928	579231864
123456789	167253948

167253948 should therefore be noted down as a lead false against 123456789.

The above process must be repeated with each one of the 18 rows in the lead, and the false lead written down each time. When the whole lead has been dealt with

there will be a false lead against each row. Table A. There will not be 18 different false leads, for here and there two rows have the same false lead. There will be 12 different false leads, and these may be written down under

123456789 as shown alongside. It is an impressive list, and it may seem, with 12 false leads acting against every lead used, that composition in the method is very restricted. Fortunately there are means by which most of the danger from these false leads may be avoided.

If each lead of the plain course is written down, and the false leads against each lead are set out as in the case of the first lead of the plain course, there will be shown a table of seven leads, each lead having 12 false leads under it. If careful examination then be made it will be found that among all the 84 false leads *there is not one that has 789 in the positions in which they appear in the plain course.*

The conclusion is of enormous importance. It means that so long as 789 are left undisturbed in their plain course positions there will be no false leads at all; and any composition in which the treble leads are all different is bound to be true.

The result now arrived at is theoretically unassailable; but in practice it is not of much direct use, for very few ringers are willing to ring Caters with 789 in the plain course position. They are likely to prefer the Tittum position or the Handstroke Home position, or one of the lesser-known placings, such as 7968 or 7896. Thus it is hardly possible to avoid moving 789 to some extent, and this inquiry must now be directed towards proof when 789 are turned over.

It will be convenient to confine the argument to two placings of 789, the Tittums and the Handstroke Home. The principles involved must, of course, be applied when the composer turns his attention to other positions.

One thing is clear at the outset. If there are no false leads acting against the plain course positions of 789, then there will likewise be no false leads acting against any other fixed placing of these heavy bells.

Therefore a block of Tittum rows *alone* has no false leads, and it is true if all the leads of the treble are true.

Also a block of Handstroke Home rows *alone* has no false leads, and is true if all the leads of the treble are true.

This is simple and very straightforward, but the complications begin when it is found that Tittum rows can run false against Handstroke Home rows, and that Opening Courses and Turning Courses may join in to provide further pitfalls.

(To be continued.)

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 20th, 3 p.m. New rule books now available to members; price 3s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Saddleworth open ringing day, Saturday, April 20th.—I. Kay.

KENT ASSN. — Annual, Ashford, Easter Monday. Committee in Parish Room 11 a.m. Service in Church 12 noon. General meeting 2.30 p.m. No catering available. Allowance to members attending. Ashford and outlying towers open during the day.—F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Epsom, Easter Monday, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), 3 p.m. Service, St. Martin's, 5 p.m. Tea, St. Martin's Church Hall.

NORWICH ASSN. — Annual General, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. John de Sepulchre, 10 to 11.45 and after 3. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Lunch, Samson and Hercules, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business, S. and H., after lunch.—A. G. C. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN. — Annual, Newport St. Woolos' (12), Easter Monday, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hanington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual, Ipswich, Easter Monday. St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30 a.m. Five towers. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 12 noon.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting, College Hall, 12 noon. Bells: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithun's (6) 10 to 10.45 a.m. Cathedral (12) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Honiton, Easter Monday. Service 4 p.m., at St. Paul's. Tea and business in the old school, King Street. Awliscombe (6) available in evening. Names for tea to J. Arbury, Belmonth, Ottery St. Mary.

ELY ASSN.—Annual general, Cambridge, Easter Monday, April 22nd, St. Andrew's (8), and St. Benet's (6), 11 to 3.30; R.C. (8), 11 to 12.30 and 6.30 to 8; Chesterton (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Great St. Mary (12), 2 to 4, and after tea. Cups of tea available at St. Andrew's from 1 to 2 p.m., for those bringing luncheon sandwiches. Service, Great St. Mary, 4 p.m. Tea, Dorothy Cafe, 5 p.m., 2s. each, followed by business. Reports available.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Burton and District.—Burton Parish Church (8), Easter Monday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 4.45. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Annual, Minehead, Easter Monday. Bells 10.30. Committee in Vestry 11. Service 12 noon. Lunch, Pier Hotel, 1.15. Business to follow. Dunster, Timberscombe, Old Cleeve and Champton bells after meeting.—J. T. Dyke.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.—Annual, North Wingfield, Easter Monday, April 22nd, 2 p.m. Address 4.15. Tea at 4.30, followed by business.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Annual general, Derby Cathedral (10), Easter Monday, 2 p.m. In Diocesan House, committee 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.), followed by business meeting.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN. — Lewisham District. — Eltham, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Sidcup (6) in evening. Names for tea by April 23rd to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Annual, St. Albans, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's bells 2.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Waterend Barn 5.30 p.m., 2s., followed by business. Names for tea by April 25th.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Stafford, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Names by April 23rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Shenington (5), Saturday, April 27th. Wroxton after tea and meeting. Please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names by April 24th, to J. Jennings, Pont Place, Great Bardfield.—H. A. Pratt.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—West Pennard, Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea by April 23rd.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Guildford, April 27th. Service, S. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting S. Nicolas' Hall, Millmead Terrace, 5.15 p.m. Notices to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by April 22nd. No notice, no tea.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Warwick, April 27th, St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m. Committee, 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in vestry 6 p.m. Names by 24th. Private bus from Nuneaton, leaving 2 p.m. Names by 20th.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 6d., for those who notify by April 20th.—A. D. Baxter, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Barrow-on-Soar (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—H. Myatt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South and West District.—Feltham (not Hounslow), April 27th, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tea can be obtained at nearby cafes.—J. E. L. Cockey.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Names by April 23rd to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

SOMERSET RINGERS. — Church Rally at Stogursey, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Procession and Solemn Te Deum 7 p.m. Tea, 1s., if ordered by 23rd.—Reply, Preb. A. J. Hook, Sowdens, Stogursey, Bridgewater.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Ever-shot with Rampisham (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. H. Lathey.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch.—Queen Camel (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Western District.—Lanchester (6), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Upchurch (6), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by business in Schoolroom. Cups of tea provided.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Rotherwick (6), April 27th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in Village Hall. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Burbage (8), April 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lych Gate Lane, Burbage, nr. Hinckley, by April 25th.—W. A. Wood.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Great Glemm (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Crown Inn 4.30. Names by April 24th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glemm.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Kempston (6), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. T. Inskip, 38, King Street, Beds.—L. H. Bowler.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Weaverham, April 27th. Tea, if names sent to W. Hornby, 2, Heath Road, Owley Wood, Weaverham, before April 23rd.

BRISTOL RURAL.—Warmley (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by April 22nd to D. W. Gardner, 9, Coss-ham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—West-houghton, Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice at Uphill (6), Saturday, April 27th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Pool Farm, Sandford, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general, Leeds Parish Church, April 27th, 3 p.m. No tea. Business in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Weekley (6), Saturday, April 27th. Names for tea to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Annual, Lincoln, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea, St. Giles' 3.45 p.m., St. Peter-at-Gowts from 2 p.m. Service, Morning Chapel, 3.15 p.m. Tea at St. Giles' Parish Hall 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by April 24th to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Shedfield and Wickham, Saturday, April 27th, both towers, 2.30. Service, Shedfield Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Shedfield. Names by April 23rd.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Ramsbottom, St. Paul's (8), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Business in tower 6 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson, 7, Holme Street, Stacksteads, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Prestwich, Saturday, April 27th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 24th.—Frank Reynolds, 180, St. Ann's Road, Prestwich.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Yattendon (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. A. E. G. Farmer, Yattendon Rectory, Berks, by April 24th.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Cullompton (10), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 22nd to C. D. Dymond, Silverton.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Dilwyn (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to Mr. Eckley, Rose Cottage, Dilwyn, by Thursday, 25th. Business to follow.—J. Preece.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Annual general, Leicester, May 4th. Service, Leicester Cathedral. Ringing from 12 onwards. Particulars next week. Tea, Lancaster Hall. Tickets to be obtained from me by April 30th.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Tea at the Tudor Restaurant at 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.) to all who send names in before May 1st to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Penistone (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Cards to Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, for tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30 p.m., at Fieldsend's Cafe, by May 1st.—H. O. Chaddock.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30. Business in belfry 5.30 p.m. No tea. Cafes nearby.—T. Groombridge, jun.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Clive (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—E. D. Poole.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual general, Leeds, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (12) at the Parish Church 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to G. Robinson, 32, Heathfield, Adel, Leeds 6, by May 1st. Business afterwards. Reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 1st.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Wollaston, Saturday, May 4th. Service 4.15. Names for tea wanted early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, near Wellingborough.

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HANDBELL RINGING.

A notable result of the late war was a great development in handbell ringing. During several years there had been a marked tendency in that direction, and it is pretty certain that, had there been no war at all, handbell ringing would ultimately have reached the stage it is in now; but it would have taken a longer time. When the war came with its restrictions on tower bell ringing, and especially when total silence was imposed on church steeples, the active and enthusiastic members of the Exercise were almost compelled to turn their attention to handbell ringing, and so the progress which would have been made in the belfry was made on handbells. During the years of the ban handbell ringing, both in the number of peals rung and in the quantity and variety of the methods practised, reached a much higher level than ever before and probably it will be a long time before it will reach it again.

Although it has never had so wide or so strong an appeal as tower bell ringing, handbell ringing has always had a fascination for an important section of the Exercise and is never likely to lose its charm for those who have once experienced it. The story of its development is an interesting and instructive one. From the early days of the nineteenth century when the Sheffield men rang peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, until near the close of the same century, when the Cambridge University Guild rang Double Norwich Major, the only methods practised were Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman, and the last was almost entirely confined to a handful of clever London men. Many peals were rung in London and other parts of the country (some of them as far back as the seventeenth century), but they were lapped. That was a form of ringing at one time very popular, but now almost obsolete, in which the bells themselves were passed from hand to hand. By this means peals in various methods up to Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich Maximus were accomplished, but in those days ringing on bells 'retained in hand' other than in the four standard methods would have been thought impossible, and indeed was so. To-day peals have been

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ring, not only in a surprisingly large number of Minor methods and in Surprise Major methods both singly and spliced, but also in a large number of Major methods with which the ringers had previously had no practical acquaintance whatever.

The difference is a striking one. If a hundred years ago men like John Cox and Henry Haley had been told that bands would be found in the future who could not only ring peals of Superlative and London Surprise double handed, but could also ring peals in methods they had never practised and had hardly looked at until just before the peal, they would have answered with a flat and contemptuous denial probably expressed in forcible language. These men knew quite well that such things were beyond their capacity, and they could not imagine any others being able to do them. Yet they have been done.

What then? Are we to conclude that our present day ringers are all that much the cleverer than the men of olden times? That would be flattery which defeated itself by its own extravagance. There is no doubt that the average ringer of to-day is superior to the average ringer of the past, but it is by no means certain that the best of modern ringers are any better than the best of bygone times. What has happened is that a great deal more is known now about the theoretical side of change ringing, especially of the construction and structure of methods, and at the same time modern education has enabled men to apply this knowledge (often unconsciously) to their practical ringing.

The first handbell peals of Superlative and London and Bristol Surprise Major were only achieved after long practice and patient endeavour by men who added to their experience on handbells of the simpler methods, the knowledge they had gained in the belfry of the general structure of the more complex. The later tendency has been to rely much more on the construction of the method (as expressed in the position of the places) and much less on the work which the individual bells have to do. This tendency has naturally been most marked in the handbell ringing at the two universities and finds its logical outcome in the system of handbell ringing described in our columns a fortnight ago by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, in which the need for any knowledge of the work of the individual bells is entirely eliminated.

How far such a system in its stark nakedness has been put into operation we do not know. The best of the handbell ringers use a system based on the traditional style modified and extended to a greater or less extent by knowledge of the position of places. The tendency is certainly in the direction indicated by Mr. Woodhouse, and it is completely changing the essential nature of handbell ringing. This development is inevitable, but whether it is all good is a question to be asked. Much good there is, but it may be that a heavy price will have to be paid for it in other things.

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NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 14 cwt.

- GEORGE HESKETH ... Treble ... 1
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
FREDK. S. ALMOND ... 4
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 1/2 cwt.

- FREDK. S. SUTTON ... Treble ... 1
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 6
*THOMAS PRICE ... 3
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4
FREDERICK PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* 50th peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

- WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble ... 1
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 2
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3
*HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 4
JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

- JOHN LLOYD ... Treble ... 1
THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by Wm. B. CARTWRIGHT.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 1/2 cwt.

- JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble ... 1
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... 3
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... 4
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

- FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... Treble ... 1
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4
GEORGE DAVIS ... 2
JOHN D. WORSEY ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3
LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

- EVEREST FORD ... Treble ... 1
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 4
JOHN R. LUNHAM ... 2
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 5
JOHN BOOTH ... 3
PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

- GEORGE GARDNER ... Treble ... 1
HUBERT G. SUMMER ... 4
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 2
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 5
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor. First on the bells.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

- *ARTHUR SNAPE ... Treble ... 1
EDWARD HOLDSWORTH ... 4
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 2
JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3
ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT 3, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

- JOHN ANDERSON ... 1-2
*CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3-4
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

On Sun., Apr. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

- *A. C. RIPPINGALE ... 1-2
R. CATERWELL ... 5-6
R. SUCKLING ... 3-4
R. RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major in hand.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

- *PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
FRANK MEASURES ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Caters in hand.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 15, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT 15, PRIORITY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

- MISS MARY ELKINS ... 1-2 | ALAN J. BROWN ... 3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5-6

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

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Members of the Middlesex County Association should note that the meeting to-morrow is at Feltham, not at Hounslow as previously advertised.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers will hold its annual gathering next week in the neighbourhood of Kettering. Peals will be attempted at Burton Latimer and Market Harborough on Tuesday and Wednesday, and visits will be paid to several other towers.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

April 21st, 1821. James R. Haworth born. He died in 1912 at the age of 91.

April 22nd, 1889. At Cheltenham, 15,227 Grandsire Caters. 1922. At Appleton, 21,363 Stedman Caters, the record length for any number of bells.

April 25th, 1834. James Pettit born. He died in the same year as Haworth.

April 26th, 1864. Mr. E. Denison Taylor born. 1894. At Norwich, 11,200 Bob Major on handbells.

April 27th, 1861. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, the College Youths rang 8,580 Stedman Cinques.

1868. At Bethnal Green, the College Youths rang 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major.

1901. At Old Windsor, Wraysbury and Staines, a peal of each Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major by the same band.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT AMESBURY.

A meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Amesbury on March 30th, was attended by fifty ringers from Wilton, Hindon, Shrewton, Wylde, Codford, Britford, Salisbury, Breamore, Damerham, Amesbury, Warminster, Urchfont, Devizes, Steeple Ashton, Longbridge Deverill, Bristol and Bath.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Beckingham, and at the meeting the secretary welcomed the ringers from Codford, which tower was entering the Guild for the first time. In an outline of future policy it was mentioned that monthly practice meetings were to be held to assist less fortunate towers, and the first will be at East Knoyle on April 27th.

The methods rung were rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE.

A meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Sutton on April 6th, when some 25 members and friends attended from Chatteris, Ely, Chippenham, Exning, Newmarket, Terrington St. John and Sutton. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, at which Mr. Claud Gimbert was appointed district secretary in place of Mr. Bullen, and the Rev. — Pelloe and Mr. A. J. Abrams were elected to the general committee. Long Stanton was selected as the place of the next meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NEWTON.

A meeting of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Newton St. Loe on April 13th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. Russell, vice-chairman of the branch, assisted by Prebendary H. A. Barnett, chairman. The lesson was read by Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

Fifty-two persons sat down to tea, provided by Mrs Russell and helpers. Among them were visitors from Bristol, Clevedon, Dundry, Keynsham, Monkton Combe, Steeple Ashton and Pensford. In the evening there was ringing at Corston. The methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you that the response to my suggestion re ringers from England coming to Durban has been very good. I have had 14 replies so far.

In case there are others who are thinking of coming to South Africa, it may be of interest to state that the S.A. Government requires a repatriation deposit from everyone coming into the country, so that it is necessary to have sufficient capital to cover the fare out, repatriation deposit, and living expenses while employment is sought. There is an organisation, the 1820 Memorial Settlers' Association, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2, whose objects are to advise intending settlers in South Africa of living conditions and prospects of employment. The association is approved by the S.A. Government, and is run on a voluntary basis by means of subscriptions—chiefly raised in South Africa, I believe. On request they will furnish a brochure which gives details of conditions, sport, climate, etc.

Durban has a healthy climate. As in all South Africa, there is so much sunshine that people tend to get out into the open air more than in England. Perhaps this accounts for poor attendances in the belfry, as swimming, tennis, etc., and other sports are great attractions.

I hope there will be some who will come to Durban and make the acquaintance of a new country. The influence of some English ringers would make all the difference in the progress of the art here. To obtain employment with any department of the S.A. Government it is necessary to have reached a certain standard in Afrikaans (not a very high one), and a three years residence in South Africa is also required.

The main difficulty in connection with ringing in this country is to get a band which will turn up regularly for practice. People are very keen at first, but the interest is not maintained. At St. Paul's it has not been possible to do more than a plain course of Grandsire Minor and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles—and this after twelve months.

P.O. Box 1496, Durban.

C. CHAMBERS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR. W. DAVIES.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, held at Aston on April 6th, included a memorial service for Mr. William Davies, late the local ringing master. After the service in church, which was attended by Mrs. Davies and about 80 members and friends, a casket containing Mr. Davies' ashes was interred in the churchyard at the foot of the belfry stairs, and a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by practically the same band as took part in the half-muffled peal on April 2nd.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who paid tribute to the excellent qualities of Mr. Davies. The following new members were elected: Messrs. John Freeman, of Lincoln; R. G. Edwards, of Birkenhead; J. E. Cawser, of Braithwell, near Rotherham; A. V. Davis, Miss M. Davis and Mrs. F. John Marshalsay, of Bournemouth; Messrs. W. F. Judge, R. A. Post, W. C. Porter and F. A. Wilkins, of Oxford; S. Taylor and C. W. Martin, of Cheltenham; T. W. Sheppard, of Coventry; G. H. Garrett, of Handsworth; W. H. Hayes, E. Hewlett, T. Chambers, J. W. Smith and D. E. Smith, of Knowle; H. V. Cooper, of Amblecote; S. G. Thompson and S. Thompson, of Wollaston; E. H. Hill, of Colehill; H. Yardley and W. Allen, of Aston. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Solihull and the bi-quarterly at Colehill.

HANDBELL RINGING IN BERLIN

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is with regret I read in your issue of April 5th that a set of handbells was to be presented to two German boys in Berlin for tune ringing. Many ringers like myself must feel that at this stage handbells so valuable in teaching change ringing would be far better kept in England. The knowledge of how the Germans treated church bells of many nations in the two wars is poor recommendation. Kent suffered heavily with the destruction of churches and church buildings, and many of our talented ringers were wiped out with bombs and shells from the Germans. Sacrifice has been made and will have to be made for years to come.

I belong to the Canterbury District and it is very pleasing to see the youth of Kent coming forward to fill up the gaps caused by the war, many of them quite boys and girls, but showing a talent worthy of England. Some bellies have handbells. Some for want of the necessary money for repair are in a state of decay which makes them unattractive. But here is the channel for ringers to support before sending a present of handbells to Berlin for entertainment.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain, St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apropos of Mr. Fidler's instances of local sayings about church bells, there is an example of genuine Dorset in this neighbourhood. Fifehead bells ask, 'Who'll help use?' Todber bells reply, 'We two.'

Kington Magna Rectory.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—Ball bearings, like electric organ blowers, will surely grow in favour. One thing they do, and that is test the ability of any ringer. Many may be good and experienced tenor ringers—often their reputation grows because they are in the happy position to be able to select good ringers for the little bells in their peal ringing efforts, and we judge much from such weekly records—but can those same men go straight from a big bell to a little one and control it from the start? Some can, and those I know who can do so I count as good ringers. Frequently I have seen cases of gymnastics or heard bad ringing when this has been done, and the blame generally put upon the ball bearings.

There is something else. The clergy are exhorted to take more interest in ringing, and are often expected to ring for service. Also, ringers attend service, sing in the choir and serve at the altar. One should want to come from the tower not unduly warm, for it is uncomfortable to 'cool off' during a service. If the bells are on ball bearings they will go well all the year round, and the grease will not be frozen in cold weather, and there can be no complaints (genuine or otherwise) against the steeplekeeper.

The type of boy and girl coming into our belfries to-day, and there is much able and excellent material about, must not be put off by heavy going bells (as Mr. Poole says there are still plenty about), for they are eager to go on to the more captivating things in ringing. For light or heavy bells, and for service or peal ringing I prefer ball bearings, and I believe most do. A. S. ROBERTS.

The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

Dear Sir,—It is evident that with an oscillating tower and frame, plain bearings cannot retain their alignment. Now we have self-aligning ball bearings, so why not self-aligning plain ones? This could easily be done by allowing the bushes to move inside the plumber blocks like a ball joint, at the same time not allowing them to turn by a groove and pin method. This idea may not be new in bell-hanging, although I have never seen it put into practice; perhaps it will be considered by our bellfounders. To conclude, I would like to say how much I appreciate 'The Ringing World' here in Burma. It certainly brings me a little nearer home. J. G. GIPSON, Sgt.
100 Indian Mobile W/S Company, S.E.A.C.

Dear Sir,—Surely the argument of plain versus ball bearings can be summed up in the fact that variety is the spice of life—and ringing. One of the greatest delights of the Exercise seems to be the amount of variety that can be obtained. Everyone has his own opinion, that is only natural, but it would be a very poor world indeed if everyone thought the same.

Surely Laughton realised this when he wrote the lines that seem to answer this question and many others besides:—

'I think it is a foolish thing,
In men that take delight to ring,
To rail at all variety.'

PETER D. WENHAM.

Parsons Barracks, Aldershot.

ALL SAINTS', LEICESTER.

The old ring of five bells at All Saints', Leicester, has been restored and rehung in an iron and steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have added a treble. Repairs and improvements have been made to the tower and belfry.

On Sunday, April 14th, the bells were dedicated by Bishop J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester, and after the dedication a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260) was rung by Mavis Whitehead treble, Ernest Morris (conductor) 2, Charles Cattell 3, Alan Cattell 4, Edward R. Whitehead 5, Arthur Cattell tenor.

BY ERNEST MORRIS, F.H.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.

The bells of All Saints' are very ancient. The tenor was originally cast by Johannes de Stafford, who was thrice Mayor of Leicester (1366, 1370 and 1381). The second bell is mediæval, while the other three are from the Newcombe foundry which was situated in All Saints' parish. They are dated 1586, 1595, 1611. Here dwelt the Newcombes, whose bells are still to be found in churches all over the Midlands.

Beneath the tower is the slab (now stripped of its brasses) of the first of this illustrious line, dating from 1506. For this reason All Saints' is referred to as 'The Bellfounders' Church' and it is significant that the first John William Taylor of the world-famed foundry at Loughborough was here married in 1852.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Double Norwich Caters in London was called at St. Clement Danes' by Mr. Garrard, not at St. Mary Abbot's. It was the Rev. Bankes James' 5,093. Garrard called quite a number of peals in the early years of the century, sometimes 5,093 by Bankes James and sometimes 5,004 by F. Dench. I believe the handstroke is safe if the 6th is kept in fifths, and only the 5th or 6th is in fifths in the titmums. HENRY G. MILES.
31, Aldersley Road, W.6.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HINTON.

The death is announced of Mr. George Hinton, a member of the Worcester Cathedral band, which occurred on April 7th at the age of 52. He was the fourth generation of a family of ringers and had taken part in about 70 peals, ringing from Minor to Cinques.

The funeral service on April 11th at Worcester Cathedral was conducted by the Ringers' Warden, the Rev. Peter Taylor, the Dean reading the lesson. The members of the Cathedral Guild present were Messrs. D. R. Morris (Master), T. W. Lewis (Deputy Master), G. Ambler, H. Bentley, D. R. Sayers, P. Blissett, W. Lewis and I. Hill. Also present were Messrs. S. T. Holt (Ringing Master of Worcester-shire and Districts Association), A. Morgan (Claines), F. Giles (St. John's) and F. A. Rea (Kempsey). At the graveside a course of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells by D. R. Morris, J. J. Jeffries, T. W. Lewis and S. T. Holt. The bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled on Friday evening.

BROADCAST RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have thought recently that some of your correspondents have been rather foolish, when they demanded 10 minutes or so when their ringing is broadcast by the B.B.C.

Mr. T. Groombridge deals with the real 'bone of contention.' What is important is that we get uninterrupted ringing; the announcer holding forth during the ringing is an insult in my opinion.

The bells are consecrated as part of the church, and when they are ringing the service has started. Let us make no mistake about that. Announcing should be done before the service commences, and this point should be stressed to the B.B.C. by someone for the Central Council. W. A. COLFS.

61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes, Middlesex.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT THORNE.

A meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Thorne on March 30th, at which about thirty members were present. At the business meeting the arrangements for the outing to the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on August 17th, were discussed. The methods rung included Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandire, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Erin Triples and Plain Bob, Kent, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT EASTWOOD.

At a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on April 13th, about 30 members were present from Barnby Don, Bawtry, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Handsworth, Rawmarsh, Rotherham Parish, Wentworth and the local tower. Four new members were elected, Messrs. R. Bailey, E. Beachall, P. Broadhead, of Darton, and Mr. Measures, of Eastwood.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Ardsley, near Wakefield, on May 18th.

QUARTER PEALS.

EXETER.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. David's, 1,260 Grandire Triples: David Gill 1, A. W. Searle 2, A. Gording 3, H. Spicer 4, W. S. Lethbridge (conductor) 5, W. Howe 6, H. Butt 7, W. G. Burrows 8.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss O. Landon 1, Miss H. Landon 2, Miss E. Mance 3, A. Meadowcroft 4, W. J. Barrett (conductor) 5, H. Glynn 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss M. Monk 1, F. J. Cress 2, R. W. E. Dawe 3, H. S. James 4, B. Heasman 5, R. C. Hide 6, W. J. Coppard (conductor) 7, T. W. Woolston 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: H. Norman 1, S. Harrison 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, F. E. Wilson 4, C. R. Hill 5, J. Bramley 6, G. A. O'Hife (conductor) 7, J. Deacon 8.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandire): R. W. Lawrence 1, J. Shatford 2, B. F. Lumbers 3, Miss M. J. Lawrence 4, G. W. Clarke (conductor) 5, H. Cooper 6. Half-muffled for W. Law.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, F. H. Hicks 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, Miss M. Pemberton 4, Miss J. M. Broomfield 5, W. Birmingham 6, R. C. Noon (conductor) 7, E. H. Preston 8. Half-muffled for Bishop Elliot.

BATH.—At St. Michael's on April 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Hablett 1, S. J. T. Shellock 2, Miss N. Williams 3, W. J. Prescott 4, W. Brown 5, T. K. King 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, H. Andrews 8.

SITUATION VACANT.

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted, if husband a ringer, or willing to learn, work for him also; room for children and furniture.—Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Eltham, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Sideup (6) in evening.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Annual, St. Albans, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's bells 2.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Waterend Barn 5.30 p.m., 2s., followed by business.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Stafford, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford at 4.45. Tea at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—H. A. Pratt.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Guildford, April 27th. Service, S. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting S. Nicolas' Hall, Millmead Terrace, 5.15.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Warwick, April 27th, St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m. Committee, 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in vestry 6 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. D. Baxter, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Feltham (not Hounslow), April 27th, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tea can be obtained at nearby cafes.—J. E. L. Cockey.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Evershot with Rampisham (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. H. Lathey.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch.—Queen Camel (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Upchurch (6), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by business in Schoolroom. Cups of tea provided.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Annual, St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, April 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Hall.—E. A. Stafford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Weekley (6), Saturday, April 27th.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Annual, Lincoln, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea, St. Giles' 3.45 p.m., St. Peter-at-Gowts from 2 p.m. Service, Morning Chapel, 3.15 p.m. Tea at St. Giles' Parish Hall 5 p.m., followed by business.—F. W. Stokes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Shedfield and Wickham, Saturday, April 27th, both towers, 2.30. Service, Shedfield Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Shedfield.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), April 27th. Names for tea (1s.) to W. E. Critchley, 61, Church Road, Stainforth, nr. Doncaster. Buses direct to Fishlake from Christ Church, Doncaster, 2.15 and 4.15 p.m. Committee 3.30.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Rotherwick (6), April 27th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in Village Hall.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Yattendon (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Cullompton (10), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Heathfield (8), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Limpsfield Chart, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—Alfred Gear.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.—Weekly practices recommence on Tuesday, April 30th, now that seventh has been recast and rehung.—G. E. Symonds, 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, May 1st, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Tea at the Tudor Restaurant at 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.) to all who send names in before May 1st to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Penistone (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Cards to Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, for tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30 p.m., at Fieldsend's Cafe, by May 1st.—H. O. Chaddock.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30. Business in belfry 5.30 p.m. No tea, Cafes nearby.—T. Groombridge, jun.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Clive (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—E. D. Poole.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual general, Leeds, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (12) at the Parish Church 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to G. Robinson, 32, Heathfield, Adel, Leeds 6, by May 1st. Business afterwards. Reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 1st.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Wollaston, Saturday, May 4th. Service 4.15. Names for tea wanted early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, near Wellingborough.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business in School. Names by April 30th to Mr. J. H. Musson, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford.—C. T. H. Bradley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Ilchester Branch.—South Petherton (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice, Finchampstead (6 bells), Saturday, May 4th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Wivenhoe (6), Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. Names for tea must reach me by April 29th.—L. Wright, Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Tea, 2s., for those notifying Mr. J. H. Masters, 27, Burns Avenue West, Houghton-le-Spring, by May 2nd.—Frank Ainsley.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District. — Practice, Bromyard, Saturday, May 4th, 5.30 to 8.30. — A. S. Tomkins.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division. — Practice, Ardingly, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Practice, Fordingbridge (8), 2.30 to 4.30, and Ringwood (8), evening, Saturday, May 4th. Tea at Ringwood, 5.30 p.m. Names to W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, by Thursday, May 2nd.—Arthur V. Davis.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Athol, Sutton, Ely.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch. — St. Peter's, Scorton, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify Mr. R. Davis, The Square, Scorton.—H. Parkinson.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

OXFORD GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Annual, Launton (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity, Knowle (8), May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6.30 p.m., Green Lantern, Wells Road. Names by May 1st.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Upton Wirral (5), Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Harry S. Brocklebank, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Sydling, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Names to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Marham (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (provided).—W. Buckenham, Marham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot (8), Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 30th. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.)

LEICESTER GUILD. — Annual general, Leicester, May 4th. St. Margaret's (12) noon to 4 p.m. Cathedral (12) 2 to 4 p.m. St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), All Saints' (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15 p.m. Tea, meeting and social, Lancaster Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets for tea to be obtained by April 30th. — H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch. — Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Tudor Cafe. Names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, before May 1st. Emmanuel bells also available.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Bewdley, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Leek (10), Saturday, May 4th. For tea, notify Mr. E. Sharratt, Fairholme, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs, by April 30th.

CHESTER GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Hoole (6), Chester, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park Station), May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Other ringing arrangements later.—E. C. S. Turner.

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Brampford Speke, May 11th. Service 4.30. Arrangements for tea at meeting. Numbers for tea by May 6th. — W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District. — Writtle, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by May 8th.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual, Wootton (6), near Woodstock, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30. Service 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by May 4th. — H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Wickham-breaux, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. For tea, notify Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, by May 8th.—B. J. Luck.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Annual general, Brighton, May 11th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Names for tea by May 8th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Allowances: Tea 1s. 3d., rail fare 2s. 6d., resident members.—S. E. Armstrong.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District.—Pirbright, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Tea for those who send notice to Major H. J. Cann, The Ridgeway, Sheets Heath, Brookwood, by May 7th.—A. C. Hazelden.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Somerton, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—All Saints', Poplar (10), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing: Poplar 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and Christ Church, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

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CHANGE RINGING AND THE PUBLIC

It is difficult for ringers to understand it, but it is a fact that ordinary persons, however sympathetic, cannot listen with pleasure to change ringing for more than two or three minutes whether it be on the wireless or on handbells in church or concert room. When the changes come from the church steeple the passer-by has no need to listen and usually does not do so except casually. It follows therefore that any exhibition ringing which is intended to be listened to ought to be as short as possible if it is to have the greatest effect on the hearers and not to cause boredom instead of pleasure. This is a point which needs careful attention, but there is the further fact that the vast majority of ringing is not intended to be listened to. It is intended to be heard, but men can hear and take pleasure in hearing many sounds that they do not listen to, and of nothing is this truer than of bell ringing. That the sound of church bells can cause pleasure to most unlikely persons and can stimulate their emotions and express their deepest feelings is a truth which has been proved during many years and indeed centuries. It is not so, of course, with all men, nor in its highest form with any men except on rare occasions. But that it does happen is one of the principal reasons why there are church bells at all.

There is nothing more characteristic of English life as it has come down through the ages than the sound of village bells heard across the fields in the quiet of the evening, and the same charm can be produced by the bells among crowded and even sordid streets. Here, from the point of view of the general public, is the excuse and justification of long ringing and peal ringing. Ringers ring peals and quarter peals because they enjoy ringing them. They are entitled to do so and we should be the last to blame them for it. They value the ringing according to the method, but the public knows little and cares less about anything except the general impression the sound of the bells makes.

How shall we best describe that impression? Perhaps the best way would be to say that the sound makes a pleasant and fitting background to other things, to thoughts, and acts, and emotions, which have nothing to do with bells or bell ringing. It may not be very flattering to ringers' vanity to admit it, but it is quite true to say that at its highest their art fulfils the role that a good wallpaper does in a well furnished room—it forms a suitable background for the display of pictures and

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furniture, and is all the more effective when it is unobtrusive and practically unnoticed.

The qualities in bell music which produce the best effect on the outside public are regularity, rhythm, and what would be monotony if the hearers had to listen at all attentively. Much that the ringer values has no outside effect at all and some of it is actually harmful. Ringers naturally will always prefer what suits their own interests, but there is really no reason why they should not take delight in those methods which best give what suits the outside public. Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal give a better outside effect than Cambridge Royal, and if it is objected that Cambridge Royal is more interesting to ring, the answer is that there are methods for ten bells almost as effective outside as Grandsire and Treble Bob, and more interesting to ring than Cambridge Royal.

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Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	7
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SYDNEY TAYLOR ...	HENRY H. FEARN ...	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	JOHN PINFOLD ...	10
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS M. L. LYON ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ...	7
JOHN FREEMAN ...	JOHN WALDEN ...	8
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	HERBERT LOWMAN ...	9
RAYMOND F. SMITH ...	H. LESLIE PASK ...	10
JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	11
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ...	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE ...	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	JOHN PINFOLD ...	9
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SYDNEY TAYLOR ...	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLEBOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

JOHN THORPE ... Treble	*J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	7
*NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	*JACK F. HODSON ...	8
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	*JOHN R. BREARLEY ...	9
*LEONARD TREVOR ...	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ...	10
*HARRY MORGAN ...	*ERNEST A. THORPE ...	11
*ARTHUR FIRTH ...	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Little Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS T. YEOMANS ... Treble	*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	6
CLEMENT GLENN ...	*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ...	7
*THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	*LEONARD DERRICK ...	8
EDWIN J. RIDLER ...	*NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	9
ALFRED W. HEATH ...	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Royal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING ... Treble	*THOMAS LAMB ...	6
*THOMAS PRICE ...	†WILLIAM TYLER ...	7
*E. DENNIS POOLE ...	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	8
*FREDERICK PRICE ...	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	9
GEORGE A. PACKER ...	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS ...	6
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE ...	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	7
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
OLIVER SIPPETS ...	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
FREDERICK PAGE ...	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBLES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	6
*ROBERT E. TURNER ...	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
JOHN H. HUNT ...	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Cambridge.

MANCHESTER.

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On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	TOM WILDE ...	5
ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	FREDK. R. WILLIAMS ...	6
WILLIAM PYE ...	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	7
THOMAS R. BUTLER ...	RICHARD BENSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

STANLEY EVANS ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ...	STANLEY A. DOBBIE ...	6
BETTY SPICE ...	JOHN E. SPICE ...	7
GEORGE KENWARD ...	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 1/2 cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITHTreble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. BFESON ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE TREMEERTreble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
FREDERICK PRECEY ... 2	*FREDERICK C. SMITH ... 6
FRANK HARRIS ... 3	WILLIAM T. THEOBALD... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

W. A. RIDDINGTON ...Treble	*DENNIS H. DALBY ... 5
*GEORGE B. DEACON ... 2	LESLIE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
*ARTHUR PATRICK ... 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by CHAS. MARSHALL.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

VERNON J. BENNING ...Treble	*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 5
*MONICA J. RICHARDSON ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 3	ERIC A. DENCH ... 7
*FRANCES EDGAR ... 4	ALAN F. THIRST ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal in the method.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

REGINALD S. COOK ...Treble	AGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2	EDWIN J. UPTON ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	HERBERT GATES ... 7
DR. J. STEDMAN POOLE... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.	*E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 5
BETTY SPICETreble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6
GEORGE H. SPICE ... 2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,880 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 736 Superlative and 704 Cambridge, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ...Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7
BETTY SPICE ... 4	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8280 CHANGES;

*REV. J. E. TREDENNICK Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 5
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
*CEDRIC CURSON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. KILBY ...Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
First peal of Spliced by all.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY LIMBERTTreble	BERNARD C. ASHFORD ... 5
JOSEPH H. COX ... 2	CYRIL TABERNER ... 6
THOMAS GREENHALL ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 4	HARRY HUBBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALLEN MORGANTreble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	*DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
*GEORGE F. LARGE ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	*WM. B. CARTWRIGHT... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.



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ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED <i>Treble</i> 5	GEOFFREY DODDS 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 6
*F. STEDMAN POOLE 3	FRANK A. G. G. THURLOW 7
STANLEY E. DARMON 4	REV. E. H. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. R. GODDARD <i>Treble</i>	T. A. GOODEY 3
H. G. GODDARD 2	E. J. BAXTER 4
D. G. MAYELL <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by T. A. GOODEY.

First peal by all.

BRITFORD, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LESLIE A. PAGE <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK C. SMITH 4
FREDERICK PRECEY 2	FRANK HARRIS 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	LEONARD HARRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor.

SEFTON, LANCs

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT GUY 3
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE 2	GEORGE SKELLAND 4
WILLIAM H. DEACON <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one of Oxford Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH 4
JOHN THOMAS 2	NATHAN PATMORE 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	BARNARD PATMORE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*THOMAS J. HILL <i>Treble</i>	*REGINALD WELCH 4
REGINALD BEALE 2	*FREDERICK WELCH 5
*ALBERT H. DRAYTON 3	*THOMAS R. VICKERY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

SELIM GOODSWEN <i>Treble</i>	GODFREY G. WALPOLE 4
HERBERT C. BOGGIS 2	REGINALD H. DRANE 5
LIONEL A. LESTER 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. C. BOGGIS.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

LESLIE RIPPINGALE <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST BROWN 4
RONALD SUCKLING 2	SIMON DACE 5
A. CHARLES RIPPINGALE 3	REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Canterbury, eight six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALLAN F. KIRKMAN <i>Treble</i>	MISS M. J. LAWRENCE 3
JOHN SHATFORD 2	*BERTRAM F. LUMBERS 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. EDWARD CAWSEY <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN CHADDOCK 4
ARTHUR FIRTH 2	F. BERNARD DITCHER 5
*JOHN R. BREARLEY 3	JOHN E. TURLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT 'TREWOOD,'

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree and Plain Bob.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 2, FLINT COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BETTY SPICE 1-2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE 3-4	WILLIAM SPICE 7-8

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY 7-8

Composed by T. J. ATTWATER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	PHILIP J. COWARD 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. THOMAS.
Witness: Mr. W. H. Lawrence.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT PORTERS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5-6
ERNEST PYE 3-4	REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	MRS J. THOMAS 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

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

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
In St. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
MARY E. DAVIS 3-4	BRUCE B. ROGERS 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At 12, PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following handbell peals were rung at 26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford:—

On Thurs., Apr. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † 450th peal.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First handbell peal of Oxford.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation).

EDWIN BARNETT 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*JAMES E. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First handbell peal of Triples.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
BETTY SPICE 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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Yarmouth, and not to the Editor.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild meeting arranged for Hornchurch on
May 11th has been postponed until May 18th.

On Sunday evening, April 14th, at Luton Parish Church, Mr. L. A.
Goodenough, on behalf of the local band, presented Mr. Alfred King
with an umbrella in recognition of his services during 45 years as
secretary to the company.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, will be broadcast in the
West of England service on Sunday next, May 5th, at approximately
7.45 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

April 28th, 1800. The Cumberlands rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob
Major at Edmonton.

1890. First peal by the Cambridge University Guild.

1923. Mr. Harold Poole called 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at
Stoney Stanton. The record length.

April 30th, 1927. At Ipswich, the first peal of Superlative Surprise
Maximus.

May 2nd, 1715. At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, 'That most in-
comparable peal called Grandsir Bob Triples, being the third whole
peal that they have rung, but the first whole peal that ever was rung
to the truth by any ringers whatsoever.'

May 5th. At Painswick, 12,312 Grandsire Caters.

MR. ALBERT WALKER.

To-day Mr. Albert Walker reaches his seventieth birthday. He
was born in Birmingham on May 3rd, 1876, but he learnt to ring
when living at Taunton, and there at St. Mary's he rang his first
peal, one of Grandsire Triples, on February 1st, 1896. He afterwards
returned to Birmingham, and, except for a short time when he was
in London, he has ever since been associated with St. Martin's belfry.
He was Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild from 1904 to 1909 and
again from 1921 to 1935. In 1936 he was appointed vice-president,
and he now holds the office of Master. In 1910 he was Junior Steward
of the Society of College Youths. Since 1932 he has been a honorary
member of the Central Council.

Mr. Walker has had a distinguished ringing career and has taken
part in no fewer than 363 peals on twelve bells. Some of them were
notable performances. They included the first peal at Exeter (Sted-
man Cinques, which he called) and the first peal of Maximus thero.
He rang 34 and called on handbells the only peal of Stedman Sex-
tuples ever rung.

RAIN AND PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a belief at Guildford that peal ringing at Holy
Trinity Cathedral Church is more enjoyable if there is a heavy fall
of rain the night before. It is argued that rain consolidates the
tower and makes the 'go' of the bells run smoother.

Is this a general experience in the Exercise? I once heard a ringer
remark that the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields would 'go' better
if a fire engine played on the tower the night before!

Guildford.

T. W. WHITE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER SUGGESTED

A company of 120 ringers and friends attended the Guildford Guild annual meeting on Saturday, when the Rev. F. A. Woodard presided. The annual report, prepared by Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), opened with the following quotation (the author of which is unknown):—

The bells of earth go sounding on
From many an ancient steeple,
Telling their tale of joy and woe
To all our waiting people.

The tale of the bells of 1945, stated the report, was truthfully one of triumph, jubilation and thanksgiving. Never before have they told for a greater number of people such a tale of intense joy as they did in the month of May, 1945. . . . The officers were glad to note from the ringing at district meetings that there had been a marked improvement in the standard of striking since the last report, although this does not mean that there is any room for instructors and tower captains to allow any slackness.

Fifty-two peals were rung during 1945, seven of them in connection with peace celebrations. These peals were rung in 17 towers and 12 ringers scored their first peal and one his first as conductor. The bulk of the peal ringing was done by a comparatively small circle of ringers, and the list of conductors was very limited indeed. They hoped that many of the younger generation who were now being welcomed as recruits would receive the necessary encouragement from all concerned to ensure that they become really accomplished additions to the ranks of peal ringers.

Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) reported a balance of £47 on the Guild Fund, £73 on the Benevolent Fund, £45 on the Cathedral Bells Fund and £40 on the Goldsmith Memorial Fund.

Regarding the proposal of the Guild to give a sanctus bell to the new Guildford Cathedral as a memorial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. G. L. Grover said the original cost of the bell delivered at Guildford was £41 10s., but the bell founders would now require £61 15s. The Executive Committee thought that a tablet should be provided recording the services of Mr. Goldsmith as founder of 'The Ringing World' and first secretary of the Guildford Guild. This would increase the cost to £75. He appealed to individuals and towers to contribute towards the outstanding balance. The diocesan authorities were prepared to store the bell in the crypt of the Cathedral until the bell turret was ready.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said the bell would probably be erected in a little turret in the Lady Chapel. It was felt that there should be a tablet in the chapel. The meeting authorised the Executive Committee placing the order.

'RINGING WORLD' AND J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Arising from the appointment of Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman as Central Council representatives, Mr. R. Whittington expressed the hope that they would see that incorporated in the front page heading of 'The Ringing World' should be the words, 'Founded by J. S. Goldsmith.'

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he believed a suggestion to that effect was made by Mr. Walker at the last meeting of the Central Council and most of them were expecting to see it introduced.

Mr. Hazelden said he had received a letter from Mr. Fletcher stating that it had been decided to insert a note on the centre page of the paper that 'This paper was founded by J. S. Goldsmith.'

A number of members thought that the appropriate place was the front page heading, and the delegates were accordingly instructed to press for this alteration.

GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER?

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne moved that the annual dinner of the Guild when revived should be known as the Goldsmith Commemoration Dinner. His name should be perpetuated in the same way as Jasper Snowden's, argued Mr. Hawthorne. 'This Guild was started mainly by the hard work of John Goldsmith, and a commemorative dinner would be attended by ringers from far and near.'

The Secretary said the Executive had come to the conclusion that it was not a practical proposition to hold a dinner at Guildford in these days. A ringers' dinner would not be a success with tickets at 15s. or £1 each.

Mr. W. A. Dollimore thought that instead of a Goldsmith Commemoration Dinner they should, when rationing permitted, hold the Guild dinner and have a toast to the immortal memory of John S. Goldsmith.

Mr. Hawthorne moved that a special committee should be appointed to see if such a commemoration dinner was possible.

Mr. T. W. White urged that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee. At the Norwich Central Council meeting their representatives would be able to ascertain whether there was a desire on the part of the Exercise to hold a commemoration dinner.

An amendment by Mr. Dollimore that the matter be reconsidered when food rationing permitted was carried.

GUILD FORM OF SERVICE.

Upon the suggestion of the Master (Mr. A. Harman), the Vicar of Leatherhead had prepared a new form of service for use at Guild services. This had been submitted to the Bishop of Guildford and also to the Rural Deans Conference, who had approved of the arrangement. It was suggested printing four or five alternative psalms, a

number of hymns and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Sir Sydney Nicholson had also been consulted by the Bishop and he had suggested that the psalms should be printed with the pointing of the Parish Psalter. If ringers went to village churches and sang the psalms to such pointing, it would become better known and eventually adopted in many more churches.

Mr. T. W. White thought that the present time was inopportune to print new service papers or papers with such a choice of hymns and psalms. It was doubtful whether the suggested hymns would meet with the approval of incumbents generally. Most of them preferred to have their own hymns and books were invariably available. It was quite possible that the cost of the suggested Service papers would be £15 to £20.

Mr. C. W. Denyer also took the view that the printing of such a form would be costly and said there was still a shortage of paper.

It was decided to leave the matter to the Executive Committee and they were empowered to spend up to £15 or £20.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected. A visit to the grave of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has been arranged for June 1st, and the summer festival was fixed for July 6th at Ewell.

HANDBELL RINGING IN GERMANY.

MR. HARRISON REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The war has finished and, thank God, all its horrors, and while we must not forget the bitter things of the past, every one of us has a task to perform to help to wipe out for all time those things that make for war. Above all comes the re-education of Germany. I had this in mind when first taking the bells over there last October. It provided something new to occupy their minds and to take away military thinking. During my stay there I kept them in close contact with the church, the boys attending the English services with me regularly.

Unfortunately my stay was not long enough to do justice to change ringing instruction. However, those things that I first set out to accomplish were achieved. During my travels up and down this country I have come across dozens of sets of handbells in usable condition lying idle, and I think that many will agree that sooner than have a peal of bells lying in the dust doing nothing through lack of interest, it would be putting them to a useful purpose in sending them to Berlin. As regards ringing for entertainment, that is a weak argument. Whilst at Berlin we entertained the sick and also added our contribution to the carol service at Christmas.

The powers that were in Germany during the destruction of church bells, as Mr. Turner speaks of, were responsible for that outrage, not the individual.

Let Mr. Turner read the Bible and give the Germans a chance to seek God and let the earth be filled with the knowledge of His love. Jesus said, 'Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.'

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CATERS WITHOUT A COVERING BELL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wonder whether any of your readers recollect the controversy of 1901, for no one has made mention of it in the recent correspondence.

On July 18th of that year a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Witney, Oxon., during which the intense heat overcame the tenorman. He revived after taking some fresh air, and 600 changes later resumed his task and completed the peal. A similar incident occurred on August 5th during a peal of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, when the tenorman was absent for one hour and twenty minutes before being able to take his rope again.

Both the above peals were published, and drew some criticism, with the result that they were both withdrawn by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Charles R. Lilley respectively. If two men of such high standing in the Exercise, before the Central Council had even formulated rules in regard to covering bells, deemed their performances unworthy of permanent record, should we, nearly fifty years later, accept the peal recently rung at Basingstoke? The latter was intentionally rung without a covering bell, whilst the earlier performances in each case accidentally lost their covering bells for part only of the peal, and thus deserved more considerate treatment.

If the Basingstoke peal be allowed to stand, then, sir, our art surely is not progressing but retrogressing, judged by the standards accepted in 1901.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Trumpington on April 13th, was attended by members and friends from Cambridge, Chesterton, Epsom, Long Stanton, Newmarket, Over, Sawston, Sudbury, Great Shelford, Stapleford, Tempsford, Trumpington and Willingham. Owing to the indisposition of the Vicar, the usual ringers' service was not held. Tea at the Green Man was followed by a short business meeting, at which Mr. T. R. Dennis presided. The methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

At the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Minehead on Easter Monday, members were present from towers in the Deaneries of Axbridge, Bath, Bridgwater, Cary, Chew, Crowkerne, Dunster, Frome, Ilchester and Taunton, and the Glastonbury Jurisdiction, with visitors from Bristol and Shrewsbury. Service was conducted by Preb. A. J. Hook, Master of the association, and the address was given by the Vicar, Preb. G. E. Knapp-Fisher.

Lunch at the Pier Hotel was attended by about 70 persons and was followed by the business meeting, at which Preb. A. J. Hook took the chair.

In the course of his opening address the President said that it had struck him that the Exercise since the lifting of the ban had made a wonderful recovery. There was now great activity in all parts of the country, as was shown by the number of peals and quarter-peals recorded week by week in 'The Ringing World.' Meetings had been held regularly in most of the deaneries in the diocese and at those he had attended—he had been to a good many of them—there had almost always been that spirit of good comradeship and fellowship which was vital for the well-being of the association. Dunster Deanery meetings had been outstanding for the surprisingly large attendances of ringers, even when the meetings had been held in remote places.

'The Ringing World' was, he thought, doing a very good service by constantly reminding them of what was the true vocation of ringers. They ought not to look at ringing simply as a pleasant bodily exercise, nor solely as a means of working out and perfecting performances of new and exciting methods, though all that was both lawful and good. The fundamental reason for the ringing of church bells was to recall people to their primary duty as Christians, which was the worship of God. By their example outside the belfry, therefore, ringers should show the general public that they were not inviting them to do something which they would not do themselves. In connection with this side of ringing, the saying of the belfry prayer before ringing was a good reminder, and this was not often forgotten.

Practice meetings had been held regularly over a great part of the diocese and there had been some useful co-operation on their eastern border with the Salisbury Guild. Branches mentioned as being particularly active and enthusiastic were Axbridge, Chew, Cary, Bath and Dunster, the average attendance at meetings of the last named during 1945 being 59. The report recorded that Mr. C. Evans, after 21 years of faithful service, had resigned the secretaryship of the Bridgwater branch, and as a token of their regard a presentation had been made to him by his fellow members.

The association had, apart from sums in the hands of local secretaries, a balance at the bank of £140 10s., and investments amounting to £171.

The officers were re-elected: Master, Preb. Hook; hon. secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke; auditor, Mr. F. Andrews; advisory experts, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. W. A. Osborn.

Mr. Dyke, acknowledging his re-election, recalled that it was at a meeting at Minehead 21 years ago that he was appointed the secretary.

At the instance of the chairman, it was agreed that a message be sent to Major Hesse, who had been ill, conveying their condolence and the hope that he would soon be able to ring again.

Some discussion arose on a proposition by Mr. Rickards, which Mr. J. E. Metcalfe seconded, that the annual subscription of members be increased from 1s. to 1s. 6d. The suggestion had been made at the previous committee meeting, as was recorded in the report, that an increase was advisable in view of increased expenses, and, in particular, the considerably advanced cost of printing the association handbook which it was desired to have done.

Mr. G. Stacey (hon. secretary, Dunster Deanery Branch), alluding to the association's credit balance, said he did not see the point of hoarding up money, and, feeling that the raising of the subscription might cause the association to lose a good many of its older members, he proposed (to test the feeling of the meeting) that the subscription remain as it was.

Mr. Dyke, who had always been, as he stated, one of the most opposed to raising the subscription, and had been proud of the fact that this association was the only one in the country that was running on 1s. a year subscription, gave reasons why an increase was advisable, and, although one or two other suggestions for augmenting the association's funds were forthcoming during the discussion, the proposal for the 6d. increase when put to the vote was carried with only one or two dissentients.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT BALCOMBE.**

Despite a county meeting a few miles away, the gathering of the East Grinstead and District Guild at Balcombe on April 13th attracted 36 ringers from Ardingly, Balcombe, Bromley Common, Buxted, Croydon, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Leigh, Paddock Wood, Rotherfield, Tunbridge Wells, Uckfield, Wadhurst and Withyham.

The methods ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor, and included two attempts for London, which just failed to come home. It was announced that the Sussex County Association had agreed to change the Eastern Division meetings to the last Saturday in the month.

It was decided to hold meetings at Buxted on May 11th and Chiddington on July 13th, and to omit the usual June meeting.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. During the day there was ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael Coslany, and St. John de Sepulchre. At the service in Mancroft Church the Bishop of Norwich preached for the first time at an association service since his appointment to the See four years ago. Seventy persons were present at the lunch in the Samson and Hercules. They came from Norwich, Muibarton, Long Stratton, Wighton, Scottow, Ranworth, South Walsham, Palgrave, Yaxley, New Buckenham, Garboldisham, Dickleburgh, Winfarthing, Diss, Redenhall, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Gorleston, East Dereham, Wroxham, Wymondham, Paston, Coventry, Buxton, Carbrooke, Swaffham, Caston, Swindon, Rockland All Saints', Attleborough, Oxford, Caister-on-Sea and Loddon.

The Bishop took the chair at the business meeting. The rule No. 3 was amended to include the Ringing Master among the other officers.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; Standing Committee, two members from each branch were approved, North Norfolk, Mr. R. Curson and the Rev. G. W. Wilson; East Norfolk, Messrs. G. Fletcher and G. Walpole; South Norfolk, Messrs. E. G. Bennett and F. W. Munnings; West Norfolk, Messrs. L. Houghton and G. Cooke; auditor, Mr. G. Burton.

The accounts showed a balance in hand at end of 1945 of £29 8s. 1d., as compared with £24 3s. 1d. at end of 1944. It was decided to increase the annual subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d., subject to ratification by the 1947 general meeting.

A revised service form had been prepared by the Rev. W. G. Bridge and had been approved by the Bishop subject to certain modifications.

It was pointed out that during three years the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow had not received the usual honorarium of £10 10s. due to him annually as secretary. Mr. Thurlow said he hoped to have the bells of St. George's, Colegate, rehung and increased to six, and if the meeting wished him to accept the £31 10s. he would like it to be applied to the St. George's bell fund. This was agreed to, and members spoke warmly of the value which the bells would have in the district.

Great interest was taken in the forthcoming visit of the Central Council, and steps were decided on to make the visit as pleasant as possible. It was stated that the annual report would be out as soon as possible. The following members were elected (or ratified): Messrs. Christopher W. Woolley, hon. resident life member; W. Savage, Wroxham; R. Bower, Scottow; and W. Beck, South Walsham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Some 200 ringers met at Ipswich on Easter Monday for the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild. Ringing took place at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's, St. Clement's and St. Lawrence's. A well-attended service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, conducted by the Rev. H. Drake, with Mr. James W. Jennings at the organ.

In his address the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich spoke of the loyal work being done by the ringers, who were a representative body of workers of both church and parish. He recalled how in 1940 the bells were rendered silent, and the public sadly missed their joyous peals, and how it gave him a thrill the first time they were rung again. Bells sometimes fell on deaf ears, but he hoped they would never cease, because they were a survival of years gone by, and if they were allowed to die out they might never return to preserve the character of Sunday.

Lunch was at the Regent Cinema Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed the Bishop was in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. W. H. Trickett, the Rev. R. J. Brady, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) and the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. C. W. Pipe).

Mr. Pipe said that the Guild was recovering from the effects of the war, but a lot remained to be done. More young ringers should be found and trained, and he wanted to see the day when every church in Suffolk which had bells would also have its own team of ringers. Restoration of bells had commenced in the county.

The election of officers was as follows: The Bishop (president); the Very Rev. Provost J. L. White, the Rev. H. Drake and the Hon. Mrs. George Sandeman (vice-presidents); Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master); Mr. C. W. Pipe (general secretary and treasurer); the Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. C. W. Pipe (Central Council representatives).

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WHITTINGTON.**

A meeting of the Chesterfield Branch of the Derby and District Association was held at Old Whittington on April 13th, and was attended by ringers from Clay Cross, Heath, Chesterfield, Bolsover, North Wingfield, Treston, Staveley, Eckington and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Crompton, who gave an address. The newly installed treble, which was hung in January of this year, met with the approval of all who heard it.

QUARTER PEALS.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roome 1, Alan Partridge 2, J. Labbutt 3, H. Tyler 4, J. J. Partridge (conductor) 5.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, rung half-muffled for R. T. Hibbert: F. Smith 1, C. Bowsher 2, P. Trinder 3, V. Clifton 4, H. C. Farmer (conductor) 5, B. Townsend 6.

CHISLEHURST.—On April 6th, at St. Nicholas', 1,264 Bob Major: J. H. Hayward 1, A. F. Thirst (conductor) 2, Anne Dixon 3, Frances Edgar 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, D. N. Layton 7, A. M. Houghton 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Judd 1, F. G. Robbins 2, J. C. Birt 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, A. Jones 5, F. A. Finch 6, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 7, A. Cutler 8.

AVENING, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Newman 1, C. Edmunds 2, G. Latham 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, A. Hayes 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Freeman 1, E. Smith 2, J. Cook 3, W. Wicks 4, E. Nash (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, N. Tanner 7, J. Smith 8. In memoriam R. T. Hibbert.

WICKHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,080 Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, H. Vince 2, G. Berry 3, B. Cooper 4, G. Finch 5, J. Preatsner (conductor) 6.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. T. Clarke 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, D. H. Langdon 6, A. H. Reed 7, S. G. Coles (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, W. Tate 3, H. A. Nobes 4, C. Philpotts 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

WESTBOURNE.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hunt 1, L. P. Cook 2, Miss J. Humphrey 3, E. Treagus 4, P. R. Blackman 5, R. G. Blackman 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Madey 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. H. Tyler 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. W. Day 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, H. W. Else 5, D. P. Jones 6, D. C. Sears 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Bullock 1, A. Reeves 2, Miss C. Chinery 3, J. Carrott 4, R. Stannard 5, J. Cornford 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

BLAKENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Chilton 1, S. Griffiths 2, A. D. Collins (conductor) 3, H. Boswell 4, E. Speare 5, T. Reynolds 6, T. G. Martin 7, R. Lunn 8.

WEXHAM, BUCKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: J. B. Ford 1-2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3-4, R. Hartley 5-6.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Elsey 1, W. Elsey 2, F. C. Roper 3, W. Musk 4, W. G. Saunders 5, C. J. More (conductor) 6, T. Ford 7, W. A. Lock 8. Half-muffled for Mr. A. E. Bowell.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. R. Jaycock 1, Miss M. Pemberton 2, Miss J. Hearn 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, G. H. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, R. Pawling 8.

PAISLEY.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples and 720 Bob Minor: Ian Peacock 1, Alex Scott 2, Mrs. W. A. Caldwell 3, R. W. Clouston 4, R. J. G. Thorne 5, N. Sharpe 6, C. Barker (conductor) 7, Leslie Boumphrey 8.

MANCHESTER.—On April 10th, at the Town Hall, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: Alfred Barnes 1, William Robinson 2, Frank Barraclough 3, C. Kenneth Lewis (conductor) 4, Miss Mary Elkins 5, Walter W. Wolstencroft 6, Alan J. Brown 7, Peter Liffin 8, Herbert Ludkin 9, Albert Ford 10, Richard Benson 11, John Worth 12.

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On April 11th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Frederick R. Harris 1, George Davis (conductor) 2, Michael P. Moreton 3, Austin T. Wingate 4, Geoffrey Dodds 5, Leslie Evans 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On April 12th, at 44, Unlands Avenue, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: A. V. Pearson 1-2, H. Howell (conductor) 3-4, A. G. Newman 5-6.

STONEY STRATFORD.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples half-muffled for Mr. R. T. Hibbert: T. Trasler 1, F. Green 2, H. E. Edwards 3, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 4, J. Higgins 5, W. Dillow 6, J. Chance 7, H. Tompkins 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On April 12th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Alfred Roberts 1, Robert Wimpenny 2, Ronald Edwards 3, Frank Hodge 4, Walter W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5, John T. Walmsley 6.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Brywater 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Harding 3, A. Sinfield 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, C. M. Whitney 6, B. J. Stubbs (conductor) 7, S. G. Robinson 8.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, F. G. Robbins 4, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 5, M. Hodgson 6, H. Kirby 7, A. Cutler 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Walter W. Warwick 1, James Wilson 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, Mrs. A. B. Williams 4, Robert W. Warwick 5, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 6, E. T. Sneller 7, F. Carter 8. In memoriam Richard T. Hibbert.

STAINES.—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Peter's, 1,946 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lancaster 1, W. Shepherd 2, W. A. Peck 3, W. C. Parker 4, E. J. Turner 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 7, E. W. Ryder 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, E. L. Miles 3, J. W. Chapman 4, H. G. Andrews 5, J. Bullock 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Croft 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor on handbells: Norman V. Harding 1-2, Frank H. Hicks (conductor) 3-4, William Birmingham 5-6.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham 2, F. Garland 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, L. Cordwell 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Robinson 1, W. Daniells 2, A. Crane 3, H. Morris 4, S. Smith 5, R. Cadamy 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hunt 1, E. A. Jurd 2, S. E. Cook 3, F. W. Stemp 4, W. Tate 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, C. Philpotts 8.

ALVERSTOCKE.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. L. Fry 1, E. Williams 2, C. Philpotts 3, E. A. Jurd 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. Dickinson 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: William Bavin 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. Nicholls 5, A. W. T. Ginn 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

SEAFORD.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cole 1, W. J. Coppard 2, F. J. Crees 3, H. S. James 4, O. Wood 5, S. Foord 6, R. C. Hide (conductor) 7, W. Hurst 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, W. Faiers 2, S. Smith 3, L. Pryke 4, F. Boreham 5, C. Woodcock 6, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 7, W. Jarvis 8.

STANMORE.—On April 18th, 1,296 Double Norwich: D. E. Cattell 1, J. Mayne 2, Mrs. P. Mayne 3, G. J. Leversuch 4, W. Nudds 5, W. Wenban 6, J. E. Roales 7, C. Mayne 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Latham 1, L. Barry 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Thain 5, T. C. Witts (conductor) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Collins 1, R. J. Webb 2, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 3, W. Dunkerton 4, H. Horler 5, G. Lawrence 6.

DUFFIELD.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Warrington 1, S. Dawson 2, F. W. Stone 3, H. Hill 4, H. Letts 5, W. Baker 6, G. Warrington, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Webster 8.

FISHLAKE, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,440 of Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob: Leslie Woodhead 1, Roland Hirst 2, Frank Reed 3, Herbert Cooper 4, Frank Lamb 5, Ernest Padgett (conductor) 6.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Kendal 1, J. C. Newman 2, J. Herbert 3, C. H. Harris 4, A. Sinfield 5, C. H. Harding 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, April 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Jones 1, L. Hansell 2, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 3, J. G. Blow 4, G. N. Blake 5, R. F. Ewer 6, W. J. Arnold 7, B. E. Cornell 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. Walklate 1, A. B. Halsey 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, P. Kirk, sen. 5, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor) 6. Also 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, R. Bedford 5, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor) 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor 3, N. J. Pryor 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Belcher 8.

MINSTER SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John M. Watson 1, Peter C. W. Neal 2, Mrs. Mabel E. Parham 3, E. Geoffrey Beynon 4, Stanley M. Evans (conductor) 5, J. Garth Rooke 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Burt 1, G. Hutchinson 2, H. Higson 3, R. Clark 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, R. Burford (conductor) 7, W. Trill 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, E. R. Maekerril 2, T. H. Tafender 3, H. Langdon (conductor) 4, C. W. Hunt 5, A. B. Wiffen 6, W. J. Paice 7, H. Belcher 8, J. Bullock 9, J. H. Rumley 10.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Bavin 1, G. E. Crisp 2, M. Ginn 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bavin 1, G. Hibbins 2, G. E. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, T. Bannister 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, P. E. Jones 5, W. Honer 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

NOTICES.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual general, Leeds, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (12) at the Parish Church 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business in School.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Ilchester Branch.—South Petherton (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Wivenhoe (6), Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Practice, Bromyard, Saturday, May 4th, 5.30 to 8.30.—A. S. Tomkins.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice, Ardingly, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Tea.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Athol, Sutton, Ely.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual, Launton (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Marham (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (provided).—W. Buckenham, Marham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot (8), Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Schoolroom 5 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern.—Bewdley, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Whilton (6), Saturday, May 4th. Tea provided.—Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park Station), May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Other ringing arrangements later.—E. C. S. Turner.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Writtle, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by May 8th.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual, Wootton (6), near Woodstock, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30. Service 3.15 p.m.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. For tea, notify Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, by May 8th.—B. J. Luck.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Pirbright, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Tea for those who send notice to Major H. J. Cann, The Ridgeway, Sheets Heath, Brookwood, by May 7th.—A. C. Hazelden.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Annual general, Brighton, May 11th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Names for tea by May 8th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Allowances: Tea 1s. 3d., rail fare 2s. 6d., resident members.—S. E. Armstrong.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Somerton, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—All Saints', Poplar (10), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing: Poplar 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and Christ Church, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Elveden, Saturday, May 11th, 2 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to R. A. Wallis, 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall, Bury St. Edmunds.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine, Kilburn, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Willesden bells in the evening. Names for tea to E. M. Atkins, 18, Westbere Road, N.W.2. Phone Hampstead 4510.—E. C. S. Turner.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—High Halden, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Chippenham, May 11th. St. Paul's afternoon, St. Andrew's evening. Tea being arranged.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea in School 5 p.m. Notify Mr. E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted, by May 9th.—C. A. Bassett.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Maulden (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Dronfield (8), May 11th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Coleshill, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mr. D. L. Hooper, Merevale, Blyth Road, Coleshill, by May 8th.—T. H. Reeves.

SELBY AND DISTRICT.—Eastrington, May 11th, 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. P. Powls, Rose Neath, Eastrington, by May 9th.—T. H. Foster.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY.—East Ardsley, near Wakefield, May 11th, 3 p.m. For teas notify Mr. E. Watson, 47, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, by May 7th.—D. Smith.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Lytton Hall. Names for tea by May 9th to A. G. Crane, Parame, London Road, Knebworth.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Swaffham, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Then business. Tea 5.30. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Ufford (8), May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Liverpool Branch. — St. Thomas, St. Helens (8), Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. R. Newton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—St. Peter's, R.C., and St. John's, Lytham (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—J. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Oswaldtwistle, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I. of W. District. — Brighstone, I. of W., May 11th. Names for tea by May 8th to Mrs. A. M. Guy, Merrie Meads, Watergate Road, Newport, I. of W.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Shore, Littleborough, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at Schoolroom. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Names to Mr. J. Lee, 9, Bk., William Street, Littleborough, by May 8th.—I. Kay.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Names to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, by May 8th. — W. Ayre.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Naseby (5), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—T. Loakes, Hollowell.

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Nether Alderley (6), May 11th, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. Names to Mr. R. Hayden, Sandon, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Cheshire, by May 4th.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Leyland Parish Church, May 11th, 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 8th to L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland.—F. Rigby.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Heversham (6), Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Hornchurch, May 18th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. J. Freestone, 108, Kenilworth Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex, by May 13th.—A. B. Peck.

NORTH NOTTS.—Anston (8), Saturday, May 18th. Tea, 1s. 6d., at Loyal Trooper, only for those who send names to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, Anston, Sheffield, by May 11th.—H. Denman.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual, Appleton, Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names by May 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch and Lincoln District. — Horncastle, Saturday, May 18th (not May 11th), 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Hodson, Old Bank Chambers, Horncastle, by May 14th.—W. E. Clarke and K. W. Mayer.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Starston (6), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Redenhall (8) after tea. Names for tea by May 12th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

LADIES' GUILD. — London District. — Meeting, Dagenham, May 18th, 3 p.m. Will members make special effort to attend? Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 11th to Mrs. E. E. Davies, 118, Parsfield Road, Balham, S.W. 12.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Epping (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Norton Malton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells recently augmented to 8. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton Malton, before May 16th.—Edward Hudson.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Ruislip, Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

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PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would you please withdraw the peal rung at Cheadle, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 17th, 1938, composed by J. S. Wilde, as the composition was false? My apologies to the band.

JAMES FERNLEY.

7, Vernon Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

DEATH OF MR. W. F. HILSHAW.

The death is announced of Mr. W. F. Hilshaw, of Idle, near Bradford, which occurred on April 10th at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Hilshaw was one of the original band which was formed at Idle when the bells were installed in 1914. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but a safe ringer in peal or touch in many Minor methods.

At the interment in Idle Churchyard the bells were rung fully muffled.

DEATH OF MR. A. ALLEN.

The death occurred recently at Ellesmere, Shropshire, of Mr. Arthur Allen, who was 67 years of age, a cobbler by trade and had been a member of the local band practically all his life. He had rung about five peals, three of Stedman Triples and two of Stedman Doubles

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AN EXPERIMENT.

Some years ago a man, then well advanced in years, was talking of the Exercise in the days of his youth. He told how he had asked a leading authority of the time a question about some point and was met with the reply: 'Find out for yourself as I had to.' We do not know the circumstances, and the answer need not have been so brusque as it seems. Provided that the enquirer is of the right sort it is often the best advice to tell a man to find out for himself, and many ringers have benefited from the necessity of having to do so. But there is another side to the question. There was a time when little attention was paid to the training of recruits for the belfry, and only those young men who had special aptitude for ringing, or who were prepared to endure a long period of disappointment and probation, stood much chance of securing a place in a band as vacancies occurred through the deaths or retirement of older members. Meanwhile many men who might have proved useful to the Exercise were lost.

Those days are past. For some years now, and more particularly during and since the war, the need for securing and encouraging beginners has been fully recognised, and, at the same time, the supply of recruits has been far greater than ever before. From all quarters there are reports of the numbers of young ringers who now attend meetings and visit strange belfries, and, as the delightful letter from a young gentleman of Mitcham we published three weeks ago shows, generally they are welcomed abroad and not unsuccessful at home.

In this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' there is a notice of an attempt which responsible men in Essex are about to make to benefit beginners and the less well-instructed members of the Exercise. A number of skilled ringers have promised to attend and they will form the body of the bands that will ring whether it be rounds or London Surprise. Visitors desirous of gaining experience in anything will be asked to state their requirements and they will then have the opportunity of practising with a thoroughly competent band. The advantages of that should be obvious to everyone, whether the method is Grandsire or one of the most abstruse. Further, the promoters of the meeting and their helpers undertake to give advice and information about most of the things which concern and interest a ringer.

That a pleasant and enjoyable gathering is assured cannot be doubted, nor that, judged by the ordinary stan-

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dards of a meeting, it will be successful. Whether it will be successful in the way its promoters hope and intend depends on things largely beyond their control or anyone's else. 'It is not in mankind to command success,' but these men we may fairly say 'have done more. They have deserved it.'

The scheme is necessarily an experiment, and, since the intention is so excellent, it would be ungracious to offer any criticism, or even advice, about details. But there is one point which should be stressed, not particularly about this meeting, but about all meetings. That is the need for discipline. Discipline in a belfry does not mean the introduction of sergeant major methods or anything like it. It means that the ringing master or whoever is in charge should have full control not only over the ringing but over the ringers as well; and should have the right and duty to decide, not only what shall be rung, but also, if needs be, who shall ring. It would not be a bad thing if for each touch he 'set every man to his bell,' as the old rule had it. Under modern conditions that is hardly possible at an open meeting, but the ringing master should be able to make sure that the keenness and exuberance of some visitors should not be exercised at the expense of more modest and retiring persons, or the comfort and enjoyment of more skilled ringers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	LEONARD TUFFREY ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
FRANK E. PERVIN 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

TEN BELL PEALS.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LESLIE A. PORRITT ... Treble	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 6
*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH 2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 3	*HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 8
*PERCY PAGE 4	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 9
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
JAMES HIGGINS 3	RICHARD A. POST 8
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 9
CECIL G. CALCUTT 5	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
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A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE HUGHES Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6
J. DENIS HOLDEN ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 7
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JOHN GOODMAN 5	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

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‡ First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
CEDRIC CURSON 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

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On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WORTH Treble	ALAN J. BROWN 5
MISS JENNY PYM 2	TOM WILDE 6
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
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Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GERALD DARE Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5
*LILIAN M. DARE 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
†EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 3	IVAN KAY 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	†WILBERT SOUTHWELL ... Tenor

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* First peal. † First peal in the method. Half-muffled for the men of the village killed in the war.

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On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 2	NORMAN HYAPS 6
JOHN R. LUNHAM 3	HARRY PARKER 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	CECIL RADDEN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CECIL R. LONGHURST ... Treble	GEORGE HESKETH 5
*FREDERICK S. ALMOND 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble	*ALBERT HEYWOOD ... 5
*CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 2	*JOHN F. WOOD ... 6
*FREDERICK BROWNLOW ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	EDWARD IDDON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by ED. IDDON.

* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

W. GEORGE TURNER ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	ALBERT PICKIES ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*GORDON BENFIELD ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Half-muffled for Thomas B. Kendall.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED ... Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
MRS. R. A. REED ... 3	EDWARD C. WHEELER ... 7
RONALD BURFORD ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 5
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

First peal on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	JAMES HURRELL ... Tenor

(Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.)

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*TREVOR A. CROSS ... Treble	†FREDK. G. SOUTHGATE ... 5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 6
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
BERT W. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT E. TURNER ... Treble	ALFRED MEARS ... 5
JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

HIGHER WALTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... Treble	*ARTHUR HATCH ... 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
JOHN JACKSON ... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BATHAMPTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. E. MARSH ... Treble	M. POWELL ... 4
*MISS B. GOODING ... 2	S. S. WOODBURN ... 5
*MISS G. HIGHAM ... 3	F. GOODING ... Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD E. HARRISON ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
GORDON HARRISON ... 3	EDWARD WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	FREDERICK TURRELL ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

First peal as conductor on tower bells.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... Treble	MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.



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On Thurs., May 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM C. STACKHOUSE Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 4
*HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2	*GEORGE COOPER ... 5
*JOSEPH GREGORY ... 3	*WILFRED ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

* First peal.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS VALERIE CROUCH ... Treble	MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 4
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
†MISS FRED A. MURKITT 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Alnwick, Surfleet, Beverley, York, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*THOMAS COOKE ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3-4	ERNEST SIBLEY ... 7-8

*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Royal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 28, 1946, in One Hour and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 12, PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 1-2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT W. BOND ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7-8

Composed by F. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. M. C. MELVILLE.

* First peal on handbells.

SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
FRED A. SALTER ... 3-4	ROBERT A. WARD ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on handbells.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

One hundred and twenty members and friends were present at Ashford on Easter Monday at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar and the collection for the benevolent fund amounted to £3 7s. 9d. As any catering on a large scale was out of the question, the members were allowed a sum of money to provide for themselves.

The business meeting was in the parish room. Earlier in the day the committee had met and among other things had decided to grant £5 to the fund for rebanging Headcorn bells.

In his report, Mr. F. W. Mitchell, the hon. secretary, stated that 560 members had paid their subscriptions during the year. Thirty-two honorary members had paid and 22 non-resident members had joined. The losses by death were B. F. Glaysher (Bronley), E. Verrier (Deal), A. H. Saxby (Margate), H. C. Castle (Ashford) and S. Boulding (New Romney), practising members, and G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles (non-resident). Forty district meetings had been held with increased attendances. It was stated that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are recasting the front four and rebanging the peal of 12 at Quex Park in ball bearings. The peal of eight at Birchington has been rehung in ball bearings. One bell has been added to make a peal of five at Barham, and Dover bells are listed to be fehung.

During the year 88 peals were rung, four of them on handbells. They were rung in 50 towers in a variety of methods from Minor to Spliced Surprise. The conductors numbered 28, of whom Mr. P. Corby headed the list with 31.

The balance in hand was £116 9s. 8d. No demands had been made on the belfry repair fund and by collections at meetings and life members' subscriptions had increased to £216 14s. 5d. Two grants had been made from the benevolent fund amounting to £8 3s. Collections and donations amounted to £17 3s. 8d., and the balance had increased by £23 to £385 19s. 8d. With the invested funds and the balances in the various accounts the association funds have increased to £1,198 17s., an increase of £61.

The president and vice-president were re-elected, and Mr. Fred White was added to the list.

Mr. S. H. Green resigned from the committee, as he is leaving the county in the near future, and Messrs. E. Barnett and J. Willis were elected to serve with the retiring members.

After 17 years' service, Mr. F. W. Mitchell retired from the office of secretary, and Mr. G. H. Spice was appointed in his stead. Mr. Mitchell received the thanks of the association and was re-elected as hon. treasurer.

A motion from the Lewisham District proposed that 'the association create a special office tenable for one year only and never for two in succession by any one person, in order to mark esteem and honour any member of outstanding service to the ringing exercise, such office to be filled by election at the annual general meeting.' This was referred to the committee for consideration and report.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, nearly 100 members and friends were present from Acton, Beaconsfield, Binfield, Boyne Hill, Bray, Burnham, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Kingsbury, Marlow, Reading, Slough, Stoke Poges, Twyford, Wendover, Westminster, Old Windsor and Windsor. Among those present was the Bishop of Buckingham.

Service was conducted by the Vicar who gave an address, and tea in the Church Hall was served by Mr. and Mrs. E. Hobbs. The Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present, and remarked on the large number of young ringers of both sexes.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected: President, the Bishop of Buckingham; chairman, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. T. J. Fowler, W. Birmingham, F. D. Boreham and W. Welling.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 27th, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Calverley, Drighlington, Guseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Shipley and Woodlesford.

At the business meeting in the tower Mr. W. H. Senior presided. One new member, Mr. J. F. Hodson, was elected. The secretary's report and balance sheet showed that the membership now stands at 198 (paid up 146), nine honorary members and 18 still with His Majesty's Forces. The balance sheet showed a total of £26 5s. 10d., the bank account being £21 19s. 11d. A notice of motion to grant honorary membership to all over 65 years of age was given.

The election of the following was confirmed: President, Mr. J. McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, S. H. Barron and F. Hutchinson; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Roe; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The next meeting will be held at Guseley on May 25th.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association was held at Lurgan on Easter Monday and was attended by 50 members and friends.

The report showed that nine towers are now affiliated to the branch with a membership of 97. Change ringing is now well established in Holywood and St. Thomas', Belfast, and is being practised in Carrickfergus and Enniskillen. Other bands are keen to take up the study of change ringing if instructors can be found.

The treasurer's statement showed a balance of cash in hand of £14 0s. 2d.

On the invitation of the Holywood members it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Holywood.

The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. E. S. Barber, Holywood; vice-president, Mr. John Dixon, Coleraine; secretary, Mr. W. Webb, St. Thomas', Belfast; assistant secretary, Mr. F. G. Burrows, St. Thomas', Belfast; treasurer, Mr. T. Dunwoody, Holywood; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Pratt, Holywood; three representatives to serve on general committee of association, Mr. R. G. Nelson, Enniskillen, Mr. W. Webb, Belfast, and Mr. H. S. Lightbody, Rostrevor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Honiton on Easter Monday and was attended by 72 members and friends. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. de Salis (Rector), with Mr. D. Connett at the organ.

Preb. E. V. Cox presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. J. Arbury (hon. secretary) reported a balance of about £30. The officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. A. F. de Salis; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arbury; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Turner; representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, C. Turner and L. Baker.

Paylombury, with Broadhembury, was chosen for a meeting on September 21st, and Seaton for the next annual meeting on Easter Monday. Eight new members—seven from Honiton and one non-resident—were admitted.

The President, on behalf of the branch, presented the former Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Burrows, now of Exeter, with a letter of thanks and cheque in recognition of services in that capacity, and as honorary instructor for many years in the district.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was a large gathering at Bedford on Easter Monday for the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association; members were present from all parts of the county and visitors from St. Albans, Leicester, Kettering, Northampton and Coventry. The ringing was at St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Elstow. Service in St. Paul's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. St. G. Colthurst, and tea was in the Trades Club.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. A. E. Sharman, a letter was read from Canon A. Rust resigning the office of president on account of ill-health. This was received with regret and Miss E. Steel was appointed to the vacant office. Messrs. A. King, J. Nicholls, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, G. Heley and W. Stapleton were elected vice-presidents. Messrs. H. Harding and A. Sinfield were appointed representatives on the Central Council.

Bedford was again chosen for the 1947 annual meeting, and Woburn for the summer festival. It was decided to increase the annual subscription to two shillings.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, was attended by over 60 ringers from Birmingham, Downham Market, Ely, Epsom, Erith, Fotherham, Hampstead, Harston, Hatfield, Hilgay, Hillingdon, St. Ives, Marham, Merton, Surrey, St. Neots, Over, Sawston, Shelford, Snettisham, Shouldham, Great Staughton, Sutton, Tempsford, Terrington St. John, Tilney All Saints, Trumpington, Turvey, and St. Stephen's, Westminster.

Service at Great St. Mary was conducted by Canon E. C. Essex, who later presided at the business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Wisbech, and to celebrate the association's jubilee in 1947 by a ringing festival to be held in Ely, with service in the Cathedral if possible. Five towers were open during the day.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A church rally was held at Stogursey on April 27th, and a large concourse of people from many parishes attended the service. The whole congregation took part in the procession, after which the Te Deum was sung before the high altar. Ringers from Wembdon, Chedzoy, Bridgwater and Stoke St. Gregory took part as a body in the procession, and touches on the bells were rung throughout the afternoon and early evening. A quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandire Doubles was rung by the Wembdon ringers. The ringers were: F. W. Sweet 1, R. D. Short 2, M. E. Farthing 3, J. T. Locke 4, B. T. Jeanes (conductor) 5, T. G. Burge 6.

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The time of the peal of Double Norwich at South Wigston on April
22nd was 2 hours 56 minutes, not 2 hours 46 minutes.

The ringers in the handbell peal of Double Norwich at Crayford on
April 24th were Betty Spice 1-2, W. L. B. Leese 3-4; and the time
was 2 hours 23 minutes.

The ringer of 5-6 in the handbell peal at Sible Hedingham on April
14th was Albert Catterwell.

The method rung at Brighton on April 27th was Cambridge, not
New Cambridge.

Correspondents are asked to make sure that their reports are
accurate and written clearly.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EPSOM.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association,
held at Epsom on Easter Monday, was attended by about 100 mem-
bers and friends from Ashted, Banstead, Cambridge, Croydon, Car-
shalton, Cuckfield, Epsom, Ewell, Guildford, Holloway, Isleworth,
Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Otlands Park, Orhey, Putney,
Rotherfield, Rugby, Ruislip, Stepney, Streatham, Walton-on-Thames,
Wickham, West Clandon, Widford and Wimbledon.

Service at St. Martin's was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was in
the church hall. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. E.
Collins, 19 members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next
meeting at West Clandon jointly with the Guildford District of the
Guildford Guild on June 22nd.

The methods rung during the day ranged from rounds, Grandsire
Triples and Caters to Cambridge and Bristol Surprise.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan
Association, held at St. Woolas' Cathedral, Newport, on Easter Mon-
day, about 60 members were present from Aberavon, Blaenavon, Bon-
vilston, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Caldicot, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Ebbw
Vale, Llanbradach, Llanfrecha, Llantrisant, Merthyr, Newport,
Penarth, Pentre, Pontypridd, Porthcawl, Whitchohro, Bristol, Croy-
don, Hereford, High Wycombe, Morriston, Swansea and Tenby.

At the business meeting it was stated that the bells of Abergavenny
are to be recast and increased to ten. Several new members were
elected, and the bellfries of Monmouth and Llanbradach were re-
affiliated to the association.

DEATH OF MR. J. C. DICKEN.

Mr. J. Charles Dicken, who died on April 6th, was for many years
a ringer at Beeston, Notts, and a life honorary member of the
Midland Counties Association. He rang 235 peals in various methods
from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major and Treble Bob Maximus.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MATHEWS.

The death occurred on April 15th of Mr. William Mathews, who for
the last 21 years had been captain of the band at Bucklebury. He
was in his 80th year. At the funeral service on April 20th some of
his fellow ringers acted as bearers, and half-muffled touches of Sted-
man and Grandsire were rung.

CATERS WITHOUT A COVER

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are only nine bells in the Basingstoke tower. If a peal be rung on all the bells it must be a peal of Caters or else Major with a tenor covering. The latter state would be probably worse than the former and would give grounds, legitimately, I think, for complaint.

The Whitney and Appleton peals do not fall into the same category, as they could have been rung with a covering bell (in fact, most of the respective peals were so rung apparently).

I hazard a guess that the Basingstoke peal was meant to be a 'test case.' When the Central Council drew up their rules there was no nine-bell tower in existence (or, if there was, they overlooked it), and could they really be blamed for not envisaging one in the future?

Watford. R. C. H. CONNOLLY.

INAUDIBLE TREBLE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now that the war is over it is likely that some churches will add treble bells to their towers as a war memorial, and some thought ought to be given to their audibility, as this is especially important when ten or twelve bells are being rung in changes.

One usually finds that at a great distance from the tower only the tenor bells can be heard; as one approaches nearer the middle bells are noticed, but not until one gets quite close can the trebles be distinguished, and then they are overwhelmed by the clamour of the tenors.

This is partly due to the properties of sound and of the human ear, and partly to the design of the bells. Sounds of low pitch carry further than those of high pitch, and one finds that in distant thunder or gun fire all the high pitched components have faded out leaving only a low pitched rumble.

The human ear seems to be more sensitive to low pitched than high pitched sounds, and special means have to be taken to overcome this. In a choir there are several trebles, but only a few basses; in an orchestra there are several violins to a few 'cellos, and perhaps only one double bass; and in the piano the treble notes have two or three wires struck by the same hammer and only one wire in the bass. But in the belfry the tenor is the biggest bell, exposing the largest area of vibrating metal to the conducting medium, and it has the heaviest clapper so that it is struck with the greatest force.

To make the intensity of the trebles equal to that of the tenors could be done either by increasing the former or by diminishing the latter. Intensifying the trebles might make their sound insupportable near the tower, in which case the method of choice would be to damp down the tenors.

I suggest that ringers should agree at what distance all the bells should be heard with equal intensity on a still day (say 500 yards), and that founders should be asked, by modifying the size of clappers or the size and weight of the bells, to provide this. It seems to me that they have concentrated exclusively of the quality of the sound emitted by each individual bell without considering the effect of all the bells when rung in sequence. 'This ought ye to have done, and not leave the other undone.'

Norwich. FREWEN MOOR.

RAIN BEFORE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The old wooden tower at Yateley requires rain every week for the bells to go well. In a dry summer, as one ringer remarked, it nearly walks round the churchyard. On May 1st, 1894, the ringers of Yateley rang a truly local peal of Grandsire Triples, all the ringers were born in the parish and baptised at the font round which they stood to ring the peal.

Yateley, Hants. S. J. RIDDELL.

THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

On May 3rd, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was instituted and inducted to the united benefice of St. Michael with Holy Rood, St. Lawrence and St. John, Southampton, by the Bishop of Winchester. Mr. Felstead is the chairman of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung, the Master of the Guild (Mr. George Williams) taking part. On the following day a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my short letter on 'Inscriptions with a smile,' published in your issue of April 26th, there was a misprint, which eliminated the point of the Dorset idiom. Fivehead bells say, not 'Who'll help use,' but 'Who'll help we'!

F. L. EDWARDS.

THE LATE RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For the purposes of any official records and future history, I would point out that my late father was christened Tom, his correct name being Richard Tom Hibbert.

WILLIAM HIBBERT.

HANDBELL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader this week makes interesting reading, but, like many other ringers I expect, I am puzzled by the last sentence.

Because certain expert handbell ringers have reduced change ringing on handbells to a fine art by a somewhat revolutionary method it would seem to constitute a threat of some sort to the Exercise, at any rate that appears to be the implication.

But is this new method revolutionary? I think not. Most of us who practise handbell ringing to any extent use this method to some degree. If we have had the 'misfortune' to take up tower bell ringing first, then, I think, we shall unconsciously always apply the course method in whatever ringing we do, and we shall never really be able to ring handbells expertly until we master the place method. Surely this is what happens every time? In Bournemouth we practised Doubles and Triples and, until we had plodded through hours and hours of such practice, and, until we were unconsciously applying the place method, we were never likely to score a peal. Having mastered, more or less, the Triples or odd-bell method construction there we are, 'even' bell peals only come after a similar plod.

To my way of thinking, the handbell ringers who use the 'method construction' way from the beginning merely take a short cut and get on quicker if they do not know the diagram. I have seen one of our leading conductors throw a pair of handbells down in sheer disgust saying, 'I'll never master 'em.'

No, sir, I think the implied fears at the end of your excellent leader are unfounded. Our Exercise is like a tree with a double trunk: each 'tree' will bear a similar but different fruit, similar in appearance, but different in taste; neither 'tree' will harm the other; in fact, it will be quite the contrary case and the root is firmly embedded and strong enough to support both the branches.

Handbell ringing has many advantages over tower bell ringing, bad striking on handbells is rare (except in the early stages of practice), and the first trip in a peal is more often than not the last. To enjoy some ringing at any time one has to merely 'take 'em out' of the cupboard, as one of my friends remarked once—'No asking the parson's, verger's or steeplekeeper's permission and no complaints,' and yet, somehow, there is not quite the satisfaction at the end as there is to a good tower bell peal.

116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has certainly explained very clearly and succinctly the best way to become proficient in handbell ringing. If aspirants will take pains to learn thoroughly the places of a method, and fit the work round the places and the path of the treble, they will soon become proficient. Further, those who have the faculty, natural or acquired, of continued concentration can with practice attain to 'singing the tune' of all the bells up to Triples and Major, and in some cases Caters and Royal also. They will thus learn a lot about conducting and at the same time be delighted by the grand musical changes turning up in methods such as Double Norwich and, above all, Grandsire Caters.

May I add a further word of advice to handbell ringers? Try to ring by sound quite as much as by sight, and even more so.

In your commentary on Mr. Woodhouse's article, Mr. Editor, you state, in referring to the system, that 'it may be that a heavy price will have to be paid for it in other things.' Would you please enlarge on this statement, which is puzzling, to me at least?

C. GLENN.

Bristol.

[We have a few more remarks to make on this subject, but first we wish to let experienced handbell ringers express their views to the fullest.—The Editor.]

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. H. G. Miles for his letter in your issue of April 26th? The account of the peal at St. Mary Abbot's ('Bell News,' December 24th, 1904) concludes with a footnote in small type: 'This is the first 5,004 rung in the method; the previous peals being 5,093.' By inadvertently reading 'peal' for 'peals' I took this 5,004 to be the second peal to be rung in this method. I beg to apologise for so careless a mistake.

I find in my notes reference to a peal of Double Norwich Caters rung by the College Youths in 1903, but I have not the particulars of this. I take it that this is the peal referred to by Mr. Miles.

Solihull. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

HYMNS WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, a tentative form of service was used, and suggestions for improvement were invited. Two were made, and will be incorporated in future editions. An alternative Chapter will be used, and this will allow for a change of posture. More hymns are wanted: if suitable ones are sent to me at once they will be printed. Those in the Essex and Norwich services have already been used.

Uford Rectory, Woodbridge.

H. D.

RECORD PEALS.

(Continued from page 181.)

Probably several of the early long peals of Grandsire Caters were produced from ordinary tittum peals by adding to each of certain courses two more courses with the seventh parted from the other two big bells. If so the truth of the compositions was reasonably assured. The composition rung at Norwich in 1737 is more doubtful. The number of changes, 12,600 (that is 70 leads), suggests a peal in five regular parts on the plan of those in the 'J.D. and C.M. Campanalogia,' especially as we know that the Norwich men were familiar with that book. They were keenly interested in composition, and included men of ability, but the requirements of proof were little understood in those days. The actual ringing is above suspicion, for, as the peal tablet is careful to record, 'to remove all doubt of the truth of the performance, several ingenious ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of the same.'

A notable peal was the 15,120 Bob Major rung at West Ham on November 21st, 1737, by the Society of Eastern Scholars. In number of changes it has been exceeded in the metropolitan area only once, when in 1868 the College Youths rang 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green. It stood as the record length of any method in the country until the 15,360 Bob Major at Aston in 1793, and, although it has in more recent years been exceeded several times in various methods and on different numbers of bells, the conditions have so altered that any exact comparison is hardly possible. Perhaps the peal which most suggests comparison is the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington in 1899.

On any count the performance stamps the tenor man, Philemon Mainwaring, as one of the greatest heavy bell ringers of all time. The bell was reputed to weigh 28 cwt., and, although that probably was an exaggeration, it was no more so than was usual, and for comparison is fair enough. Mainwaring's name first appears in 1733 as the conductor of a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Dunstan's in the East. The Society of Eastern Scholars apparently had just been formed out of the remains of earlier companies which for some years had practised with varying success at St. Dunstan's and the neighbouring steeple of St. Magnus. Mainwaring was their leading man, and for some time called all their peals. These men rang half a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the newly erected bells at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1734, with three men to the tenor and Mainwaring on the eleventh. No doubt they hoped to score the first five thousand on the bells, but that the College Youths achieved. Then some quarrel happened among the Eastern Scholars, and when they rang their peal, a six thousand at St. Saviour's, it had to be Caters, not Cinques. Three men were needed at the tenor and Mainwaring called the bobs from the eleventh. Just previously he had shown what he could do as a heavy-bell man by turning in the 44 cwt. tenor at Christ Church, Spitalfields, to a peal of Treble Bob Major, and not long afterwards (February 19th, 1739), with a band of Union Scholars, he rang Southwark tenor to 5,040 Bob Royal, the first time the bell had been rung single-handed to a peal.

This record shows that we need not doubt Mainwaring's ability to ring West Ham tenor to a fifteen-

thousand; nevertheless, the record is rather dubious. The peal book and the still extant peal board give the time as eight hours and forty minutes, which would be at the rate of just over two hours and fifty minutes to a five-thousand. Under modern conditions that is not an entirely impossible rate for a bell which probably weighed a trifle over 25 or 26 cwt., though we can hardly imagine any band maintaining it for a fifteen-thousand. In the early eighteenth century it would have been so unusual that we may put it down as impossible. So later ringers regarded it, and the authors of the 'Clavis' expressed the general opinion when they wrote: 'It is well known by the time mentioned, and the weight of the bells, they could scarcely ring thirteen thousand.'

The criticism is quite fair, but it does not settle the matter. It is evident that something is wrong with the record. Either the length was less than fifteen thousand changes, or the time was longer than eight hours and forty minutes. We need not doubt that a genuine mistake was made, and on the whole it is more probable it was in the time than in the changes. Nine hours and forty minutes would have been about right in the circumstances, and the fact that both peal book and peal board give the shorter time is of no consequence, for one account was almost certainly copied from the other.

Exactly what composition was rung cannot be said, but there is not much doubt that it was an ordinary five-thousand (most likely Annable's three-part), with the tenor called three times in fifths in each course.

When every allowance is made for error, there is still enough margin to allow the performance to stand, not only as a record peal, but as an outstanding record peal.

I have mentioned that the weight of West Ham tenor was usually given as greater than it actually was. A similar thing was common all over the country, and it is of some importance in comparing record peals. There is, of course, and there always will be, a tendency on the part of local men to exaggerate the weights of bells, especially when they are based on nothing more definite than tradition or an estimate. We are all familiar with tenors reputed to be, say, a ton when they can hardly be more than fourteen or fifteen hundredweight. There have been some well known examples which were hotly debated until the test of the weighing machine settled the matter much to the surprise, and probably disappointment, of some of the parties. Christ Church tenor at Oxford is an example, and the old tenor at St. Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol, another. But it is not of such as those that I am thinking. The truth is that old weights, even when they profess to be exact to a pound and have the authority of the founder or of the churchwardens behind them, very often turn out, when checked, to be wrong. We might put it down to carelessness or defective scales, but for the fact that the weights are usually given as greater than they actually are. How shall we account for that? It has frequently been said that the old custom was to weigh the clapper with the bell, but that will not do. It was usual to pay for a job according to the actual weight of bell metal supplied, not as at present, when the founder gives an estimate to cover the total cost of new and recast bells and hanging. When a bell needed recasting the churchwardens were careful to have it weighed before it went to the foundry, and to have it weighed again when it came back. If there was less metal the cost would be deducted from the founder's

charges. Every care was taken to give the correct weight, yet it, as often as not, was wrong. We can attribute this partly to the fact that the weighbridges then in use were anything but accurate, but why should the weights shown have been almost always more than they should have been, and hardly ever too little? Well, the most likely explanation is that the men in charge of the weighbridges were paid fees according to the tonnage. They probably knew that the weights were only approximate and they made sure that if there was any error it should not be to their disadvantage. In those days there was no inspection of weights and measures by Government officials. Perhaps it was to counteract these things, if it were possible, that men used in the earlier times to insist on an overplus to the weight supplied, and so one hundred pounds in weight became a hundredweight of one hundred and twelve pounds.

The old tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark, is an interesting example of a famous bell with a reputed weight more than the actual one. The usually accepted weight was 52 cwt. Samuel Knight's, the founder, was 51 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. When it was weighed before being recast at Whitechapel it was found to be under 50 cwt.

(To be continued.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ELTHAM.

A meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association held at Eltham on April 17th, was attended by ringers from Bexley, Beckenham, Brasted, Bromley, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Lee, Eltham, Lewisham, London, Nottingham and Sidcup.

At the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. Senior, a collection on behalf of the association's benevolent and belfry repair funds realised the sum of 19s.

Mr. J. E. Bailey presided at the business meeting, at which two practising, one honorary and five non-resident life members were elected. It was decided to hold the summer meeting on July 27th at Eynsford or Shoreham. A notice to discuss the allowances to Central Council representatives at the next committee meeting was adopted.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CLERKENWELL.

Sixty members and friends attended a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 13th. At the business meeting tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Charles Thomas Coles, late vice-president and for many years secretary of the district.

The provisional elections of Messrs. W. Wheeler (Harlow Common), L. H. Bowler (Willesden), R. C. Noon (Barfield), J. D. Johnson (Evesham) and Miss J. Southerst (Leeds) were ratified and the following were elected ringing members: Mr. K. Gough and Miss M. Alban (Clerkenwell), Messrs. G. Butcher, S. Dixon, W. J. Hughes, D. Norton, Miss A. R. Langdon and Mrs. Norton (Tottenham), Mr. A. Bennett, Miss C. McKie and Mrs. Narborough (Northaw), and Mr. G. F. Carter (Gospel Oak).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT THORNTON CURTIS.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, held at Thornton Curtis on April 6th, was attended by 34 members from Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Uleby, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Barrow, Goxhill, and Mr. G. Feirn, Ringing Master, Gainsborough District. The Vicar, and the Rev. S. S. Jackson, conducted the service, and Mrs. Jackson was at the organ. Tea in the school was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. Thackray, Rector of Bigby, presided. Mrs. Thackray was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. Eric Kennington, of Grimsby, A. Lambkin, of Scunthorpe, and J. Tomlinson, of Thornton, were elected as ringing members. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 18s. 10d. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT UPCHURCH.

A meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Upchurch on April 27th, at which about forty members and friends attended. At the business meeting six new members were elected. Borden was chosen for the meeting to be held in July, and it was decided to hold practices on the last Saturdays of May and June at Sittingbourne and Chatham.

QUARTER PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ward 1, Miss D. Wacey 2, W. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, H. Bull 5, W. T. Prior 6, E. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Bird 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. G. Smerdon 1, Jill Brittain 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, Margaret Pitstow 4, D. N. Layton 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 8.

CARDIFF.—On Easter Sunday at St. John's, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Jenkins 1, T. Yeomans 2, F. Hannington 3, A. W. Heath 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, A. Rowley 8, J. Phillips (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wynd. Rossiter 1, O. Tucker 2, W. Ashman 3, F. Withey 4, E. King (conductor) 5, A. Tucker 6.

CHATHAM.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Richardson 1, D. T. Hills 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, W. A. J. Knight 4, H. Springate 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, B. F. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cantrill 1, P. Willis 2, W. C. Rhodes (conductor) 3, Miss I. B. Thompson 4, D. L. Hooper 5, E. H. Hill 6.

HOLLOWAY.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Charge 1, J. Nash 2, F. Barker 3, R. H. Begrie 4, E. Pratchett 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner 7, A. Warren (conductor) 8.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Carter 1, E. Thomas 2, R. E. Coles (conductor) 3, H. Blick 4, L. Williams 5, W. Blick 6, G. Carter 7, I. Jones 8 (7, 6, 8 covering).

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 of Minor (St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss Gwen Murkitt 1, Miss Hilda Taylor 2, Miss Jean Broomfield 3, Miss Mary Pemberton 4, Miss Freda Murkitt 5, Miss Joyce Hearn 6, George Gilbert (conductor) 7, G. H. Limmer 8. Rung with treble leading and tenor cover.

CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNSELEY.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: Bruce Broadhead 1, Cyril Rusby 2, Fred Cowling 3, Irvine Crossland 4, Herman Rusby 5, Noel Moxon (conductor) 6.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On Tuesday, April 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: E. Suter 1, C. Moore 2, W. Harris 3, W. I. Cowling 4, L. A. Perrett (conductor) 5, A. Bealing 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Dominey 1, E. Spiller 2, G. F. Cantrill 3, T. Grice 4, H. Coast 5, L. Head (conductor) 6, F. Lesson 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, H. Smith 10. Half-muffled for the fallen of the West Kent Regiment.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Johnson 1, S. Allen 2, T. Greenaway 3, Miss D. Churcher 4, R. Abery (conductor) 5, A. James 6.

SALFORD.—On April 24th, at the Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ludkin (conductor) 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, Miss M. Elkins 4, K. Lewis 5, A. Ford 6, H. Walker 7, R. Edwards 8.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edward B. Webster 1, Albert Greenhalgh 2, Everest Ford 3, Mrs. Mary Kenyon 4, John F. Wood 5, Thomas Smith 6, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, William Smalley 8.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On April 27th, 2,512 Bob Major: W. Rose (conductor) 1, J. Barrett 2, C. Woods 3, G. Bush 4, W. Waldron 5, H. Goakes 6, L. Hadman 7, W. Oldman 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Winterbourne 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss S. Harris 4, H. W. Rogers 5, F. W. Bishop 6, G. Dodds (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

SLIMBRIDGE, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Jordan 1, F. Cole 2, T. Pritchard 3, R. J. Thain (conductor) 4, T. C. Witts 5, H. J. Hobbs 6.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, S. Croft 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. Potchery 7, R. Newman 8.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harper 1, S. Jessop 2, A. Dixon 3, H. Barsley 4, A. Freestone 5, W. Jackson 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, C. Stubley 8.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Dawes 1, W. G. Paul 2, A. W. Dix 3, H. L. Long 4, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 5, E. J. Charman 6, R. G. Bell 7, F. H. Crook 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Swann (conductor) 1, J. F. Atkins 2, G. H. Williams 3, J. W. Pemberton 4, J. Eaton 5, R. C. Ingram 6, W. G. Anker 7, G. W. Anker 8.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Peter's, 1,239 Stedman Caters: Rev. M. C. C. Melville 1, A. W. Bond 2, A. Gravett 3, R. C. Pidgeon 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, R. G. Cross (conductor) 6, R. Overy 7, W. Chart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

LANCASTER.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Skeats 1, S. Clifford 2, J. Woods 3, W. Taylor 4, N. M. Newby 5, F. Postlethwaite 6, J. E. Burles (conductor) 7, W. Bleasdale 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Tuesday, April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Whatley 1, C. H. Moore 2, T. Bagley 3, T. E. Mallard 4, N. G. Knee 5, E. F. White 6, W. A. Avery (conductor) 7, R. A. Tudgay 8.

NOTICES.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District. — Writtle, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Wickha: breaux, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District.—Pirbright, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. — A. C. Hazelden.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Annual general, Brighton, May 11th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Allowances: Tea 1s. 3d., rail fare 2s. 6d., resident members. — S. E. Armstrong.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Mildenhall District.—Elveden, Saturday, May 11th, 2 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine, Kilburn, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Willesden and St. Mary Abbot's Kensington, bells in the evening.—E. C. S. Turner.

KENT ASSN. — Ashford District. — High Halden, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Chippenham, May 11th. St. Paul's afternoon, St. Andrew's evening. Tea being arranged.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea in School 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — Maulden (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. — Chesterfield Branch.—Dronfield (8), May 11th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Coleshill, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m.—T. H. Reeves.

HERTFORD ASSN. — Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Lytton Hall.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Swaffham, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Then business. Tea 5.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Ufford (8), May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I. of W. District. — Brightstone, I. of W., May 11th.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m.—W. Ayre.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Alconbury, Saturday, May 11th. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Hornchurch, May 18th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. J. Freestone, 108, Kenilworth Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex, by May 13th.—A. B. Peck.

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Ludgvan (6), Saturday, May 18th. Tea.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay.

OXFORD GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual, Appleton, Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names by May 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch and Lincoln District. — Horncastle, Saturday, May 18th (not May 11th), 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Hodson, Old Bank Chambers, Horncastle, by May 14th.—W. E. Clarke and K. W. Mayer.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Starston (6), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Redenhall (8) after tea. Names for tea by May 12th. Special method, Pudsey Surprise.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

LADIES' GUILD. — London District. — Meeting, Dagenham, May 18th, 3 p.m. Will members make special effort to attend? Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 11th to Mrs. E. E. Davies, 118, Parsfield Road, Balham, S.W. 12.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Epping (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Norton Malton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells recently augmented to 8. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton Malton, before May 16th.—Edward Hudson.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Goostrey (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Names by May 15th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Blackrod, Saturday, May 18th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Christ Church, West Didsbury, Saturday, May 18th, at 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds.

SUSSEX ASSN.—W. Division.—Practice, Walberton (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 16th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—St. Michael's, Southampton, May 18th, 3 p.m. Cafes nearby.—G. Pullinger.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery.—Clapton-in-Gordano, Saturday, May 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual, Salisbury, Saturday, May 18th. Business in British Legion Hall 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea (1s.) in Hall 4.45. Four city towers and bells of surrounding villages available. For tea notify Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Branch. — Sherbourne (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Refreshments and business in Schoolroom.—D. Stanley.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Husborne Crawley (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. C. Hillvard.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Hawkhurst, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names by 15th. Election of officers.—J. G. Powell, 18, Wellington Cottages, Hawkhurst, Kent.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland District.—Annual, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, May 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. E. W. Vessey, 13, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, by May 15th.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, 'Surfleet.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual, Faringdon (8), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea May 15th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry District. — Kenilworth, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — H. G. Summers.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Twywell (5), Saturday, May 18th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to W. R. Butcher, Brigstock, Kettering.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton (6), May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at the cafe 5 p.m. Names to R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

OXFORD GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch. — Annual, Burford, Saturday, May 18th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Ruislip, Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Tea at King's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. East Sutton (6), 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to F. S. Macey, Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, by May 23rd. From Maidstone, bus service No. 12 to Sutton Valence. Chart Sutton Church ½ mile from bus stop.—C. H. Sone.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Branch.—Northrepps (6) Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Cromer (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st. — H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Brentwood (8), May 25th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band attends solely to help any who want progress, from rounds up. Only ringing. Tea shops handy. Come and ask. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 4.45 p.m. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—Saturday, May 25th. Dedication of new bell to make a light ring of 8, 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Ringing in evening. Names for tea to D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, by May 21st.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Newdigate, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Village Club. Names to Mr. E. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, by May 21st.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY. — Annual Shield Contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, June 15th. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Ringing Day, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. (12 bells). Book date. — Leonard E. Pitstow.

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MEETING AT SHEDFIELD.

A meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Shedfield and Wickham on April 27th and was attended by 41 members from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Portsmouth, Hambledon, Soberton, Shedfield, North Stoneham, Fareham, Wickham, Wonston and Chichester.

Service at Shedfield was conducted by the Vicar, the address being given by the Vicar of Wickham. At the business meeting the Vicar of Shedfield presided and was supported by Mr. George Williams, Mr. Linter and Mr. R. J. Stone. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hambledon on July 27th. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

MEETING AT ROTHERWICK.

A meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Rotherwick on April 27th, was attended by 40 members and visitors from Basingstoke, Bramley, Farnborough, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherborne St. John, Sonning, Berks, Wolverton and Yateley. Service in church was conducted by the Rev. — Sanders and was followed by tea in the Village Hall, provided by an anonymous friend.

Mention was made of the death of Mr. Henry Garnett, of Overton, an old member of the Guild and captain of the local band. It was announced that the next meeting will be at Yateley in July. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT EAST RETFORD.

The annual meeting of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Association, held at East Retford on April 20th, was attended by some 65 members and friends. The methods rung were Plain Bob Royal and Major, Kent Royal and Major, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grand sire Triples and Caters and Little Bob Major as well as Minor methods at the six-bell towers. Service was in East Retford Church. At the business meeting five new members were elected.

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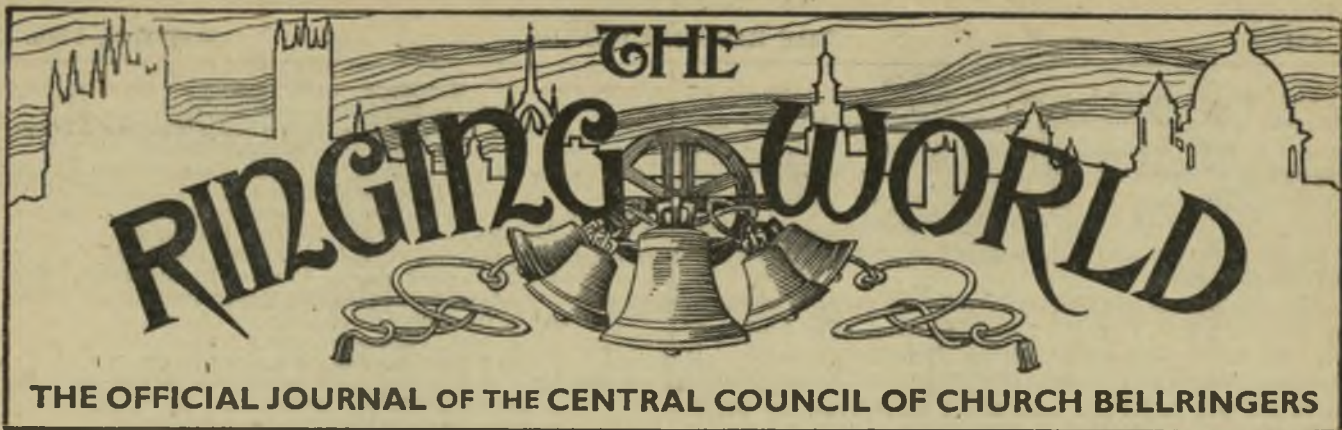
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ARCHÆOLOGY.

For the men who may be numbered among its devotees the archæology of bells is a most fascinating study. It is one of those things which are specially valuable because they offer no other reward than themselves to the man who undertakes them. A study of composition and the theory of change ringing is another of these things, and the history of the Exercise yet another. No one would take the slightest interest in them for what he hoped to get out of them. They are their own reward or else they are nothing. Bell archæology as a study is necessarily for the few and for those men who have a definite temperament and mental equipment. Such men were much commoner in the second half of the last century than they are to-day; and as the result of scholarly, painstaking and thorough work, we have a series of books dealing with the bells in the larger part of the country. Then it rather seemed as if interest in the subject was exhausted. H. B. Walters remained as a somewhat belated survival to finish and publish the work others had begun, but he appeared to be the end of the series. It was not so really. The conditions under which the older men worked had indeed largely gone and the chances of discovering some ancient bell by a rare founder had become very small, but there were still parts of the country where a systematic survey had not yet been made and men of the right sort were still to be found to undertake it. In one case a whole branch of the archæology of the belfry was discovered which had been completely neglected by the earlier men.

The steeples of our village churches contain not only examples of English founders' work of the Middle Ages, but also many examples of the craftsmanship of carpenters, joiners, and smiths, showing how they faced the problems of designing and making a structure which could resist the many and varying strains set up by a ringing peal of bells. Like the bells they held, these frames were gradually disappearing and the evidence they afforded of the work and skill of the old English tradesman would soon have been lost.

Mr. George P. Elphick, of Lewes, made a close study of these bell frames so far as the county of Sussex is concerned, and has made careful drawing of them and of the bell wheels which in some cases they contain. His description of the frames appeared in the pages of 'The Ringing World' as far back as the year 1941; the bell wheels were dealt with in an article last year.

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The subject is of interest to more people than bell-ringers, and the Sussex Archæological Society has now issued a little book of fifty-nine pages containing Mr. Elphick's descriptions and drawings of the Sussex bell frames. This book is likely to be highly valued in the future, for it is the only one which deals authoritatively with the subject and the number of copies printed is necessarily small.

Mr. Elphick is not the only man at present engaged in archæological research; another part—the ninth—of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's 'Church Bells of Berkshire' is now on sale. This brings the survey to Reading, and there are still important bells to be dealt with, but publication is necessarily slow. When the work is finished it will take its place among the best of the county histories of bells. Mr. Sharpe has also in hand a survey of the church bells of Radnorshire and the appearance of the first part may be expected in the near future.

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PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
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KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

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*LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	*GEOERGE LEDSHAM ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 3	*JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

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Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

**BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

<i>Tenor 16 cwt.</i>	
WALTER ALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 5
LESLIE W. BACON ... 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 3	WILLIAM SWAIN ... 7
ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

CALNE, WILTS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. <i>Tenor 26 cwt.</i>	
HERBERT BURRY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK W. HALE ... 5
WILLIAM A. HACKER ... 2	SIDNEY G. GRANT ... 6
*FREDERICK WALKER ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
HARRY S. PARSONS ... 4	WILLIAM HAINES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Triples away from the treble.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

<i>Tenor 17½ cwt.</i>	
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
REGINALD A. REED ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. DARCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. Rung for Mr. George Williams' 89th birthday.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. <i>Tenor 8½ cwt.</i>	
*JAMES W. WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*MISS JUNE H. EAST ... 5
MRS. C. J. HIBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 6
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 4	*FREDERICK J. CARTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

* First peal. In memoriam R. T. Hibbert and W. Hibbert.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

<i>Tenor 12½ cwt.</i>	
*ERIC A. DENCH ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

<i>Tenor 14½ cwt.</i>	
KEN MEDWAY ... <i>Treble</i>	TREVOR HAYWARD ... 4
MISS N. LYE ... 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
G. H. CROSS ... 3	ALBERT HIGHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 720 of St. Clement's, two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. <i>Tenor 13 cwt.</i>	
THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 4
BERT CHILVERS ... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
LESLIE FOSTER ... 3	VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., May 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE 2	JOHN PINFOLD 4
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

OSWY STREET 2	MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 2	JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
MISS JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

IN THE ORANGERY, AT BARTON SEAGRAVE HALL HOTEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. G. BENSON 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 5-6
REV. H. G. BENSON 3-4	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. M. C. MELVILLE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LUCILE HUBBERT 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

JILL POOLE 1-2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 3, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT 7, VERNON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOCELYN B. GARDNER ... 1-2	JAMES FERNLEY 3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5-6	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS BIRD 1-2	RONALD SUCKLING 5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
THOMAS BIRD 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday and attracted a large gathering, over 150 members and friends being present. Service in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Bishop Lasbeey.

The business meeting was held in College Hall, with the Dean, who is president of the association, in the chair. In his report, Mr. J. D. Johnson, the hon. secretary, stated that 47 peals had been rung during the year, two of them on handbells. Fourteen of the tower bell peals were conducted by Mr. G. E. Large. The number ringing their first peal was not so large in proportion as in last year. Among the peals calling for note were Bob toya, at Worcester, with seven 'firsts' of Bob Royal; Pudsey Surprise Major, at Claines, six 'firsts' in the method; Kent Treble Bob Major, at Hinton, one 'first' of Treble Bob and three 'firsts' on eight bells; Bob Royal, at Bromsgrove, eight 'firsts' of Royal; and London Surprise Major, at Dodderhill, four 'firsts' in the method.

Both of the handbell peals were rung at Sedgeberrow—one Kent Treble Bob Major, and the other the first peal of Stedman Triples, rung in hand by the association.

The balance sheet showed that the funds now stand at the record figure of £186 7s. 11d., an increase of some £22 over last year.

The committee recommended that the annual dinner should be again held on the last Saturday in September, and stated that a grant of £5 had been made towards the rehauling of the bells at Elmley Castle. The librarian reported that only one application had been made for books during the year, and members were reminded of the facilities provided for borrowing books. A proposal to form a fourth branch of the association—the Eastern—was discussed, and it was decided to defer the matter for another 12 months.

Worcester was again selected for the next annual meeting, and the arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt, with the hope that it would be rung on the Cathedral bells.

The Dean of Worcester was re-elected president, and the clerical and lay vice-presidents, treasurer and auditors were all re-elected. Messrs. S. T. Holt and J. D. Johnson were re-elected Master and lay secretary, and an invitation was given to the Rev. H. Hartley, of Malvern Link, to accept the office of clerical secretary, vacant by the removal to Blackburn Cathedral of the Rev. A. C. F. Davies. The Rev. F. C. Champion, of Hinton-on-the-Green, was elected to the Central Committee in place of the Rev. J. F. Hastings.

A party of 125 sat down to lunch.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing on the twelve bells at the Cathedral, the tens at All Saints' and Claines, the eight at St. John's, and the six at St. Swithin's.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Warwick on April 27th, and eighty members and friends attended from Allesley, Bedworth, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, Leamington, Meriden, Nuneaton, Stratford, Stoke, Rugby, Wolvey and the local band.

Service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Brooks, and the new service forms were used. Tea at the Warwick Restaurant was followed by the business meeting in the vestry.

The reports of the general hon. secretary and the district secretaries were presented, and the balance sheet (showing a balance in hand of £36 8s. 9d. with £20 in Defence Bonds) was adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the following: President, the Rev. R. T. Murray; vice-presidents, the Rev. O. M. Jones, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, the Rev. F. S. Herbert and Mr. J. H. W. White (formerly Master of the Guild); Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; hon. district secretaries, Mr. H. Summers (Coventry and Rugby), Mr. L. Trevor (Nuneaton) and Mr. D. Stanley (Warwick and Stratford); hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish.

Salford Priors was chosen as the place of the July quarterly meeting, and the new members elected were P. Wright, Nuneaton, and D. Duffin, Brinklow. The election of Miss M. R. Cross, Oxford, was ratified.

A sub-committee was formed, consisting of the president, the Master, the hon. secretary and Mr. F. W. Perrins, to consider applications for assistance from the belfry repair fund.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a meeting at Kingsteinton, Newton Abbot, on May 4th, when visitors came from Sidmouth, Exeter, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Kingskerswell, Paignton, Collaton St. Mary, Dartmouth, Buckfastleigh, Plympton, Plympton and Liskeard. The methods rung included Grandwire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. V. Parker, and Mr. C. R. Walker was at the organ.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman) presided. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Collaton St. Mary on August 10th, with a visit to Berry Pomeroy in the evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. MEETING AT WOOTTON.

At the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Wootton, near Woodstock, on Saturday, May 11th, 37 members and visitors were present from Aston, Cassington, Eynsham, Kidlington, Wootton, Standlake, Northmoor, Witney, Soudern, Oxford, Deddington, Lower Heyford and Chearsley.

Service was conducted by the Vicar of Wootton, and tea was in the Village Hall.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. H. Pickles (Woodstock); vice-chairman, the Rev. G. Bateman (Bampton); secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. C. Farmer (Standlake); representatives on General Committee, Messrs. T. W. Bond, H. Floyd and A. Cornish. The accounts showed a balance of £15 11s. 3d.

Thirteen new members were elected, and five members from Yarn-ton after a lapse of several years were re-elected.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the East Derby and Notts Association, held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday, members were present from Ault, Hucknell, Backwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Silston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Tibshelf and the local tower, with visitors from Sheffield.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. J. Hobbs; vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. Engiand and Mr. H. Dobb; Ringing Master, Miss M. E. B. Hudson; treasurer, Mr. C. Heathcote; secretary, Mr. J. W. Price; G.C. representative, Mr. C. Evans; auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and H. Doughty.

A resolution was passed that at meetings no touch shall exceed 360 changes.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

At a general meeting of the Oxford University Society, held on April 30th, in Somerville College, 30 members were present, the chair being taken by Dr. L. E. Sutton, vice-president.

The report of the previous term's activities showed steady progress by the beginners, although only two peals had been scored, both on handbells.

The following officers were elected: Master, Miss B. Spice; secretaries, Miss F. A. Edgar and Mr. J. V. Lonsbrough; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Bredin.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. MEETING AT FISHLAKE.

At a meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, held at Fishlake on April 27th, 23 members were present. The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Cambridge Surprise and Original Minor.

QUARTER PEALS

LEIGH.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Card 1, G. D. Whitehead 2, R. A. Whitehead 3, D. J. Pankhurst 4, B. W. Pankhurst (conductor) 5, A. Stubbings 6.

CANTERBURY.—On April 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Brett 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, J. W. Unwin 3, S. Walter 4, F. J. Wells 5, F. R. Welier (conductor) 6, R. French 7, B. J. Luck 8.

BYTHORNE, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sage 1, E. T. Ellender 2, C. Turner (conductor) 3, E. J. Walker 4, W. A. Terry 5.

MILLS, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, R. G. Beck 2, E. J. Targett 3, J. Moore 4, E. H. Nash 5, G. H. Harding 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, E. F. Knapton 8.

SOUTH WILLISBOROUGH.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Hereward Bob Minor: Richard J. Lancefield 1, Thomas Cullingworth 2, Frederick G. Huckstepp 3, William A. Oldfield 4, Henry G. Keeley 5, Mark S. Lane-field (conductor) 6.

OTTERSHAW.—On May 4th, 1,290 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 810 Grandsire): D. Sleet 1, W. Goldstone 2, H. J. Chaffey 3, A. Andrews 4, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 5, W. Horn 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cox 1, W. Lee 2, R. Blaby 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. Heywood 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Newman 1, A. Smith 2, A. Rushton 3, A. Davis 4, H. Wood 5, R. Kew-dall 6, I. Goodenough (conductor) 7, J. Wing 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, F. D. Boreham 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, G. R. Goodship 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, C. A. Smith 7, E. Croxford 8.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Philbrick 1, R. G. Bell (conductor) 2, Dr. F. S. Poole 3, H. Timms 4, S. H. Hoare 5, E. J. Charman 6, F. H. Crook 7, A. W. Dix 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, F. W. Burnett 3, C. Philpotts 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. A. Nobes 8.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Representatives of affiliated societies should inquire of
their Secretary or Treasurer as to whether the affiliation
fees for 1946 (due January 1st, 1946) have been paid, in
order that they may be permitted to speak and vote at
the Council Meeting. Eighteen Societies have not yet
forwarded their fees.

Peal Ringing.—Members desirous of attempting peals
during the Whitsun week-end should communicate with
Mr. F. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich,
who has sole charge of the peal arrangements. The
towers available are situated outside the City.

VICTORY RINGING.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council wish
to remind all ringers that on the occasion of the Victory
celebrations on Whit Saturday, June 8th, every care
should be taken to ensure that whatever ringing is ar-
ranged should be of the highest possible standard. The
occasion should not be treated as an additional practice.
Many bands, to ensure this, will be compelled to ring
rounds only. May we therefore ask all expert bands
to unite with them by prefacing any change ringing with
a short period of well-struck rounds.

Mr. George Williams thanks those who sent him congratulations on
his 89th birthday.

The handbell peal of Treble Bob Royal at Coventry in April was
conducted by Mr. F. W. Perrons.

The Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham on May 6th was
Mr. L. C. Wightman's 450th peal.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIFS.

May 14th, 1924. At Whitley Bay, the first peal of Spiced Surprise
Major—Cambridge and Superlative.

May 15th, 1837. At All Saints', Fulham, 12,096 Grandsire Caters.
1894. At All Saints', Loughborough, 8,800 Superlative Surprise
Major, then the longest length in the method.

May 17th, 1735. At St. Lawrence Jewry in the City of London,
5,040 Court Bob Major.

May 18th, 1846. At St. Martin's, Birmingham, Thurstans' four-part
peal of Stedman Triples, rung for the first time.

1883. At Mottram-in-Longdendale, 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The second session of the nineteenth Council (49th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1946, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Norwich (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor) at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15, or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

- Report of the hon. secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.
Apologies for absence.
Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).
1. Election of hon. auditor. (A vacancy occurs by the death of Mr. C. T. Coles.)
 2. Election of honorary members. There are four vacancies.
 3. Loss of members through death.
 4. Minutes of last meeting.
 5. Report of the hon. librarian.
 6. Statement of the General Accounts.
 7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees—Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes.
 8. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peal Analysis.
 - (e) Records.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
 - (h) Peal Boards.
 - (i) Biographies.
 - (k) 'Ringing World.'

MOTIONS.

9. Alteration of Rules.
Notice of motion was given at the last meeting by Mr. C. T. Coles.
Owing to his death no formal motion is before the Council.
10. That in future all publications issued by the Central Council have the compositions in them printed correctly, i.e., with the notation in front of the resulting course end.
Proposed by Charles J. Sedgley.
Seconded by F. Nolan Golden.
11. That for some time past the contents of 'The Ringing World' have not been conducive to the fostering of our art, especially among the younger generation of ringers. In their interest it is suggested that more space be made available for current affairs by the exclusion of irrelevant matter, by setting the leader in smaller type; also the notice of officials of the paper could be condensed or only inserted in alternate weeks.
Proposed by George W. Steere.
Seconded by George H. Cross.
12. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT GREAT BARDFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at Great Bardfield on April 27th, at which members and friends were present from Earls Colne, Braintree, Kelvedon, Feering, Black Notley, Halstead, Springfield, Maldon, Bocking, Dunmow, Finchingfield, Epsom, Chevington, Shimpling, Oxhey, Baldock, Sudbury, Long Melford, Meibourn and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. — Cartright.

At the business meeting, over which the Master (Mr. L. W. Wiffen) presided, Mr. Bailey, of Earls Colne, Mr. Roper, of Finchingfield, and Mr. W. Piper, of Great Bardfield, were elected members, and Kelvedon was selected for the next meeting on June 15th. The proposal to hold the annual meeting at Easter instead of Whitsun was discussed, as well as the suggested W. J. Nevard memorial. Towers were asked to subscribe if they had not already done so. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RETIREMENT OF MR. G. W. CARTMEL.

At the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, held at St. Albans on April 27th, Mr. G. W. Cartmel retired from the office of secretary, which he had held since 1904. In his final report he referred with natural and justified pride to his long association with the society. 'I joined the Cathedral Society,' he said, 'on its formation on January 1st, 1884, and this association on January 5th, 1885, which was formed on October 29th, 1884, so the original members' names of the Cathedral Society appear in the association's first annual report. I was appointed assistant secretary in 1890, and when Mr. Percy Debenham resigned his position as secretary in 1904, I was appointed his successor,' and he spoke of the success and good feeling which had attended his work. 'During my term of office there have been differences of opinion with a few members, but time and patience have always removed any misunderstandings and no friendships have been lost. The society has always stood solidly with me.'

The President (Mr. H. G. Cashmore) said Mr. Cartmel had achieved a record in the office of secretary which would never be touched in the association. 'The time has come when Mr. Cartmel feels he should lay down this work. I feel I should be lacking in my duties as president if I did not offer him our very sincere and grateful thanks. The association, Mr. Cartmel,' he added, 'will not be the same without you at the helm. I hope you will be spared for many years to come to give us your advice and help.'

Mr. G. E. Debenham spoke of Mr. Cartmel as one who had worked hard and faithfully for the association, and on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, who was appointed to fill the vacant office, Mr. Cartmel was made a life member of the association.

In his reply, Mr. Cartmel said that he had been very happy in carrying out the work. 'I took it up as a work for God and His Church.'

The annual report stated that the association had well maintained its strength and usefulness. Many meetings had been held and Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. Twenty-one peals had been rung on tower bells and 15 on handbells. There were nine conductors, and the tower bell peals were rung in 14 different churches.

Miss Sharp and Mr. H. J. Loe were elected hon. life members and the following officers were appointed: President, Mr. A. Lawrence, Hatfield; secretary, Mr. W. Ayre; treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; librarian, Mrs. Fergusson; auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole.

Before the meeting the members attended evensong in the Abbey, where an address was given by the Rev. Guy Beech. Ringing was at the Abbey, St. Peter's and St. Michael's, and tea was at the Water End Barn.

During the meeting a question was asked about the book which some time ago disappeared from the library, but no information could be given. This book was referred to as the 'Tintinnalogia,' but that was a mistake. The missing volume is a copy of Fabian Stedman's 'Campanologia,' published in 1677. We are not sure whether the title page is not missing, but the book can be identified by certain 'London peals by F.S.' and certain 'Cambridge peals by Mr. S.S.,' which are printed towards the end.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT WOLLASTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Wollaston on May 4th, and members were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Mears Ashby, Stanwick, Bozeat, Great Doddington, Earls Barton, Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings, Ecton, Whiston and Wollaston, with visitors from Bedford, Raunds, Biddenham and Warkton.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, and the collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s.

About 70 were present at tea, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, Master, presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough).

One new member, Mr. C. H. Dunkley, Higham Ferrers, was admitted, and Yardley Hastings was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOUTH PETHERTON.

At a meeting of the Ichester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at South Petherton on May 4th, members were present from Yeovil, Martock, South Petherton, Shepton Beauchamp, West Coker, Hardington Mandeville, Drayton, Long Sutton and Burlescombe.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Allan, conducted the service and gave an address. Tea was at the Vicarage, and the president, Preb. G. W. Saunders, presided at the meeting. Of twelve new members elected, ten were from the South Petherton tower. The secretary, Mr. F. Farrant, reported that it was decided at the annual general meeting recently held at Minchhead to raise the annual subscription to 1s. 6d. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Poole, thought the activities of this branch should be given more publicity. Meetings were regularly held and well attended and peals had been rung.

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DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

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A full table of the false leads acting against a Tittum plain course and a Handstroke Home plain course is given below. It was worked out by transposition from the ordinary plain course table of false leads.

TABLE B.

TITTUMS.

23456878	27869453	25394867	26748395	29583746	24637589	28975634
79253864	54267398	68295743	93246587	47289635	85234976	36278459
69253847	94267385	48295736	83246579	37289654	75234968	56278493
69852347	94362785	48792536	83542679	37682964	75932468	56472893
68792543	93542687	47682935	85932476	36472859	79852364	54362798
69752384	94562738	48692573	83942657	37482965	75832496	56372849
46752389	89662734	34692578	78942653	53482967	67832495	95372846
46867329	89365724	34796528	78542623	53684927	67938425	95473826
39524768	74628593	58923647	63427895	97825436	45326879	86729354
32564798	72689543	52943687	62487935	92835476	42376859	82759364
32549687	72684935	52938476	62473859	92857364	42365798	82796543
32645798	72986543	52139687	62874935	9258476	42763859	82597364
52647398	62985743	92436587	42879635	82354976	32768459	72593864

HANDSTROKE HOME.

23456879	27968453	25384967	26749385	28593746	24637598	29875634
78253964	54267389	69285743	83246597	47298635	95234876	36279458
68253947	84267395	49285736	93246578	37298654	75234869	56279483
68852347	84362795	49782536	93542678	37692854	75832469	56472983
69782543	83542697	47692835	95832476	36472958	78952364	54362789
68752394	84562739	49682573	93842657	37492865	75932486	56372948
46752398	98562734	34682579	79842653	53492967	67932485	85372946
46957328	98365724	34786529	79548623	53694827	67839425	85473926
38524769	74629683	58923647	63427895	97925436	45326978	96728354
32564789	72689543	52843697	62497835	92935476	42376958	92758364
32549697	72694835	52839476	62473958	92957364	42365789	92786543
32645789	72896543	52139697	62974835	92359476	42763958	92587364
52647389	62895743	82436597	42978635	92354876	32769458	72583964

The first table shows the seven leads of a Tittum plain course, giving every position into which 789 are thrown throughout the course. Under each lead are the leads false against that lead. Careful examination of this table will reveal that nowhere among the false leads does any Tittum position of 789 occur. Here is final proof of the fact referred to before; a block of Tittum rows is true in itself if all the leads of the treble are true.

The second table does the same thing for the Handstroke Home position. Examination of the table will establish the same rule as applies to the Tittum position: a block of Handstroke Home rows is true in itself if all the leads of the treble are true.

Comparison of one table with another, however, immediately reveals dangers. Tittum positions of 789 appear in the Handstroke Home Table, and Handstroke Home positions of 789 appear in the Tittum table.

For instance, the Tittum row 54267389 will be found in the column under the lead 27968453, and the Handstroke Home row 48295736 occurs among the false leads under the column headed 25394867. Two Tittum positions of 789 are free from false leads. These are 00708090 and 08970000; likewise two positions of 789 in the Handstroke Home, 00709080 and 09870000, are the only ones free from false leads.

A full examination and tabulation of the positions will lead to the following table of Tittum rows false against

Handstroke Home rows and Handstroke Home rows false against Tittum rows.

TABLE C.

Tittum Row.	False against H. Home row.
45326978	24637598
67839425	24637598
53492867	28593746
53694827	28593746
69285743	25384967
49285736	25384967
52647389	23456879
54267389	27968453

TABLE D.

H. Home row.	False against Tittum row.
45326879	24637589
67938425	24637589
53482967	29583746
53684927	29583746
68295743	25394867
48295736	25394867
52647398	23456978
54267398	27869453

In proving a block of rows in the Tittums, therefore, take each position of 789 (except 00708090 and 08970000), transpose it by its false leads and so obtain the Handstroke Home row that produces the repetition. This Handstroke Home row must never occur. For instance, it can be seen from the above table that if 45326978 is used then the Handstroke Home row 24637598 must never be used. Similarly, 42356978 has a false row, 54637298, which must never occur if 42356978 is used. This false row was obtained by treating 42356978 just as 45326978 was treated.

So every row of the Tittums (except the two types that are free from false leads) must have its false leads worked out, and the utmost care must be taken that these false leads are not used in the Handstroke Home portion of the touch or peal.

In the tables given above it should be noted that three of the positions of 789 have two false leads each, and that in these cases two transpositions will have to be made. Take the 00007089 position, for example. 52647389 has a false lead 23456879, and 54267389 has a false lead 27968453. Any lead in the 00007089 position, then, must be transposed twice, once in the way that 23456879 is produced from 52647389, and once in the way that 27968453 is produced from 54267389.

If a block of Tittum rows has been proved against the Handstroke Home rows it may be stated that the Tittum portion has no rows that appear in the Handstroke Home block. It is therefore unnecessary to check the Handstroke Home rows against the Tittum block. Such a proceeding, nevertheless, provides a very valuable check on the work already done, and may be the means of revealing some unseen slip in the proof.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, which took place at Leeds on May 4th in glorious weather, was attended by considerably more than 100 members and friends. Service, with the choir in attendance, was in the Parish Church. Almost 90 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting the chair was taken by Canon C. C. Marshall, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris; the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. P. Palmer; the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton; and Messrs. A. H. Fox, D. Smith and P. J. Johnson, vice-presidents.

Presenting the annual report, Canon Marshall said that membership had been maintained and there had been a nett gain of 84 during the year. One hundred and six new members had joined, nine had lapsed and 13 had passed away. The number of unpaid subscriptions was, as last year, almost negligible. Reports from the districts showed that progress had been maintained except in the Northern District, where towers were widely separated and transport facilities difficult. The committee hoped to revive interest in this district, and called for the help of all members resident there.

The peal secretaries' report showed that 90 peals had been rung on tower bells and one on handbells during the year: 35 members had rung their first peal. October 30th was the association's 70th birthday, and eight members of the General Committee rang at Ilkley on the following Saturday a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. The balance sheet showed a gain of £23 10s. 9d. for the year, and that the total funds of the association now stood at £417 9s. 4d.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripon on September 21st. Mr. S. F. Palmer was re-elected hon. treasurer for three years.

Mr. W. Barton was re-elected peal secretary, and to mark appreciation of the service he had rendered during the 25 years he had held the office, and especially for his work in proving the compositions of all the peals rung by the association since its foundation in 1875, the members presented him with a portable typewriter. Mrs. Barton was presented with a handbag.

It was decided 'that the names of hon. members who were elected under special war-time rule be deleted from the lists after the current report, but in the event of subsequently rejoining the association as ringing members, they be credited with any peals rung during their previous membership,' and 'that the association shall pay third class railway fares and expenses up to £2 per head in respect of its delegates attending Central Council meetings.'

The following new members were elected: D. Marshall, of Queensbury; W. Whittaker, of Kildwick, and W. H. Barker, of Scarborough; and as out-county members, Miss Eileen H. Bastow, of Moorside, Oldham, and J. Hodson, of Lincoln.

A suggestion by Mr. H. Lofthouse that the peal by officers rung at Ilkley to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the association should be recorded by a tablet in the belfry erected at the cost of the association was referred to the general committee for consideration.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 27th. Service in St. Mary Magdalene Church was conducted by the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell, Dean of Lincoln and president of the Guild. Tea was in St. Giles' Parish Hall and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Dean presided.

The officers were re-elected, namely: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Stokes. Mr. John Freeman was nominated to act as the Guild's representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee in the place of Mr. Richardson, who expressed a wish to resign in favour of a younger man. The Guild report for the years 1940 to 1945 inclusive was presented. It records 88 peals rung (including 36 on handbells) and a 'roll of honour' containing the names of six members of the Guild who lost their lives in the war. At the invitation of the president, the members stood in silence in memory of these and of other members of the Guild who had passed away during the war years.

During the evening there was ringing at the Cathedral, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT FELTHAM.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, held on April 27th at Feltham, was attended by about 20 members and friends from Bishopsgate, Ealing (St. Stephen's), Feltham, Gospel Oak, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Osterley, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Twickenham and Walton-on-Thames.

The methods rung included Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative and London Surprise Major.

A discussion took place regarding the holding of meetings at towers where difficulties had been encountered in the past.

It was stated that owing to the efforts of Mr. A. R. Price, Feltham bells are shortly to be renovated. Mr. Price also announced his intention of holding regular instructional classes at Feltham in the near future, with especial attention to improvement in striking and handling of ropes.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

At the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, held at Leicester on May 4th, 230 ringers and friends were present from no less than 43 towers in the diocese, with visitors from Cheltenham, Taunton, Rugby, Lincoln and Ockbrook.

All the bells in the city—two peals of twelve, one ten, two eights and one six—were rung during the afternoon.

Service in the Cathedral was conducted by Canon H. Winter and was well attended.

Arrangements for tea at Lancaster Hall were made by Mrs. H. J. Poole, assisted by ringers' wives and friends.

In his address, Mr. H. J. Poole, the president, said he was very proud of the success which had been achieved in so short a time. Five hundred and seventy-five members of the Midland Counties Association resident in the diocese had become members of the new Guild, and 111 ringers, who were not members of the Midland Counties Association, had joined since January 1st. Six districts had been formed and each had had its monthly meeting with an average attendance of 46. Meetings had been held in outlying districts, which it would have been impossible under the old system to visit. One of the results was that the Guild had members in 20 towers which formerly were not represented in the M.C.A. This success had not been achieved without a great effort, and he paid tribute to the hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Perkins, who had shown unbounded enthusiasm. Thanks were also due to Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, for his efforts, and to the district officials, particularly the district secretaries. It was quite easy to form new districts, but it would be of no use without people able and so willing to carry on the work. The president thanked the ringers for the support they had given to the new venture and said that the meeting—the largest ever held in Leicester—provided ample proof of the justification of forming a separate guild for the diocese.

The election of general officers at the foundation meeting was confirmed: President, Mr. Harold J. Poole; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Perkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; vice-president and peal secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris.

New rules—based mainly on the old M.C.A. rules with necessary amendments—were adopted.

Messrs. H. J. Poole, A. Ballard, J. P. Fidler and A. E. Rowley were elected to serve on the Central Council.

The elections of 111 new members at the district meetings were confirmed, and, in addition, 15 new members were elected.

It was agreed that a special copy of 'The Ringing World' should be purchased each week for the Guild with a view to having it bound for record purposes.

Mr. E. Morris reported that he had not completed enquiries respecting the suggested badges and certificates, and the matter was deferred pending a further report from him.

The following resolutions were passed and are of interest to many ringers outside the Leicester Diocese:—

'That all members of the Midland Counties Association not resident in the Leicester Diocese and not in arrears with subscriptions on December 31st, 1945, become life members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild by automatic transfer.'

'That non-resident life members of the Midland Counties Association on December 31st, 1945, may become life members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild without payment upon application to the hon. general secretary' (Mr. H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester).

A social evening was spent at Lancaster Hall. Comedy was provided by P. C. Paul Wightman, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson, Sidney Harrison and others provided tune ringing on handbells, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on handbells by Jill Poole, Wilfred Williams, Harold J. Poole and Alfred Ballard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SYDLING.**

A meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Sydling on May 4th, at which there were over 40 members present from Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Dorchester, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Stratton, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, as well as a number of visitors from the Wimborne area. The service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the address was given by the Rev. J. Wynn Werninck, of Sydling. Tea was in the Parish Hall, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. Werninck was congratulated on his recent recovery from a serious illness at the great age of 93, and satisfaction was expressed that it had been possible for him to give the address that day.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Forty-two ringers were present at the annual meeting of the Scottish Association, held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on April 27th. Six were present of the 23 members who had served with H.M. Forces. The service was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. I. St. Clair Ramsey, and tea was in the Halls.

It was decided to hold four meetings yearly instead of two as at present. Mr. W. H. Pickett was re-elected Ringing Master and Sgt. C. R. Raine hon. secretary, with Mr. E. A. Stafford deputy hon. secretary.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Hornchurch, May 18th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch and Lincoln District. — Horncastle, Saturday, May 18th (not May 11th), 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD. — London District. — Meeting, Dagenham, May 18th, 3 p.m. Will members make special effort to attend? Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Epping (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Norton Malton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells recently augmented to 8.—Edward Hudson.

SUSSEX ASSN.—W. Division.—Practice, Walberton (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Hawkhurst, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Election of officers.—J. G. Powell, 18, Wellington Cottages, Hawkhurst, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual, Salisbury, Saturday, May 18th. Business in British Legion Hall 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea (1s.) in Hall 4.45. Four city towers and bells of surrounding villages available.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Branch. — Sherbourne (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Refreshments and business in Schoolroom.—D. Stanley.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland District.—Annual, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, May 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. E. W. Vessey, 13, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual, Faringdon (8), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry District. — Kenilworth, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — H. G. Summers.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton (6), May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at the cafe 5 p.m. — R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

OXFORD GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch. — Annual, Burford, Saturday, May 18th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Ashover (8), May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.) for those who send names to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by May 14th.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Ruislip, Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

ALWINGTON, NORTH DEVON. — Dedication of bells after restoration, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Tea at King's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. East Sutton (6), 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to F. S. Macey, Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, by May 23rd. From Maidstone, bus service No. 12 to Sutton Valence. Chart Sutton Church $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from bus stop.—C. H. Sone.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Branch.—Northrepps (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Cromer (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st. — H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Brentwood (8), May 25th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band attends solely to help any who want progress, from rounds up. Only ringing. Tea shops handy. Come and ask. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 4.45 p.m. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—Saturday, May 25th. Dedication of new bell to make a light ring of 8, 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Ringing in evening. Names for tea to D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, by May 21st.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Newdigate, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Village Club. Names to Mr. E. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, by May 21st.

BRISTOL RURAL. — Mangotsfield (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by May 20th to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Turvey (8), May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Little Houghton, Saturday, May 25th. Usual arrangements.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Stoke Albany (6), Saturday, May 25th. Tea, if names are sent to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual, Tilehurst (8), Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting 5 p.m. Names by May 22nd. — E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Otley, Leeds, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Business in tower.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Eastern Division. — Practice, Ticehurst, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Duke of York 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. H. Pattenden May 22nd.—John Downing.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Hugglescote, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Myatt, 1, Beveridge St., Barrow-on-Soar.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham and Stoke Golding, May 25th, 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Business and cups of tea at Higham 5 p.m. Bring food.—W. A. Wood.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Tudor Cafe, 4.30. Business in Church House 5.45 p.m. Notify Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, by May 22nd. St. James' bells 2 to 4 p.m. Waltham during evening.—J. Bray.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries. — Gosberton (6), May 25th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.15. Names by May 21st.—Wm. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Lancaster Branch. — St. Margaret's, Hornby, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify Mrs. Leary, Royal Oak Hotel, Hornby, near Lancaster.—H. Parkinson.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pemberton Arms.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tickhill (8), May 25th, 2.30 p.m.—W. E. Critchley, 61, Church Road, Stainforth, near Doncaster.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Humberstone (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by May 22nd to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Horton, Saturday, May 25th, 3.32 p.m. Names for tea by May 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice, Stoke-by-Clare (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea only. Probably Clare (8) in evening.—A. Fitton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Preston and Blackburn Branches.—Whittle-je-Woods, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rigby, C. Blakey.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division. — Widford (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st to G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesden, Herts.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Darley Dale (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Warburton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Gloucester Branch.—Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Card for tea by May 23rd to W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Wirksworth (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Berrow (6), Saturday, May 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Pool Farm, Sandford, Bristol.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Bingham (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m. Meat tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by May 27th. — T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Staveley (8), June 1st, 3 p.m. Cards to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by May 30th, for tea at Hodson's Cafe. — H. O. Chaddock.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual, Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 1st, 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks.

KENT ASSN. — Tonbridge District.—Benenden, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 c'clock. Names to Mr. A. Stevenson, 2, Corner Cottages, Benenden, by Wednesday, May 29th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. members attending.—T. Saunders.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Annual, Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Squirrel and King's Head 4.20. Business, Old Grammar School, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8) 11.30 a.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members notifying Mr. H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop, before June 6th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Northampton, Whit Monday. Committee 2.45 in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.30. Tea by ticket only. Names to Guild secretary by June 1st. Bells, 11 to 1, St. Edmund's and All Saints'; 1 to 3, St. Giles' and St. Peter's; 2 to 3.30, Holy Sepulchre; after the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 10th. Details next week.—L. J. Clark.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY. — Annual Shield Contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, June 15th. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

KENT ASSN.—The Victory Meeting at Canterbury is now expected to be held on June 22nd (not in July as originally arranged). Definite plans later.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Ringing Day, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. (12 bells). Book date. — Leonard E. Pitstow.

DEATH

DERRICK. — Fanny, née Boon, beloved wife of Leonard, passed away May 9th at Nailsea. Interred at Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea.

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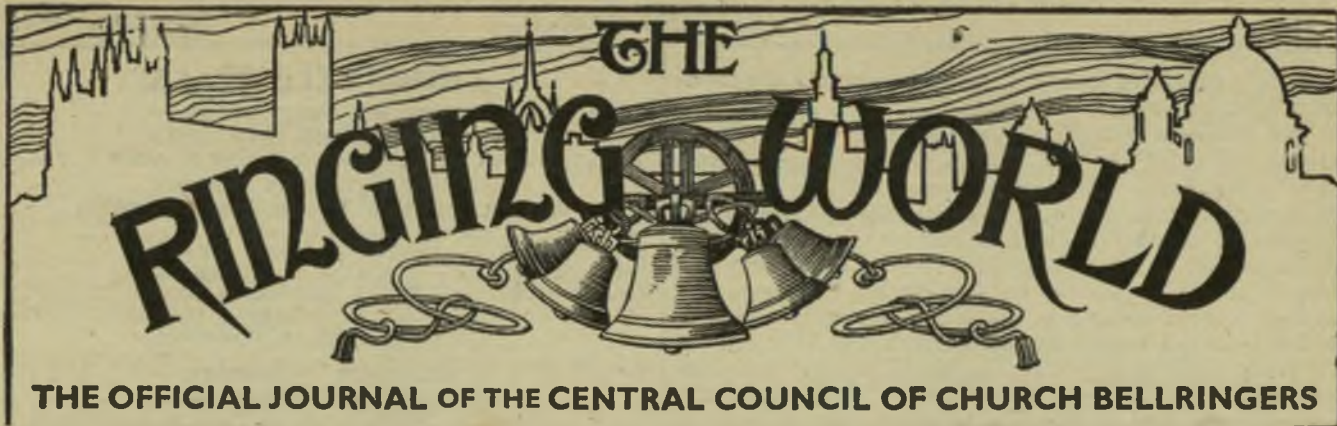
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COURSING ORDER.

Among the terms used by change ringers, whether in the belfry or when discussing composition and the science of ringing, not many are more familiar than coursing order. The thing forced itself on the notice of men almost from the beginning and the recognition of its existence played a part in the development of the art; but since it is the habit of men (and ringers among them) to take fundamental things for granted, it is remarkable how little was really known until comparatively recent years about what coursing order is and its importance to the practical ringer, the conductor, and the composer. The 'Glossary,' which reflects the opinions of the cleverest and most skilful men of half a century ago, tells us that 'coursing order is the order in which the bells successively come down to lead or course each other'—a definition, which, without being seriously and actually inaccurate, shows that men at the time knew little about the matter. It is within our recollection and experience that one of the points which most engaged the attention of the Methods Committee was to find a definition which would fully and accurately cover the thing. To-day much more is known, but still the man and especially the young intelligent man, who likes to use his brains, will find it both interesting and profitable to think out for himself what coursing order really is and how it dominates the whole of the art and science of change ringing. Interest in the science of ringing is not confined to the production of new peals or the solving of problems in composition.

Coursing order is the order in which the bells follow each other when all are plain hunting, and in the strict meaning of the term there cannot be any common coursing order unless all the bells are all plain hunting. This happens only in Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, and Grandsire; but, since all methods now practised have what are called Bob Major Lead Ends, it is convenient to treat the coursing order at the lead ends as the 'natural' coursing order of the whole course, and to note the deviations from it in the interior of the leads (Stedman in this, as in many other things, is an exception). When this is done (and it is not very difficult once it is put into practice) the conductor has a full knowledge of the relative positions of all the bells throughout the ringing. He need not rely, as formerly he used to, on checking certain changes which turned up

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at widely separated intervals, to know whether the touch or peal was being rung correctly.

This style of conducting was introduced and developed among the early handbell ringers at Cambridge University, although the rudiments of it are explained in Jasper Snowdon's 'Rope Sight.' It has added greatly to the interest of conducting, and is one of the most notable developments in the technique of ringing during the last half century. It should be studied by everyone who aspires to be a conductor, but it has one serious danger which must not be overlooked. It can make the ringing of false peals easy to a thoroughly honest and conscientious band. Let us suppose (what frequently occurs, especially in handbell ringing) that a band is ringing a peal in which all is going well. The very excellence of the striking and the rhythm of the music has lulled the men into that state where action is largely subconscious. Then something unexpected happens, and for a moment everyone, including the conductor, is at a loss. But he knows the coursing order, and, seeing one bell is leading, immediately sends the other bells down after it in their proper order. A smart and excellent piece of conducting. Yes; but it all depends on whether the bell which was leading, or which the conductor thought was leading, should actually have been leading. But of that nobody could be sure. The old bob-caller who called his bobs at what he thought were the proper places, and hoped that rounds would turn up at the end of the peal, was not a very attractive person, but he did not by his cleverness, either consciously or unconsciously, lend himself to the ringing of doubtful peals.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 83, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 5-6
RONALD SUCKLING 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 13, 1946, in Two Hours,

AT 15, PRIORY ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS MARY ELKINS 1-2	ALAN J. BROWN 3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5-6	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 14, 1946, in One Hour and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 76, DIMSDALE VIEW, PORTHILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEO. W. BIDDULPH 1-2	ANDREW THOMPSON 3-4
R. S. ANDERSON 5-6	

Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATEGORIES, 5053 CHANGES;

JILL POOLE 1-2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
*BURLY MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First handbell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER...Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2	C. ALFRED LEVETT 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JOHN T. FOWLER 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*NOEL J. DISERENS ...Treble	NEIL I. ALLNATT 5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
*JAMES HIGGINS 3	ALBERT DISERENS 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*ERNEST J. PADGETT ...Treble	*LUCY MOTTISHAW 5
*LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 2	LESLIE WOODHEAD 6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY 7
*ERNEST SHORT 4	*HERBERT COOPER Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
JOHN H. BAILESS ...Treble	CECIL E. CARR 5
J. EDWARD CLOUGH ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
*CHARLES E. TURNER ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
†FRANK BAILESS 4	ALFRED JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples inside.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER SPARROW ...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... .. 6
TONY PRICE 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
HENRY HODGETTS 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*LESLIE W. FISHER ...Treble	*REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2	GEORGE E. CRISP 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	MANFIELD GINN 7
ERIC NOBLES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in the method.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY F. HOLDING ... Treble	*GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	*RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 6
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. CASTLE ... Treble	THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	HUBERT SUMMERS ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
LT. FREDK. H. CRAWLEY ... 4	WILLIAM LOWNDES ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DAVID ADAMS ... Treble	GEORGE S. LEE ... 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2	T. COLIN RYDER ... 6
JACK BROTHWELL ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by N. CHADDOCK. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALLEN MORGAN ... Treble	*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 2	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

BETTY SPICE ... Treble	RICHARD A. POST ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
ALAN R. PINK ... 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ... Treble	*TREVOR NEWBURY ... 5
C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 2	RALPH HARRIS ... 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	*DONALD C. PRICE ... 6
*LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	ALICK CUTLER ... 7
*ALAN WHITE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Three Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Mrs. O. L. ROGERS ... Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 5
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	RONALD C. NOON ... 6
*HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
FRANCIS A. EDGAR ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
*PHILIP WALKER ... 3	†WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. PORTER.

* First peal. † 100th peal and first as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES F. BAILEY ... Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. SEAGAR, JUN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK G. BARRON Treble	ALFRED MEARS ... 5
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... 6
†CHARLES W. PHILPOTTS ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ROBERT W. R. PERCY... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. DOWNING ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ... 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 3	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 7
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Major.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

THOMAS E. SONE ... <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*PERCY PAGE ... 3	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*HARRY L. MARTIN ... <i>Treble</i>	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
*STANLEY E. DARMON ... 2	MANSFIELD GINN ... 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal in the method.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

EILEEN H. BASTOW ... <i>Treble</i>	W. W. WOLSENCROFT ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
STEPHEN LI. PARRY ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
JOHN HOLDSWORTH ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERIC WILLOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	R. THOMAS VESSEY ... 4
PERCY HOLMES ... 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
JOHN C. VESSEY ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

NEWTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BOYCE ... 4
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	TREVOR RODERICK ... 5
ARTHUR HOARE ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

BIRKENHEAD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK VARTY ... 4
ERIO GILBERT ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Court, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARJORIE WATSON ... <i>Treble</i>	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
*RALPH CHAPMAN ... 2	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal 'inside.'

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Woodbine, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS DORIS E. COLGATE <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 4
ROBERT COLLINS ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
WILLIAM G. COOK ... 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEOFFREY GAYTON ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC NOBIES ... 4
WILLIAMS R. HAMMONS ... 2	GEORGE CARE ... 5
PHILIP JONES ... 3	RONALD C. NOON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. C. NOON.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM YATES ... 4
*G. L. GLYDE ... 2	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 5
MRS. C. W. H. POWELL ... 3	HENRY G. KEELEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JACK WORRALL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM POWELL ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	LESLIE BAINHAM ... 5
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 3	ROBERT SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Munden, Alhwick, Newcastle, Lightfoot and Wearmouth. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 4
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 2	WALTER SPARROW ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*TREVOR A. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDK. G. SOUTHGATE ... 4
*BASIL A EDWARDS ... 2	† P. O. WM. E. COURT ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

RAIN AND PEAL RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The action of damp or dry weather and atmosphere on timber frames must inevitably 'slacken' them in dry weather. I have hoped for a really wet spell of weather to set in when I have rung at a well-known tower in the Midlands years ago, and I much prefer to visit some towers in the winter than in the summer, simply because a damp atmosphere has the effect of taking rubber elastic feeling out of the ropes. The pull on the rope is immediately transferred, via the rope, to the wheel, and not partially wasted in the stretching of the rope, leaving only a fraction of the pull reaching the wheel.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

Waynes Park.

Dear Sir,—I am astounded at the words of wisdom emanating from Guildford. It is news to me to know rain consolidates a tower and that a fire engine played upon a tower makes the bells go better. It would be an interesting question for the Brains Trust, 'How does water consolidate a stone structure?'

Our experience in Devonshire is that damp weather contracts and shortens the ropes and dry weather expands and lengthens them, and it would be a useful enquiry to connect enjoyable ringing and the 'go' of the bells with the condition of the ropes.

I would rather have the straight tight rope of damp weather than the long snaky coiling rope of dry weather threatening to noose you round the neck every moment.

I would suggest the fire engine on the ropes before trying it on the tower.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield, Tiverton.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**MEETING AT STAFFORD.**

A meeting of—the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at St. Mary's, Stafford, on April 27th, at which about eighty were present. A variety of methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung. Service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Stafford, and tea was in the schoolroom.

Subject to the approval of the Cathedral authorities, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, July 6th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Chippenham and Swindon branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham on May 11th and sixty ringers attended. Ringing took place at St. Paul's and St. Andrew's in the standard methods and Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**MEETING AT CULLOMPTON.**

Nearly 60 members and friends attended a meeting of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers at Cullompton on April 27th.

Service was followed by tea in the Church Hall. The Rev. J. M. Turner presided. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Cruwys Morchard (six bells) on July 13th. Six new members were elected. Grandsire and Stedman were rung on tower bells, and tunes and changes on handbells by the Rev. J. M. Turner, Preb. Cox, C. G. Dymond (hon. secretary), A. Selley (Ringing Master), H. Pook, E. Better and A. W. Searle.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY HILL.

The death is announced of Mr. Harry Hill, who for 30 years had been a member of the band at Duffield. He had taken part in eleven peals. The interment at Duffield Cemetery on May 10th was attended by several of the Duffield ringers, with Mr. J. Pagett, of the Derby Cathedral and others.

In the evening at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled by F. B. Stone 1, S. Dawson 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, H. Letts 4, F. W. Stone 5, G. Tandy 6, G. Warrington (conductor) 7, W. Webster 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SILK WILLOUGHBY.**

About 70 members and friends of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild were present at a meeting at Silk Willoughby on May 4th. Service was conducted by the Vicar of Aunby, and the business meeting was presided over by Mr. Rupert Richardson. Ten members of the local band were elected to the Guild. The methods rung included rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and London and Wells Surprise Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT MARHAM.**

A meeting of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Marham on May 4th, at which ringers and friends attended from Downham Market, Elm, Gaywood, Hilgay, Leverington, Shouldham, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Walpole St. Andrew and the local belfry. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, who also presided at the business meeting after tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Walpole St. Andrew on Whit Monday. The methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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published.

The peal of Bob Major at West Wycombe on May 11th was rung
on the 83rd birthday of the ringer of the second, Mr. J. W. Wilkins.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Heptonstall on April 27th was rung
for the Lancashire Association, not the Yorkshire Association.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Representatives of affiliated societies should inquire of
their Secretary or Treasurer as to whether the affiliation
fees for 1946 (due January 1st, 1946) have been paid, in
order that they may be permitted to speak and vote at
the Council Meeting. Eighteen Societies have not yet
forwarded their fees.

Peal Ringing.—Members desirous of attempting peals
during the Whitsun week-end should communicate with
Mr. F. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich,
who has sole charge of the peal arrangements. The
towers available are situated outside the City.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

WHIT SUNDAY, JUNE 9th.

Ringling.—St. Peter Mancroft (12), 9.9.30 a.m., 10.15-11 a.m., 5.30-
6.45 p.m. St. Giles' (8), St. Michael Coslany (8) and St. John de
Sepulchre (8), 9.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m.

To ensure ringling at all churches in the morning, will members
meet at St. Peter Mancroft not later than 9.30 a.m.?

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher will be pleased to see any members
and friends who are able to visit them at the White House, Caister-
on-Sea, on Sunday afternoon. To help tea arrangements, please send
a postcard beforehand.

MONDAY, JUNE 10th.

A room at the Cricketers Arms, Orford Place, has been reserved for
members throughout the day from 9 a.m. and all notices of arrange-
ments will be posted here.

A morning tour of some of the interesting parts of the city has
been arranged. Meet at Cricketers Arms 10 a.m. The towers of St.
Giles' and St. Michael's will be available from 11 to 12.30. A special
tour of the Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Meet at west door.

Standing Committee meeting 6.30 in St. Peter Mancroft vestry.
Ringling at all four churches as above 6.30-8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11th.

Special celebration Holy Communion St. George's, Colegate, 8 a.m.
Standing Committee meeting 10 a.m. in City Hall.

Council meeting 11 a.m. sharp. Members are asked to sign the roll
and be in their places by 10.50.

Reception by the Lord Mayor and Lord Bishop of Norwich.
The Norwich Diocesan Association invite all members to tea at
Davey Place Restaurant at 5.30.

All city bells again available from 6.30-8 p.m.
Owing to extreme shortage of available rooms, no arrangements are
yet possible for a central meeting place.

Members would assist by sending a postcard to White House, Caister,
giving date of their arrival and hotel address in Norwich.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

MINUTES of the first session of the nineteenth Council (48th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Birmingham (substituted for London owing to difficulties arising out of the war), on Whitsun Tuesday, May 23rd, 1945.

The members were welcomed to Birmingham by the Rt. Worshipful Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman T. Wiggins Davies, J.P., supported by the Ven. H. McGowan, Archdeacon of Aston, and Councillor A. Paddon Smith.

The President thanked the Lord Mayor for his welcome and the use of the Council Chamber. The Archdeacon of Aston opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT:—

- Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck.
- Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke.
- Cambridge University Guild.—Rev. B. F. Sheppard.
- Devon Guild.—Mr. W. G. Wakley, Mr. F. C. Smales.
- Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.
- Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. H. Barber.
- East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Mr. O. W. Metcalf.
- Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. F. Warrington.
- Essex Association.—Miss H. G. Snowden.
- Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kyneston.
- Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden.
- Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. H. Pulling.
- Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore.
- Kent County Association.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.
- Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
- Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.
- Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Mr. R. Richardson.
- Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones.
- Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher.
- Midland Counties Association.—Mr. H. J. Poole.
- Norwich Diocesan Association.—Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
- North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. A. Thompson.
- Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. R. A. Post.
- Oxford University Society.—Mr. J. E. Spice.
- Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.
- St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
- Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. F. W. Romaine.
- Mr. W. C. West.
- Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. W. Steere.
- Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.
- Surrey Association.—Mr. D. Cooper.
- Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dalloway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.
- Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.
- Warwickshire Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
- Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. Pullinger.
- Worcester and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.
- Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.
- Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.
- Honorary Members.—Mr. O. Dean, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. F. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. Walker, Mr. E. A. Young.

SUMMARY.

	Members	
	Associations.	Present. Absent.
Wholly represented	11	22
Partially represented	25	44
Not represented	12	—
	48	66
Hon. Members	15	11
		77

With the Lord Mayor in the Chair.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

The Hon. Secretary reported that with three exceptions all Societies affiliated in 1939 had remained loyal to the Council and had paid their affiliation fees for all the war years. Of these three Associations the Council agreed to allow the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to reaffiliate on the payment of one year's fee only, and later in the meeting urged them to fall into line with the other Associations by paying all fees for the war years. (This has now been accepted by them and all fees paid.)

Affiliation was also granted to the Universities Association.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Canon O. C. Marshall, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Messrs. Baxter, Cross, Debenham, Dedman, Duffield, Dukes, Evans, Fenn, Gilbert, Golden, Goodwin, Groombridge, Mitchell, Parker, Rogers, Sedgeley, Sharman, Stutch, Taffender, Taffender, Williams and Wilson. The sudden death of Mr. W. Saunders was reported by the Shropshire Association.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11 the following new members were introduced to the President:—

- Mr. B. C. Ashford, Worcester; Sergt. E. A. Barnett, Kent; Mr. E. G. Blackman, Sussex; Miss M. Cross, Universities; Mr. G. E. Feirn, Lincoln; Mr. J. A. Freeman, Lincoln; Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Peterborough; Mr. C. W. Metcalf, East Derbyshire; Mr. H. J. Poole, Midland; Mr. F. Sharpe, Honorary; Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Honorary; Miss H. G. Snowden, Essex; Mr. J. E. Spice, Oxford University; Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Norwich; Mr. G. S. Valentine, Peterborough; Mr. W. C. Wakley, Devon; Mr. C. Wallater, Stafford; Mr. W. C. West,

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected on the proposal of Councillor A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The President in the Chair.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

On the President's motion, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected.

ELECTION OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

Capt. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected on the proposal of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS.

Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes were re-elected on the motion of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO H.M. THE KING.

It was unanimously agreed that a loyal address be sent to H.M. the King in the following terms:—

'The members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled at Birmingham humbly desire to offer to your Majesty their loyal felicitations on the victorious conclusion of hostilities in Europe. The ringers of Britain have just cause to be proud of the part that they have been permitted to play in the celebration of the great victory achieved, and it is their earnest prayer that within a short time it may be their privilege to proclaim with the music of the bells the conquest of the last enemy remaining and the complete restoration of peace and liberty to every part of your Majesty's Dominions.—Edwin H. Lewis, president.'

His Majesty through the Private Secretary was pleased to reply:—

'Please convey His Majesty's sincere thanks to all those associated with you in your loyal message on the victorious conclusion of the war against Germany.—Private Secretary.'

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following retiring members were re-elected on the proposal of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson:—

- The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton, Messrs. C. Dean, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker and E. A. Young.

Miss L. K. Bowling was elected on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

A silent tribute to the memory of the following 41 past members was paid by all members standing:—

- E. F. Poppy, J. H. Cheeseman, C. F. Winney, H. Barton, O. H. Howard, W. A. Cave, W. D. Smith, G. B. Lucas, Archdeacon Parry, S. H. Wood, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J. Hunt, W. Willson, G. Lindoff, T. J. Elton, W. Bibby, G. Dent, G. Popnell, J. S. Goldsmith, S. H. Hillier, C. Mee, W. J. Nevard, O. H. Jennings, T. B. Worsley, J. H. Swinfield, F. E. Dawe, T. Redman, J. Shepherd, W. E. Wilson, J. R. Taylor, Rev. W. P. Wright, C. R. Lilley, W. J. Jeffries, R. T. Woodley, A. Hardy, J. P. Hyett, J. Austin, A. L. Coleman, W. Story, G. R. Pye, W. Saunders.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' on May 12th, 1944, pages 199-200, were approved on the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The report covering the period from 1939 was presented by Capt. W. H. J. Hooton. He reported the preparation of a card index of the contents of the library.

The Publications Account showed sales of £46 8s. 6d.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Capt. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hazelden.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. S. Powell for his services in acting as librarian during the war years.

On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. Crook, it was decided to print a Library List and Rule Book as soon as practicable.

A vote of thanks to those who had offered or given additions to the library was carried on the President's motion.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The audited accounts, presented by the Hon. Treasurer, showed a final balance of £258 11s. 4d. in hand. The expenses included the (Continued on next page.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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payment of £200 for the purchase of the goodwill of 'The Ringing World,' offset by £143 ls. 3d. sale of investments.

The Hon. Treasurer reported the receipt of £20 from a well-known ringer to meet any expenses that may arise in connection with his library of ringing books bequeathed to the Council.

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported on the audit and the accounts were adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

A verbal report by Mr. E. A. Young was accepted and it was agreed that Mr. Sharman continue to be demonstrator of the machine.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The committee reported at length on matters that had arisen throughout the war years, of the difficulties in holding meetings and of the steps taken to preserve continuity of the Council. A report of the sub-committee appointed to negotiate the purchase of 'The Ringing World' was also submitted.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Mr. A. Walker that the name of the late Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, be inserted in a convenient place in 'The Ringing World,' to indicate that he was the founder of the paper.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. A. Trollope for his services as Editor.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The following retiring members were reappointed on the motion of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, C. F. Johnston, R. Richardson, A. Paddon Smith, E. C. S. Turner and A. Walker. Additional appointments were Mr. W. G. Wilson, proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner; Mr. F. I. Hairs, proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. C. Smale; Mr. J. F. Smallwood, proposed by Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. A. Tomlinson; Mr. P. J. Johnson, proposed by Mr. S. F. Palmer, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

ELECTION OF 'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the following were elected: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

No report was presented by this committee. On the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. H. G. Cashmore were reappointed, with Mr. H. G. Cashmore as convener, proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Power to co-opt additional members was granted.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

No report was presented by this committee. Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. C. S. Turner were reappointed on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, with Mr. J. A. Trollope as convener, proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report and analysis for 1939-43 and a verbal report for 1944 were presented, which was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. O. Dean.

The committee recommended that its work be divided and a new committee to deal with records be appointed. This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

APPOINTMENT OF PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the following were reappointed: Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. W. Ayre, with Mr. Dean as convener, proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDS COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Miss L. K. Bowling were appointed with Mrs. Fletcher as convener.

REPORT OF TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported for the committee, who recommended a donation of £5 ss. to the Noise Abatement League.

The report and recommendation were seconded by Mr. E. A. Young and adopted.

On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, appointments to this committee were Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. F. Sharpe, and it was agreed on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, that Mr. E. H. Lewis be convener.

REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

A verbal report was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, and adopted.

The committee, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. A. Walker were reappointed on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as convener, proposed by Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. P. Crook.

REPORT OF PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

No report was submitted.

On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the committee, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. W. Ayre was reappointed with Mr. Ayre as convener.

REPORT OF BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

A verbal report, presented by Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, was adopted, and it was agreed that the committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. A. C. Hazelden be reappointed with Mr. A. C. Hazelden as convener.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Norwich, on the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

NOTICE OF ALTERATION TO RULES.

Notice of proposed alterations to rules was given by Mr. C. T. Coles with reference to (a) non-resident life members of associations being taken into account in determining representation; (b) associations' affiliation fees remaining unaltered during the triennial period; (c) to permit the election of representative members to honorary membership on appointment to office in the Council.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, thanks were accorded to the Rt. Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for civic welcome to the city and the use of the Council Chamber, to the Archdeacon of Aston for his welcome, to Councillor A. Paddon Smith, Mr. T. H. Reeves, Mr. Albert Walker for their services in making arrangements for the meeting, and to all Church authorities and steepkeepers for use of bells.

Mr. E. A. Young was congratulated on attaining his 80th birthday. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge expressed the Council's thanks to the President.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association, held at Writtle on May 11th, was attended by 44 members and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 ls.

Miss Christine Carter, of Springfield, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to hold the next meeting on July 6th at Burnham-on-Crouch or at Great Totham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 49th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 11th. The Rev. Hugh Benson, of the Cambridge University Guild, conducted the service which preceded the business meeting.

In the absence of the president, Mr. J. A. Trollope occupied the chair. The report for 1945 was read by the hon. secretary, who explained that a printed report covering the years 1940 to 1945 would be in the hands of members later in the year. Sixteen ordinary and two joint meetings had been held during 1945, and two honorary and 34 ringing members elected. Six members were lost by death since the last annual meeting. One of these was Mr. C. T. Coles, and the chairman reminded the meeting of his qualities as a man and the service which he rendered during his lifetime to the association. Peals rung totalled 71, of which 39 were on handbells. One hundred and eight members took part in these and there were 18 conductors, viz.: C. W. Roberts (24), J. Thomas (13), E. C. S. Turner (10), E. A. Dench (7), F. Corke (3), C. T. Coles (2) and J. Bennett, R. Bird, F. D. Bishop, H. G. Oashmore, F. E. Collins, P. A. Corby, W. H. Hewitt, S. P. Holt, T. Price, A. J. Wellman, W. Wenban and H. Wingrove one each. J. O. Bart, Miss P. Holmes, Miss L. Hubbert, S. Humphreys, D. R. Judd, B. D. Price, H. Smith, A. F. Thirst and O. Wenban rang their first peals.

The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane; active vice-presidents, Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; Master, Mr. J. Thomas; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, W. H. Oram and E. C. S. Turner; auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; one vacancy on the association's representation to the Central Council, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Two ringing members were elected and Mr. J. A. Trollope was made a life honorary member in recognition of his services to the association.

Grants of £2 2s. each were made to the bell restoration funds of St. Mary's, Hayes, and Christ Church, Ealing.

It was decided to open a C. T. Coles Memorial Fund, and a committee was appointed to proceed with the appeal. A life member suggested that in view of Mr. Coles' great popularity, ringers outside the association might be invited to contribute.

A committee was formed to make suitable arrangements to celebrate the association's 50th anniversary during 1947.

The hon. secretary warned the meeting that in view of the greatly increased cost of printing, steps must be taken before long to increase the income of the association. The committee would be meeting in due course to decide how best this could be effected.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Ealing. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and Willesden.

HANDBELL RINGING.

FROM MR. JOHN E. SPICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Woodhouse's article and the recent editorial on handbell ringing, and should like to make a few remarks on the subject, as one who has consistently followed and taught the system which Mr. Woodhouse advocates. This system is, needless to say, applicable only to treble-dominated methods; for others (practically speaking, Stedman) each bell must be thought of more or less separately, although even here a large measure of co-ordination is possible, and indeed indispensable if the brain is not to be taxed unduly. For simplicity, I shall confine my observations to even-bell methods, and shall consider plain methods in the first instance.

It should be realised that the rules given are for methods containing only places made 'right' (i.e., hand and back). For such methods the system may be epitomised: 'Hunt your bells and watch the treble, knowing where the places come with reference to the treble; an even place (i.e., one in an even position) always causes the bells above it to dodge and an odd place the bells below.

A practical point to watch is that with odd places, which cause dodging below the treble, the dodge comes before the treble has had its second blow in the relevant position, unlike even places, where the dodge comes above the treble and so after the treble has had its second blow. For this reason odd places give one less time to think and sometimes cause difficulty.

For methods with back and hand places these rules do not work without modification, and if any progress is to be made with such methods, the distinction between forward and backward hunting must be firmly grasped, and the construction of the method viewed from this angle. Much has been said in these columns in the past about the term 'backward hunting'; I am not here concerned with the niceties of definition, but would simply recommend those handbell ringers who wish to satisfy themselves of the difference between the two kinds of hunting, to ring first an ordinary (forward) plain-hunting course on six bells—i.e., starting with

Backstroke 123456		Back 123456
Hand 214365	and then a backward hunting course.	Hand 132546
Back 241635		Back 315264
etc.		etc.

My technique for dealing with Treble Bob and Surprise methods is slightly different from Mr. Woodhouse's, the places (if any) at the cross-sections being distinguished from those within the sections. Consider first the work within the sections. Treble Bob and Surprise methods being based on Treble Bob hunting courses, the bells will dodge within each section, except where the pattern of places says otherwise. Here a practical hint may be interpolated. Suppose (for instance) that lead and Fourths are made in a given section; this is most easily remembered and put into practice as 'Plain hunting on the front four bells.'

At the cross-sections, the bells plain hunt in the case of a Treble Bob method, or dodge and make places with Surprise methods. So to ring such a method the procedure is as follows—

- (a) See where your bells are at the first row of the section (a backstroke).
- (b) Dodge, within the section, except where otherwise demanded by the pattern of the places.
- (c) Note the position in which the bells fall at the fourth row (handstroke).
- (d) Hunt or dodge your bells according to the arrangement of the places at the cross-section, and go back to (a) for the next section.

This sounds more complicated than Mr. Woodhouse's technique of simply learning the places (and, of course, it is pointless to argue whether the place causes the dodge or the dodge the place), but it has the following advantages—

- (a) It is easier to follow the treble through the long treble-lead if the work is considered as divided up into sections, and this serves to emphasise that the norm in Treble Bob and Surprise methods is dodging rather than plain hunting.
- (b) There is less strain on the memory, the cross-sectional places generally conforming to one of a few types.
- (c) It is far less complicated when the method has places made wrong.

Thus, a brief glance at a course of London or Bristol will show that certain of the places overlap each other, making the application of Mr. Woodhouse's system virtually impossible. But when ringing by the sections there is little greater difficulty; such methods are, in fact, much easier to ring than plain methods with back and hand places, because the treble moves more slowly from one position to another, and there is more time to think.

It is well to remember that a dodge is equivalent to one step of backward hunting. Thus the following arrangement of places (i.e., backward hunting on the front four bells in two consecutive sections with 5ths at the cross-section) is effectively backward hunting on the front four bells for eight blows.

24361578	63425817	Backstroke	Fifths
23465187	64328571	Lead and	Fourth
32641578	46235817		
36245187	42638571	Lead and	Fourth

[In this and the following illustrations the reader is advised to draw a line along the path of the treble and to mark the position of the places, external and internal, preferably by coloured inks. Mr. Spice's meaning will then be clear.—Editor.]

The four standard Surprise Major methods are now learnt and rung as follows:—

Cambridge		Superlative	
12436587		12436587	
12345678	Plain hunt on back six	12345678	Plain hunt on middle four bells
21436587		21436587	
12463857		12463857	
21648375		21645387	
26143857	Lead and Seconds	26143578	Plain hunt on back four
62418375	Plain hunt on back four	62415387	
62148735		26145837	
26417853		62418573	
62417835	Plain hunt on front four	26481537	Plain hunt on front four
26748153		62845173	
27641835		68241537	
72468153		86425173	
27648513	Plain hunt on front six	68245713	Plain hunt on middle four
72465831		86427531	
74256813		68472513	
47528631		86745231	
74256831		68472531	
Dodging elsewhere. Cross sections like Double Norwich. Seconds when treble leads; Sevenths when treble lies.			
Bristol		London	
13254768		12436587	
12345678	Forward hunt on back four	12345678	Backward hunt on back six
21436587		21354768	
12346857		12537486	
21436758		21573846	
24136857	Backward hunt on back four	25178364	Lead and Seconds
42316587		52713846	
24135678		52178364	
42315768		25713846	
24351786	Backward hunt on front four	52731486	Backward hunt on front four
23457168		57234168	
32541786		75321486	
35247168		73524168	
53427618	Forward hunt on front four	37254618	Backward hunt on front six
35246781		32745681	
32547618		23476518	
23456781		24367581	
24365871		42637851	

In Bristol. Dodging elsewhere. Cross Sections like Double Norwich. No places when treble leads and lies.

In London. Dodging elsewhere. Cross Sections as Double Norwich, but not Sixths when treble is in 4-5. Seconds when treble leads; Fifths when treble lies.

A few general remarks about my personal experience of this system of handbell ringing may be apposite. Handbell ringing was started seriously at Oxford in the autumn of 1940, and the experience gained during the ensuing year led us to adopt the system outlined above, for teaching purposes. I would emphasise that we evolved the system for ourselves, it being gradually brought home to us that this was the logical way of setting about handbell ringing.

Beginners at Oxford (who rarely have any previous knowledge of change ringing on tower bells) are allowed to ring a plain-hunting course or so with one bell, in order to familiarise themselves with the ideas of plain hunting, and are then thoroughly drilled in the three plain-hunting positions on six bells (this being the ABC of double-handed ringing, and equivalent to plain-hunting on one bell in the tower).

It is then explained that Bob Minor simply consists of plain hunting, with 2nds place made each time the treble leads. The beginner is now made to ring a course of Bob Minor on 1-2—each time the place is made, the 2nd dodges and the pair falls into a fresh hunting position (but, of course, one which has already been practised). It is not difficult to progress from Minor to Major, and the promising recruit will probably soon be able to manage inside pairs with little trouble (here, of course, he has to learn to watch the position of the treble, as he is no longer ringing it himself). From Plain Bob to Reverse and Double Bob is but a small step, and soon, as Mr. Woodhouse suggests, methods like Oxford Bob Minor can be tackled, and then Double Court and Double Norwich.

For the transition to Surprise methods, it has been found best to start with simple Treble Bob Minor methods such as College Exercise and British Scholars' Pleasure (where there are no places at the

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NOTICES.

ALWINGTON, NORTH DEVON. — Dedication of bells after restoration, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Tea at King's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. East Sutton (6), 6 to 9 p.m. From Maidstone, bus service No. 12 to Sutton Valence. Chart Sutton Church $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from bus stop.—C. H. Sone.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Brentwood (8), May 25th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band attends solely to help any who want progress, from rounds up. Only ringing. Tea shops handy. Come and ask. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—Saturday, May 25th. Dedication of new bell to make a light ring of 8, 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Ringing in evening.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Newdigate, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Village Club.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Turvey (8), May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual, Tilehurst (8), Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting 5 p.m.—E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Eastern Division. — Practice, Ticehurst, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Duke of York 5 p.m.—John Downing.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Tudor Cafe, 4.30. Business in Church House 5.45 p.m. St. James' bells 2 to 4 p.m. Waltham during evening.—J. Bray.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries. — Gosberton (6), May 25th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.15.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pemberton Arms.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Horton, Saturday, May 25th, 3.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division. — Widford (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Darley Dale (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Warburton.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Wirksworth (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Stoke-by-Clare (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Limited teas 5 p.m. Business follows. Ringing at Clare (8) 7.15 p.m.—A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft, Sudbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — Sandy, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at King Alfred's Chamber. A farewell to the Rector. Meeting at Henlow on June 1st has been postponed.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DEVON GUILD. — Practice, Heavitree, Saturday, June 1st. Stedman and Major. Tea.—F. C. Smale.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbart, Sutton, Ely.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Bingham (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m. Meat tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by May 27th. — T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Staveley (8), June 1st, 3 p.m. Cards to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by May 30th, for tea at Hodson's Cafe. — H. O. Chaddock.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual, Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 1st, 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks.

KENT ASSN. — Tonbridge District.—Benenden, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. A. Stevenson, 2, Corner Cottages, Benenden, by Wednesday, May 29th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. members attending.—T. Saunders.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Kingsley (6), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Sleaford District.—Annual, Sleaford, June 1st, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. — G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Waterfoot, Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Teas at nominal charge.—H. Parkinson.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Binfield, Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. N. Rance, Priestwood Farm, Binfield Road, Bracknell, by May 28th.—B. C. Castle.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division.—Withyham, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—REMEMBRANCE VISIT to the grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford Church, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.15 p.m. (Bus from Woking Car Park, 3.50.) Ringing at Old Woking 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—North Kilworth (5), Saturday, June 1st. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by May 28th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Branch. — Halsall, Saturday, June 1st, 2.30. For tea, notify A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, Saturday, June 1st, 2.30. Names for tea by May 30th to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace, South, Sunderland. — F. Ainsley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 1st. Usual arrangements. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

SILEBY, LEICESTER. — Dedication of two Trebles to complete the Octave, June 1st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th to G. L. Lovett, Barrow Road, Sileby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN. and CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Market Drayton (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring food.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Wymondham (6), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Tea and business in Institute, 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Edw. Huddleston, Wymondham.—J. H. Cook.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Bulkington (6), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 29th.—Leonard Trevor, 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rochdale Branch. — St. Mark's, Glodwick, Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Business in the tower at 6.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. I. Kay, 30, Grafton Street, Moorside, Oldham, by Tuesday.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Putnam, 4, Park Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Hawkshead (6), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch Branch. — Milford-on-Sea (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Edgar's Cafe, Milford, 5.15 p.m. Names to me by Wednesday, May 29th. Hordle (6) in the evening.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Annual, Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Squirrel and King's Head 4.20. Business, Old Grammar School, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8) 11.30 a.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members notifying Mr. H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop, before June 6th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Northampton, Whit Monday. Committee 2.45 in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.30. Tea by ticket only. Names to Guild secretary by June 1st. Bells, 11 to 1, St. Edmund's and All Saints'; 1 to 3, St. Giles' and St. Peter's; 2 to 3.30, Holy Sepulchre; after the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Whit Monday. Notice of proposed addition to Rule xv., Bell Restoration Fund: 'but where the cost of the work exceeds a certain sum, the maximum grant may be up to £20.'—R. G. Black.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in Chapter House. Resolution will be proposed that rules be amended; namely, that Annual Meeting be held on Easter Monday instead of Whit Monday. Lunch at County Hotel 1.30 p.m. Those requiring lunch must let me know by Thursday, June 6th. Bells: Cathedral (12) from 9 a.m., Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6) after lunch.—L. J. Clark, Southdene, Petersfield Lane, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex.

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BONNETT.—On Saturday, May 11th, 1946, at 34, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, to Muriel, the wife of Percy C. Bonnett, of Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds, the gift of a son.

HANDBELL RINGING.

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cross-sections to worry about). It is then easy to go on to Cambridge and the like.

Of course, it should not be imagined that everyone takes to handbell ringing like a duck to water. The sine qua non is a sense of rhythm—a feeling for the 'beat'; granted this, most people will pick up the principles of the art in time, although individual aptitude naturally varies greatly. One girl rang her first peal (1-2 to Bob Major) in just over five weeks from her first practice; most recruits take upwards of three months.

We have always had to deal with large numbers of beginners at a time (generally between thirty and forty at the start of each academic year), and under such conditions it is very definitely a case of the survival of the fittest; attention has to be concentrated on the promising subjects, and it is seldom possible to give sufficient individual help in cases where such help might just sway the balance between acquiring the 'knack' and not acquiring it. Nevertheless, we have turned out at least a dozen people in the last six years, who can successfully use this technique of handbell ringing in its entirety, as well as many more who, while not quite reaching the same level of proficiency, were all the same very useful handbell ringers. Only one or two of these could previously ring changes on tower bells, but this was an advantage if anything, as they could start with a clean sheet, and had to rid themselves of no preconceived notions. Most tower bell ringers find it very difficult to stop thinking of handbell ringing in terms of 'two blue lines.'

You say in your leading article that most good handbell ringers ring their bells from the ordinary work of the method, helped out by a knowledge of the places. For ourselves, I would say that we work from the other end; we ring primarily by the places, but as time goes on we employ our knowledge of the work of the method as an additional guide (often subconsciously). Moreover, with practice, it is not necessary to work out the movements of the bells blow by blow; certain combinations of places and positions of the bells constantly recur, and are instinctively recognised and translated into practice.

You, Mr. Editor, hint that this kind of 'handbell ringing made easy' may not be an unmixt blessing, and I myself have heard one well-known ringer refer to it somewhat contemptuously as 'mere tapping.' This is, of course, a matter of opinion; I would submit that handbell ringing is to be considered on its own merits as an art distinct from tower bell ringing, and as such requiring its own distinctive technique. The advantages when progressing from plain courses to touches, and when splicing methods together, need hardly be emphasised.

Probably the man who rings by the places and he who rings by the 'blue line' will be on more or less equal terms when each has rung a peal in a given method; both will by then know the work so well that they will ring two bells to the method as automatically as they ring one in the tower. But the man who rings by the places will achieve this result with far less effort and trouble than the other. He works by general rules, while the other has to treat each method as an individual case. A band whose members ring by the places will be able to go right ahead and ring a touch or a peal of a method after each person has studied half a lead of the method for a few minutes. The alternative is laboriously to commit to memory the work of two bells, in every possible position in which these two bells can fall (for a Major method, this is equivalent to learning the work of 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 in the plain course).

A further criticism is that undue reliance is placed on the treble; if the treble goes wrong, all is lost. That is so, but then as the treble is being watched all the time by the ringer of every other pair, it is very seldom allowed to go wrong.

A possible weakness of the technique is that when a trip occurs, a man may have more difficulty in righting himself than when he is ringing by the blue line. For this reason, the conductor will always correct mistakes by telling the delinquent the position of his bells and that of the treble, rather than the work he should be doing. But if, as stated above, the blue line is not entirely forgotten, one may fall back on this when in trouble, and thus use the best of both methods. Complete knowledge of the coursing-order is, as always, quite indispensable in correcting trips, and in simple methods is all that is required.

To sum up, I prefer to put my faith mainly in ringing by the places. But as in most other things, one loses by an entirely one-sided development, and the most complete and useful expression of the art must be a synthesis of all its aspects.

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HANDBELL RINGING.

If the object of peal ringing was merely to ring peals, then anything which made peal ringing easier would undoubtedly be an advantage. But since the object of peal ringing is not merely to ring peals, it may well be that things which make peal ringing easier can defeat the object for which peals are really rung.

If that is a hard saying, we will illustrate the point by an analogy. If the object of mountaineering was merely to get to the summit of a mountain, then the funicular railways which have been erected on several peaks would be a blessing to mountaineers, and they would be inclined to agree with Dean Inge when he says in his clever parody of Bishop Heber's familiar hymn, 'They climbed the steep ascent of heaven, Through peril, toil and pain. But oh! to me may sense be given to follow by the train.' The ultimate object of the mountaineer and of the railway passenger is the same—to arrive at the summit—but their essential objects are poles apart.

For the change ringer in tower-bell ringing the essential thing is the mental journey he takes through the other bells. He has a continuous connected path to follow, and he reacts to his journey much in the same way and spirit as he reacts to a walk through the country. What he values are ease and comfort (sometimes); difficulty and hard work (sometimes); novelty (sometimes); old familiar scenes (sometimes); the things he meets and the people he passes; and at the end the feeling he has done something worth doing. All other things in change ringing are subordinate to this mental journey and are of value only so far as they minister to it.

In the traditional style of handbell ringing this idea of a personal journey is somewhat blurred. Movement in a continuous connected path is still the root idea, but it is rather as if the man were moving two separate things than as if he were himself moving; but since the things moved are represented by his two hands, and therefore by parts of himself, the idea of personal movement is by no means lost.

In Mr. Woodhouse's system of handbell ringing, when it is carried out completely and logically, the idea of personal movement along a connected path entirely disappears, and with it the most characteristic feature of change ringing.

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Correspondents have written to say that there is nothing in the system with which they are not already familiar, and one goes so far as to say he has found it all in the eighteenth century 'Campanalogia.' Perhaps the truth is that they have not yet realised what the system is. Broadly it may be said that the difference between it and the traditional style is the difference between pricking a lead of a method on paper and the drawing of a skeleton course, only instead of it being done visually it is done mentally. About a year ago we published an article on 'The Art of Pricking Changes.' The article was intended for beginners, and was indeed written as a chapter in a projected elementary book on Grandsire. We showed how, once a few simple rules are understood, it is quite easy to prick any method when the positions of the places are known; and they can be known in a couple of minutes or so. Scores of methods can be written out quickly, and those which are reckoned complex and difficult as readily as simple and easy ones. All methods are reduced to one dead level of merit and difficulty. That is the tendency of Mr. Woodhouse's system. The man who used it without any other aid (if such a man there could be) would find London Surprise little more difficult than Bob Major, or (if you like to put it the other way) would find Bob Major little less difficult than London Surprise.

Perhaps it is in thus destroying old standards of value that the revolutionary nature of the new system is most shown. In some ways, no doubt, it is a good thing that London Surprise, once so far above not only the capacity but the ambition of ordinary ringers, should be made generally available; but it is rather sad to think of the old lion with his claws pared and his teeth drawn, turned out to graze among a flock of sheep.

There is a lot more to be said on this subject. We have dealt with one point only, and we have not referred to Mr. Spice's clear explanation because it introduces practical modifications which are absent from Mr. Woodhouse's more elemental system.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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JOSEPH WOODS	3	JOHN WISE	7
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Tenor 7½ cwt.

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*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
*JAMES BENNETT... ..	3	HARRY HOVERD... ..	7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

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FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 4	HENRY HODGETTS Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
FRANK L. FISHER... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST THORLEY Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
*ARTHUR J. FARR 2	*STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
MISS MARGARET D. TELFORD 3	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON... 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
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On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
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JOHN ANDERSON 4	WILLIAM H. BAFBER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS HETHERINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

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FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
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*MISS BESSIE MOSS 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH SAXTON 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER 7
*HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

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* First peal in the method.

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NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method.

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*WALTER C. ROSE 3	ALBERT DISERENS 7
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Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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Tenor 12 cwt.

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On Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Table listing names and positions for the Farnborough peal: *LESLIE S. HALLETT, *G. SIDNEY JOYCE, CHARLES W. DENYER, DENISON C. ALLEN, PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE, WILLIAM H. VIGGERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Broughton Astley peal: *LEN BODYCOTE, ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE, ALFRED BALLARD, WILLIAM A. WOOD, CECIL E. CARR, WILLIAM R. DRURY.

* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, combined Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Dunholme peal: *MISS JEAN METHAM, *CYRIL WARD, HAROLD MARCON, ROBERT W. PARKER, *SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS, JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor.

WESTONING, BEDS. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Wells, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Westoning peal: *THOMAS P. HARRIS, EDMUND J. HOBBS, REGINALD J. HOUGHTON, ANDREW C. SINFIELD, C. HENRY HARDING, C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal.

OADOXTON, NEATH. THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Oadoxton peal: THOMAS SCOTT, HARRY BOYCE, ERNEST STITCH, TREVOR RODERICK, ARTHUR HOARE, GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all.

ST. HELENS, LANCs. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the St. Helens peal: H. GRUNDY, R. LBIGH, A. COWMAN, J. I. FRASER, C. BLACKBURN, *A. LYMAN.

* First peal. Rung on the front six of the ten.

BENTLEY, DONCASTER. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Bentley peal: *DEREK REED, FRANK REED, *HERBERT COOPER, *ERNEST J. PADGETT, W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sunday, May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Glanvill 1, B. Pidgeon 2, F. Dimond 3, J. Skinner 4, W. Hayman 5, J. L. Glanvill (conductor) 6, John Deem 7, R. Skinner 8. SEVENOAKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Etheridge 1, Miss D. Corke 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, J. Igglesden 5, E. Andrews 6, J. Weller 7, R. Collips 8.

ALVERSTOKE.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. L. Fry 1, F. W. Burnett 2, C. Philpotts 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dawson 1, J. H. Crampson 2, E. W. Furbanks 3, T. G. Fox 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. Prior (conductor) 6, E. D. Smith 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

SPRINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, E. J. Runter 3, H. W. Shadrack 4, H. Devenish (conductor) 5, R. Thrift 6.

READING.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Laurence's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hart 1, N. Diserens 2, A. D. Cullum 3, T. N. Lanaghan 4, C. H. Pullen 5, A. Disorens 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, E. G. Foster 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hayward 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, W. J. Perrot 4, P. Gray 5, T. A. Blow 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, W. Brownett 8.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 360 Kent and 180 Bob Minor): Fred Matthews, sen. 1, J. Buckenham 2, Fred Matthews, jun. 3, A. V. Bowen 4, W. Buckenham 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Godwin 1, J. Mustoe 2, J. C. Acock 3, H. R. Acock (conductor) 4, W. Clayton 5, H. Barrett 6, P. Westmacott 7, P. Marsh 8.

MAIDSTONE.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,119 Stedman Caters: E. Spiller 1, T. Grice 2, G. Cantrill 3, F. Richardson 4, H. Springate 5, L. Head 6, B. F. Baker 7, C. E. J. Norris 8, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 9, H. Smith 10.

MERE, WILTS.—On May 8th, 1,280 Bob Major: E. F. White 1, L. A. C. Moore 2, J. Paul 3, J. Bagley 4, N. G. N. Knee 5, R. H. Newton 6, A. J. Gray 7, E. G. L. Coward (conductor) 8.

ROCHDALE.—On May 8th, 1,800 Bob Minor: D. Pugh 1, Miss M. S. Greenwood 2, J. Taylor 3, J. A. Taylor 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoyle (conductor) 6.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Friday, May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gatter 1, O. Gatter 2, D. Deem 3, J. West 4, H. Hillman 5, E. Piper 6, B. Pidgeon (conductor) 7, R. Gatter 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Murlitt 1, G. C. Goodman 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, G. Lister 4, H. W. Barrett 5, G. Gilbert 6, N. V. Harding (conductor) 7, Miss J. M. Broomfield 8.

LANFRÉCHFA, MON.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Challenger 1, Robert Smith (conductor) 2, Miss Linda Davies 3, William J. Powell 4, Miss Marion Stephens 5, David Challenger 6.

WEST COKER, SOM.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Gould 1, Freda M. Poole 2, H. W. Pearce 3, W. H. Poole 4, W. E. Turner (conductor) 5, R. Guppy 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 12th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Carman 4, T. Harris 5, B. D. Price 6, A. Gale 7, R. C. Seager 8.

KILBURN.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss M. Lane 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, Miss R. M. Davies 3, A. Tozer 4, A. Bone 5, J. W. Wilkins 6.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,290 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. J. Button 1, C. Whiting 2, F. J. Youngman 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsay 5, E. C. Pizzey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Lawrence 1, J. Walton 2, C. Philpotts 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, W. Tate 6, E. E. Whitmore 7, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 8.

STALYBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

THAMES DITTON.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss P. G. Kitchen 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, G. C. Goodman 3, W. H. Seabrook 4, Wilkins Massey 5, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. L. Wright 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, G. C. Cookson 3, J. W. Smith 4, A. Whitmore 5, F. V. Nicholls 6, A. L. Dunn (conductor) 7, R. Lees 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, R. J. Thain (conductor) 4, T. C. Witts 5, R. Sharpe 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 12th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Carman 4, T. Harris 5, B. Price 6, A. L. Gale 7, R. C. Seager 8.

MONMOUTH.—On Saturday, May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Winney 1, G. Hanks 2, F. E. J. Reynolds 3, F. H. Foster 4, S. Goodwin 5, J. J. Webb (conductor) 6, L. H. Jones 7, T. Castree 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. D. Smith 1, E. W. Furbank 2, A. W. Brighton 3, A. Prior 4, R. W. Stannard 5, C. E. Willmington 6, G. Dawson 7, F. W. Housden (conductor) 8.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. H. Aldridge 1, T. H. Culver 2, P. A. Corby 3, Miss L. M. Hubbert 4, F. Johnson 5, G. N. Murphy (conductor) 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, C. Dann 8.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. H. Hoare 1, Dr. F. S. Poole 2, W. G. Paul (conductor) 3, A. W. Dawes 4, H. Timms 5, B. A. Cornell 6, A. W. Dix 7, F. H. Crook 8.

LONDON.—On May 12th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, J. H. Botham 3, M. Hodgson 4, A. Cutler 5, G. A. Parsons 6, T. J. Lock 7, A. W. Coles (conductor) 8.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Boulton 1, Joyce Webster 2, B. H. Thompson 3, R. Morris 4, I. M. Taylor (conductor) 5, A. E. Taylor 6.

ST. ALBANS.—On May 13th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Jones 1, C. F. Sayer 2, F. J. Spicer 3, W. J. Southam 4, R. W. Darvill 5, T. J. Southam 6, H. V. Frost (conductor) 7, W. Woodward 8.

RUNCORN.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Bibby (conductor) 1, J. Orme 2, A. Billington 3, R. Hulse 4, D. Maddocks 5, T. H. Mather 6, C. Valentine 7, W. Allman 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Paul 1, E. F. White 2, E. G. Coward (conductor) 3, T. Bagley 4, C. H. Moore 5, N. G. Knee 6, A. T. Gray 7, R. H. Newton 8.

DINDER, NEAR WELLS.—On Wednesday, May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (conductor) 1, S. Vowles 2, H. Horler 3, F. Bird 4, F. Griffin 5, C. Dinham 6.

HALESOWEN.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: William H. Webb 1, George H. Williams 2, Molly Tromans 3, Albert Greenhall 4, Leonard Clissett 5, Joseph H. Cox (conductor) 6, Thomas Greenhall 7, Albert H. Harris 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, May 15th, at the R.C. Church, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Martin 1, S. E. Durmon 2, R. Speed 3, T. R. Dennis 4, M. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (conductor) 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. D. Butler 5, W. N. Genna 6, W. Wenban 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: George Cousins 1, John W. Humphries 2, E. Geoffrey Benson 3, Austin T. Wingate 4, William H. Symonds 5, Geoffrey Dodds 6, George Davis (conductor) 7, Arthur W. Davis 8.

BATH.—On May 17th, at St. Michael's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Hallett 1, T. K. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, R. Lawrence 4, S. J. T. Shellock (conductor) 5, W. Brown 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, W. J. Prescott 8.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Church 1, Miss J. Winterbourne 2, B. Costar 3, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 4, T. Bond 5, H. Farmer 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Binfield 1, A. Kedwell 2, T. Anderson 3, J. Willis 4, E. J. Walker 5, T. Farley 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, T. Wilson 8.

HATFIELD, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. McCluskey 1, E. Padgett 2, H. Morley 3, W. E. Critchley (conductor) 4, E. Short 5, F. Reed 6, L. Woodhead 7, H. Cooper 8.

SOUTH WIGTON, LEICESTER.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Cox 1, C. Marshall 2, A. Bodycote 3, J. E. Clarke 4, C. Burns 5, D. Dalby 6, A. Patrick (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On May 19th, 1,120 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. J. Chester 1, T. Price 2, R. H. Tyler 3, Wren Dorothy T. Richardson 4, W. Lycebt 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, P. Price 8.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, H. Platt 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, H. W. Else 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, F. Croft 8.

BROMLEY COMMON.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. F. James 1, P. J. Spice 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, Miss Barbara Hill 4, J. Lyddiard 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 19th, 360 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire: Benjamin Ridout 1, Miss P. V. Marsh 2, C. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, Bertram Ridout 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, May 19th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. F. Bull 1, R. A. Pearson 2, N. E. Bannard 3, G. Bannard 4, W. E. Hammons (conductor) 5, T. Simpson 6.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,260 Minor, 360 Oxford Bob, 900 Plain Bob: Miss M. Pettit 1, Miss F. Reed 2, Miss M. Hull 3, Miss J. Harding 4, Hugh E. Harding 5, R. J. Houghton (conductor) 6.

POPLAR.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, G. A. Andrews 4, R. W. Begrie 5, C. Pothocary 6, J. W. Euston 7, J. W. Chapman 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

ACTON.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, E. Lankester 2, D. R. Judd 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, J. H. Botham 5, J. C. Birt 6, L. H. Bowler 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

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We are now prepared to print notices in full as sent in, but would remind our readers that space reserved for notices is still restricted by law. When, therefore, notices are too long there is a danger that other notices may have to be left out. Under such circumstances steps will be taken as far as possible to give priority to the more urgent notices.

IMPORTANT.

Owing to the Central Council meeting, all notices and other matter intended for insertion in our issue of June 14th must reach us not later than the first post on Friday, June 7th.

The band who rang the Cambridge Major for the Suffolk Guild at Over, Cheshire, on May 25th, are all natives of Suffolk.

In the peal at Mossley, Lancs, on May 18th, the ringer of the 4th was Joan Holdsworth, not John Holdsworth as printed.

The ringer of the second in the peal at Bicester on May 18th was Miss Frances A. Edgar, not Francis A. Edgar as printed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, will be available for a peal attempt on Whit Saturday, June 8th, at 9 a.m. sharp. Any visitor wishing to take part should communicate with Mr. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- May 26th, 1923. At Newcastle, the first peal of Little Bob Maximus.
- May 27th, 1912. At Hornchurch, Essex, 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major. The record length.
- May 28th, 1787. At St. John's, Horsleydown, the first peal of Stedman Caters.
- May 29th, 1896. At Ashton-under-Lyne, 10,075 Grandsire Cinques.
- 1936. At Bushey, the first handbell peal in four Spliced Major methods.
- May 30th, 1741. At St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the College Youths rang 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.
- May 31st, 1896. At Burton-on-Trent, the first peal of New Cumberland Major.
- June 1st, 1912. At Guildford on handbells, 14,031 Stedman Caters.
- 1942. John S. Goldsmith died.

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DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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23564	—	—		34256	—	—	
35264	—	—		52436	—	—	
34256	—	—		24536	—	—	

Each twice repeated.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 157.)

With the coming of Easter the bells were liberated after the silence of Lent, and sent forth at the great festival the most joyous peals, and as Burnabe Gooze has it:—

‘From the toppes of hawtie towers with clappers lowd they crie’ and ‘belles are set againe at libertie.’

In pre-Reformation times the bells were rung at midnight at the close of the Lenten feast, for early Matins on Easter morn. ‘At midnight then with carefull minde they up to Mattins rise’ (Hope’s reprint, p. 52). There are several entries in the churchwardens’ accounts at Ludlow which appear to have reference to this ringing; for instance:—

‘1556-7. Item to Rushburie for makyng a breakfast to those that ryng a day bell in the Easter weke. . . . xijd.’

Although the bells are not now rung at midnight, they are in some parishes—as at Mavis Enderby, Lincs—rung at break of day, and in many others, as at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Yardley Hastings, Northants, and many parishes in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, and other counties, early on Easter morn, similar in most respects to the mode used at Christmas. We still do this at St. Margaret’s, Leicester, and get a small remuneration from the churchwardens for so doing. As at Christmas, greeting cards are a common feature, so too the poets—as would be expected—give us many beautiful lines on this the ‘Queen of Festivals,’ and not unnaturally the bells play their part.

On Ascension Day, Whit Sunday and Trinity Sunday the bells were frequently rung instead of chimed, as a summons to Divine Service. In the account book of Chester Cathedral for 1559 there is this entry:—

‘To ye Clerkes for Ryngyng ye grett bells at the feast of Ascension and Pentecost . . . xijd.’

At Laundon Hills in Essex a peal was rung on Ascension Eve and on the day itself a peal at an early hour is not uncommon at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. This took place at 4.30 a.m. and a hymn was sung on top of the tower. There are instances of this ringing in Herts, Salop, Warwick, Lincs, and other counties. Trinity Sunday and Epiphany were both likewise observed in many parishes. It is usual, too, for bells to be much rung in the winter evenings during the season of Advent, sometimes beginning as early as the first week in November. In some parishes the mode varied, as at Claxby, Lincs, where they rang once in the first week in Advent, twice in the second, thrice in the third, four times in the fourth and last week. At South Kelsey they rang twice in the week from Old Martinmas till Christmas, and at Epworth peals were rung from 7 to 8 p.m. on the Saturday night next following Martinmas Day, then on every Thursday and Saturday evening until the Saturday night before ‘Fasten’s Eve’ (i.e. Shrove Tuesday). In some Northants parishes the bells were rung early on Monday mornings, and at Great Yarmouth after the close of Sunday evening service. At Moreton Pinkney, Northants, the bells were rung every evening of the last

week, and on three mornings preceding Christmas Day. These latter customs have a religious significance, and refer to the joyful hopes which the coming of Christmas inspires. The other regular weekly ringings are merely for practice for the latter great festival. St. Thomas’ (or Mumpung Day as it is called in some places) falls within the last week in Advent. On that day it was the custom at Wragby, Lincs, up to 1877, to ring the tenor bell as a summons to the poor to receive a dole of bread and meat provided for them by the churchwardens. At Wellesbourne, Warwick, it is an ancient custom which is not explained, for the bells to be rung for half an hour, commencing at six o’clock in the morning of St. Thomas’ Day—but the church is dedicated to St. Peter. Certain Saints’ Days are also specially honoured in many places. It is a frequent practice to honour the patronal or dedication festival of the church in this way.

Several customs in connection with the bells were observed in different parishes on St. Andrew’s Day. At Hallaton, Leics, where the church is dedicated to St. Michael, it was the practice in former times for the school children to lock the master out of the belfry, and then to jangle the bells. At Bozeat, Northants, where the church is dedicated to St. Mary, a bell was rung at noon on St. Andrew’s Day called the ‘Tandrew bell; and the villagers on that day make and eat a kind of sweet toffee. Of course, where the church is dedicated to St. Andrew, we may expect to find ringing on this day. Even during the Commonwealth, the churchwardens of Kirton-in-Lindsey (whose church is so dedicated) make this entry: ‘1658. It’ to the ringers on Saint Andrews day 0-1-0.’ At Romford it used to be believed that every year on St. Andrew’s Day at noon, the bells of the old church—dedicated to that saint—and which formerly stood about half a mile from the town, but was taken down nearly four hundred years ago, could be distinctly heard. On Lady Day—the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—the bells were doubtless rung in pre-Reformation times. It does not appear, however, to have been held so much in honour in England as the Feast of the Assumption, which used to be kept on August 15th. At Lincoln Cathedral (dedicated to the Blessed Virgin) peals were always rung on this day, and before the six beautiful Lady bells there were destroyed in the year 1834, the choristers used to ascend the grand Cathedral broad or rood towers on Lady Day, tie strings to the clappers and chime them as follows. Sir Charles H. J. Anderson writes:—‘I am more and more convinced that the chiming on Ladyday was Ave Maria:—

1 3 1 2 4 1 5 1 2 6
a. ve. ma. ri. a. o. ra. pro. no. bis.’

They used to repeat this for an hour and finish with the six bells in succession—or rounds.

One would expect to find constant references to the ringing of bells on St. George’s Day, being the patron saint of this country, but it is a singular fact that very little notice is taken. This neglect does not appear to be of modern growth only, for there are few—very few—notices of peals rung on this day. At All Saints’, Loughborough, we do find occasional notice, thus:—

‘1664. Pd. to ye Ringers to drinke on S. George’s Day 5s.’

(To be continued.)

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.**MR. C. F. JOHNSTON'S GIFT.**

As a thankoffering for the Allied victory in 1945, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston has given a new extra bell to Croydon Parish Church to make a lighter octave in addition to the fine ring of twelve bells, with its 36 cwt. tenor, which was installed in the year 1936. As the new bell came from the same foundry and is of the same design, the blend is, of course, perfect.

The dedication service on May 25th was conducted by the Bishop of Croydon, assisted by the parochial clergy, choir and organist, in the presence of the churchwardens, many parishioners, and a large number of ringers. After Mr. Johnston had asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells and the Bishop had performed the ceremony at the base of the tower, the new octave was rung in rounds by R. Davies, Mrs. F. E. Collins, J. Cooper, D. Cooper, H. Humphries, J. Cawley and F. E. Collins.

In his address the Bishop thanked Mr. Johnston. He said the present bells were at least the third ring that had hung in their ancient tower, which dated from the early fourteenth century. The new bell would take its place in the service of the Church, and in centuries to come, when it was no longer new but ancient, it would remind men of the glorious victory that had been won. For it was a glorious victory with much occasion for thanks however it had been followed by disappointment and disillusionment. He pointed out how the sound of the bells had been missed during the war and how much was owed to the ringers who had kept themselves ready for better times.

Later the company was entertained to tea by Mr. Johnston in the Parish Hall. Mrs. C. F. Johnston presided and was supported by the Bishop, Mr. Johnston, the churchwardens, Mr. Jackson and Mr. J. A. Daldorph, the Rev. A. Bailey, the Rev. E. L. Bell, Mrs. Calham, Mr. Butler and other parishioners.

Mr. Johnston referred to the bells which hung in the steeple before the present twelve. Many present would remember them and how the belfry then was generally known as the 'slaughterhouse.' On the twelve they had the opportunity of ringing 479,001,600 changes which would take only about 27 years. The new bell would increase the range to figures which the speaker's hearers rather laughed at than marked carefully. He spoke of the cordial relations which existed between the ringers and the church authorities.

Mr. D. Cooper, the captain of the band, said that, thanks to Mr. Johnston, they had now got in the steeple everything they needed. They had a splendid ring of twelve and a light octave for training beginners and other purposes.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' congratulated those present on their bells. Though he had been brought up in a twelve-bell tower and on bells which to him must always be the best that existed, he thought that generally rings of twelve were a mistake, both from the point of view of the public and the ringers themselves, but the Croydon ring was certainly a splendid one. It was wonderful how in recent years the people had responded to the sound of church bells. Ringers enjoyed their art and the glass of beer they had after ringing, but behind it all was the fact that the church bell was a standing witness to the Christian religion, to peace and goodwill, and to the good things of God.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey and Mr. W. Hewett also spoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, was attended by about 60 members. The Master, the Rev. N. E. Hope, presided and in his report urged ringers to secure representation on parochial church councils. He stressed the necessity for good striking and suggested that recruits should be given every encouragement. He stated that he had visited several towers during the year and had been struck by the spirit of comradeship. He also put in a plea for the branch secretaries and said that if everyone attending meetings would let the secretary know it would be very helpful, as arranging tea was a very difficult problem.

In his report the hon. secretary said that the year had been a successful one. Members had increased by 188, and the Tewkesbury Branch was firmly established again. Twenty-four peals had been rung on tower bells and seven on handbells. The balance sheet showed a slight decrease on the year's working, and the total fund of the association now stood at £185 7s.

The Master made a presentation of a wallet and Treasury notes to Mr. E. Guise in appreciation of his services as hon. secretary for 27 years. Mr. Guise, in reply, said it had been a pleasure to him to do the work, and although he was giving up an official position he would still have the interest of the association in his heart.

The officers elected were: Master, the Rev. N. E. Hope; hon. secretary, Mr. C. R. Harding; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Williams; peal secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves. Mr. F. Waite, of Gloucester, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Central Council caused by the death of Mr. J. Austin.

It was decided to print an annual report this year, and to hold the next annual meeting at Lydney on Easter Monday, 1947.

Service was in the Parish Church, and ringing was at the Parish Church, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton and Prestbury.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The ringers in New South Wales are very conscious of the need for organisation, and the recent visits of experienced change ringers from the mother country have created such interest that steps have been taken to form an organisation to be designated the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers, and the following officers were duly elected at a meeting held at Christ Church St. Laurence tower, George Street, Sydney, on January 14th: Chairman, Mr. R. Joyner; secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe; treasurer, Mrs. H. Macpherson. A committee was also appointed from the fairly representative gathering of the six towers in Sydney. The object of the association is to spread the art of change ringing, and it is hoped to extend the association through N.S.W., and ultimately create sufficient interest that an Australia wide organisation will ensue. Of course, this is all in the initial stage as yet, and much remains to be planned and worked for. There is, as has been pointed out by our English visitors, difficult problems to be overcome. These will not be surmounted unless work any time is given thereto.

The Central Council should really do something practical to assist this new organisation. This could be done by the visitation of expert teachers and conductors from England either for a term sponsored by the Central Council or by the immigration of such change ringing artisans duly credited by the Council to the N.S.W. Association. This in itself may prove impracticable as your leading article states, but there is nothing to stop the Council from forwarding regularly pamphlets and literature that could be used by the N.S.W. Association to spread knowledge for training as it endeavours to visit country centres and arouse interest, and to organise bands at places where bell towers now exist and have no ringers, or where now towers are contemplated. Along this line there is some hope for development, and any publicity of our efforts in your journal will be welcomed as an incentive.

Perhaps it may be possible to grant some degree of affiliation to the Central Council, although it is not possible for us to attend meetings of the same. On this point we would like some more information.

W. ROWE, Hon. Sec., N.S.W. Association.

PEAL RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There has been criticism that the Oxford ringers do too much peal ringing. But, if ringers perform their duties to the Church and to beginners, I think they are entitled to their relaxations.

The Oxford ringers serve the Cathedral and at least four other churches Sunday by Sunday, their skill, from Cambridge Maximus to Bob Minor, being of a high class. I should not be surprised if they are not the only Cathedral ringers who are unpaid. They hold regular practices at several churches and are assiduous in teaching. Beginners have every opportunity for advancement, and that full advantage is taken of this is evident from the number of young ringers from both the City and University Societies who are now creditable performers on eight, ten and twelve bells. At the Cathedral they have, moreover, to cope with exceptionally difficult conditions, for though the bells go well they are nearly all odd-struck and difficult to hear, while the rope circle for the small bells is awkward. Further, they all continue in great good fellowship.

As you have more than once very truly remarked in your leaders, the best way to become a good striker is to ring peals. If, therefore, ringers who are doing their Sunday duty well and accepting their responsibility in teaching with particular care wish to take advantage of the large number of good rings within easy reach to enjoy the fruits of their proficiency, I think they are fully entitled to do so. This, of course, goes for all the other bands similarly circumstanced.

J. H. R. FREEBORN.

Aith, Little Chalfont.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART PEAL.

Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time on the front eight bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Monday, May 18th, 1846, with Henry Johnson as conductor, and on May 18th in this year the same composition was rung as a centenary peal on the front eight bells in the same steeple. Anniversary peals were also rung at Ellesmere and Bicester.

Thurstans' four-part shares with J. J. Parker's Grandsire and Charles Middleton's Cambridge the distinction of being one of the very few indispensable compositions of change ringing. It was the first with ordinary bobs and singles ever rung in the method, and the story of how it was gradually evolved by the hard work and long study of several men out of earlier peals is one of the romances of the Exercise. So too is the rivalry between Thomas Thurstans and Isaac Benjamin Lates to be the first to attain the desired object, and the latter's excited exclamation to the conductor as the band came down from the belfry, 'Why, — it, Harry, what peal have you been ringing? The bells came round with a single!'

There has been a lot of development in the composition of Stedman Triples during recent years, but the supremacy of Thurstans' four-part and its various transpositions has not been seriously challenged and it does not seem that it ever will be.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT FARINGDON.**

The annual meeting of the Vale of the White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Faringdon on May 18th, and was attended by 30 ringers and visitors. After service in church and tea, the business meeting was held, at which the Rev. C. G. Seymour Melford presided, supported by the branch secretary.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. W. T. Hibbert. The statement of accounts for 1945 showed a balance of £2 17s. in the general fund and £11 4s. 6d. in the restoration fund. The Rev. C. G. Seymour Melford was re-elected chairman of the branch and Mr. R. F. J. Gilling as secretary. Messrs. V. J. Jones and F. Whupp were re-elected branch representatives, and Messrs. M. J. Pryor, T. Clark and G. Belcher were enrolled as new members. It was decided to hold three meetings during the year and monthly practices in addition. A proposal that all meetings be held on the third Saturday of the month was defeated, and an amendment that meetings be held on the first Saturday was carried. It was arranged that the monthly practices during the summer should be as follows: June 1st, combined meeting with the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Bishopstone; July 6th, Buckland; August 3rd, Shrivvenham; September 7th, Hinton Waldrist; and Stanford-in-the-Vale on October 5th.

Miss M. Cross, the Guild librarian, said she had a number of the books which members could borrow for a month on payment of postage. She hoped the branch would be well represented at the annual festival at Oxford on July 20th, when a new Master and general secretary would be appointed.

Members were present from Faringdon, Coleshill, Shrivvenham, Hinton Waldrist and Stanford-in-the-Vale, and visitors from Oxford, Radley, Bramley, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Beedon and Childrey.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT NORTON.**

A meeting of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Norton on May 18th, at which ringers were present from Thirsk, Pickering, Scarborough, Helmsley, Ripon, York, Headingley and the local belfry.

At the business meeting after tea, Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president of the Western District) took the chair. Mr. J. B. Hutchinson was elected vice-president of the Northern District, Mr. J. Stott Ringing Master, and Mr. B. Sutton member of the General Committee.

Meetings were arranged for Richmond, June 15th, and Thirsk, July 20th, and mention was made of the general meeting of the association, to be held in Ripon on September 21st. Fourteen new members were elected.

A variety of methods was rung on the bells, recently increased to eight by Messrs. Taylor, and on the heavy going octave at Malton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WIVENHOE.**

A meeting of the Essex Association, held at Wivenhoe on May 4th, was attended by 37 ringers. Service was conducted by the Rector and a collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to 22s.

Tea was in the Church Schools and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the District Master, supported by the district secretary and the Rector.

The Rev. J. W. Thomas, Vicar of Kirby-le-Soken, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. Denniss, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. R. Cooper and A. Gow were elected ringing members. After a lapse of six years all the Wivenhoe band were reinstated. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Holland in July. Just over £3 had been collected for Mr. Nevard's memorial, which it is hoped will be dedicated this summer.

LADIES' GUILD.**MEETING AT DAGENHAM.**

The first annual meeting of the London District of the Ladies' Guild since the outbreak of war was held at Dagenham on May 18th, and members attended from Bayswater, Konton, Claygate, Gravesend, Crayford, Ravenscourt Park, Osterley, Upper Tooting, Balham, Edmonton, Orsett, Southfields. One new member was elected.

Mrs. R. F. Deal was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Davis was appointed secretary in the place of Mrs. F. Housden, and Mrs. C. Matthews assistant secretary. Miss D. Lidbetter, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. F. Mitchell and Mrs. D. E. Massey were elected to the committee. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise. The next meeting will be on June 29th at Stanford-le-Hope.

DEATH OF MR. R. H. JENKINS.

Mr. Richard H. Jenkins, of Tenby, who died on May 1st at the age of 83, was the oldest ringer in Wales. He had twice conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tenby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on May 18th. Ringing was at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', and for a short time at the Good Shepherd. Service at St. Peter's was conducted by the Rev. J. Fisher, and tea was at the Church Hall. One hundred and twenty ringers and friends were present, including Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, one of the two remaining foundation members.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: President, the Bishop of Chichester; Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; hon. peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. central fund auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and G. Cecil; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. P. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and F. Dallaway.

The peal secretary reported the ringing of 22 peals during the year, and the divisional secretaries' reports showed a satisfactory situation both financially and as regards progress. Although the general fund is slightly on the debit side, it was accepted as satisfactory in view of the reconstruction work which had been carried out. The hon. treasurer announced the divisional levies would be 25 per cent. of income.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of the Master, supported by all the chief officers of the association.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**MEETING AT BRAMPFORD SPEKE.**

The Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers had an attendance of about 30 members at a meeting at Bramford Speke. The Vicar conducted the service, Mr. R. C. Copleston read the lesson, and Mr. C. Walker was at the organ. Ashburton, Buckland-in-the-Moor and Widecombe were chosen for an excursion on July 13th, and Ide for a meeting on September 14th. Twelve new members were admitted, mostly from Tedburn, where Prebendary E. V. Cox is forming a new band to ring the bells, which are to be rehung after 70 years' silence.

The chairman of the branch, Mr. A. W. Searle, challenged some remarks of the Vicar about the attendance of ringers at church services. In the Exeter area most ringers attended at least one service on Sundays, and in cases of absence allowance must be made for occupational duties by railwaymen, nurserymen and others.

The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Stoke Canon (6) and Thorverton (8) were visited during the evening.

THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE**MEMORIAL AT WATLINGTON.**

To the memory of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, some time librarian to the Central Council and general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, a bronze tablet has been erected at Watlington Church bearing the inscription: 'In grateful memory of Barnard Halsey Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A., Rector of Watlington, 1928-33, died 25th January, 1936, who devotedly gave his services to ringing. This tablet was erected by his fellow ringers.'

The cost has been defrayed by subscriptions of members of the Ely Diocesan Association, and a grant of £3 3s. from the Central Council.

The tablet will be dedicated at a service in Watlington Church on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon H. K. Stallard, of Wisbech. The ring of six bells will be available before the service and during the evening. If possible a tea will be arranged, and for ringers who wish to attend the nearest railway station is Magdalen Road, three-quarters of a mile.

ALWINGTON, DEVON.

On May 25th, the six bells at St. Andrew's, Alwington, which have been returned and rehung with new fittings in a new cast-iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton and bands from neighbouring towers attended.

The ring is of unusual interest. The tenor, 11½ cwt., is mediæval, and bears the inscription, 'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis. T.G.' The fourth, also mediæval, has 'Gloria in Excelsis'; the fifth is dated 1712 with 'Johannes Stadler, Chudleigh.' The first three bells were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, in 1887. A ring of four hung in the tower in 1537.

The canons of the mediæval bells are retained and special headstocks are used.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT RUISLIP.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Ruislip on May 22nd was attended by about 35 members and friends from Faling, Feltham, Fulham, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Kensington, Kilburn, Lyme Regis, Pinner, Ruislip, Twickenham, Wembley Park and Willesden. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, and Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise Major. One new member, Mr. S. Saban, of Stanwell, was elected.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**MEETING AT BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD.**

A meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Barton-Under-Needwood on May 25th shortly after the dedication by the Bishop of Lichfield of the Chapel of Peace in the Church of St. James. The Vicar, the Rev. D. Nichol-Griffiths, conducted the ringers round the chapel after shortened evensong and pointed out that the furniture and vestments were presented by the relatives of the fallen. He believed it was the first memorial Chapel of Peace in the country for the years 1939-1945.

At the business meeting, at which Mr. B. G. Key (chairman) presided, five honorary and eight ringing members were elected. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Ticknall on June 29th, and, owing to the cost of production, to defer the question of certificates for at least twelve months.

Forty ringers and friends were present from Burton, Ashby, Repton, Netherseale, Overseale, Lullington, Measham, Tamworth, Hoar Cross, Wolverhampton, Spalding, Sevenoaks, Skipton and the local belfry.

The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT STARSTON.**

A meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Starston on Saturday, May 18th, at which 38 ringers attended from Attleborough, Diss, Fornsett, Garboldisham, Hitchen, Long Stratton, Mulbarton, Norwich, Newmarket, Pulham, Redenhall, Starston, Sudbury, Swaffham, Saxlingham, Winfarthing, Wymondham and Yateley. The Rev. A. St. J. Heard conducted the service, with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. J. Heard, president; the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, general secretary; Mr. Nolan Golden, Ringing Master; Mr. A. G. Harrison, branch secretary; and Messrs. Bennett, Whiting and Munnings, members of the committee. Ringing took place at Redenhall in the evening.

MEETING AT SOMERLEYTON.

On May 11th a meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was attended by 30 members. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. B. Feast, who afterwards presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. S. J. Heard, Mr. W. J. Lee, Mr. Nolan Golden, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. J. Harwood and Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Two new members were elected, Miss Mollie P. Prettyman and Mr. Ronald F. Taylor, both of Somerleyton. Norton Subcourse was chosen as the place of the next meeting on July 6th.

Ringers were present from Beccles, Caister-on-Sea, Gillingham, Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Kessingland, Mulbarton, Norton, Norwich, Somerleyton and Wymondham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**MEETING AT HORNCASTLE.**

A joint meeting of the Eastern Branch and the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on May 18th was attended by 77 ringers from Boston, Frieston, Algarkirk, Spalding, Frampton, Lincoln, Branston, Blankney, Nettleham, Metheringham, Donington, Bicker, Billingsborough, Bibsey, Benington and Sutterton.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. E. Barlow-Poole, and tea in the Chapel Room was followed by a business meeting. Mr. W. E. Clarke mentioned that a pulpit for a Dutch church, for which subscriptions had been raised in the Eastern Branch, was ordered and would be installed in the church in the near future. The Vicar and churchwardens of Boston had been invited over to Holland to take part in the dedication ceremony.

RAIN AND PEAL RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—We live and learn. Mr. White's letter did not say one word about ropes; simply did rain help steady towers. Ours is a brick one with no support on the east and west. It would be more interesting and instructive to the whole Exercise if Mr. Turner's Brains Trust could tell us how bell ropes, either tight or snaky, affect a swaying tower.

Guildford.

A. H. PULLING.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

The following two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles have been rung by the recently formed New South Wales Association.

On Sunday, January 20th, at St. James', Turramurra, Sydney, tenor 12½ cwt.: H. Short 1, A. G. Williams, R.N. 2, J. B. Watts 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, W. Smith 5, J. Street 6.

On Sunday, January 27th, at All Saints', Parramatta, Sydney, tenor 10 cwt.: H. Short 1, A. G. Williams, R.N. 2, G. Williamson 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. B. Watts 5, T. Howell 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

Two peal boards given by the churchwardens have been erected in the belfry of All Saints', High Wycombe. One records a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on July 22nd, 1945, and composed and conducted by Mr. Fred Hayes, the other a peal of Stedman Cinques on July 11th, 1945, conducted by Charles T. Coles.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT LUDGVAN.**

The annual meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Ludgvan on May 18th, when about eighty ringers attended from Phillack, Towednack, Zennor, Gulval, Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Carbis Bay, Helston, Camborne, Crowan, St. Hilary and St. Breock. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (branch secretary), the lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella (diocesan secretary), and the address given by the Rector, Canon R. de C. Murley.

Miss Eileen Symons (branch chairman and president of the Diocesan Guild) presided at the business meeting, when the branch secretary reported on the progress of young ringers and of several pending restorations of bells in the district. The accounts showed a credit balance of £12 16s. 7d. An invitation to visit Crowan for the September meeting was accepted. Ringing was on the six at Ludgvan and the eight at Gulval.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Epping on May 18th and was attended by 45 members and friends, almost every tower in the division being represented. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. B. Mortlock, and collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 0s. 2d.

Tea was served in the Church Hall and the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. B. Mortlock. Mrs. G. L. Joyce was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. H. S. and H. T. Wilson, of Brentwood, and Miss Olive Desley, of Bentley, were elected ringing members. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Leigh-on-Sea on July 13th.

The Master, Mr. J. Chalk, emphasised the importance of all members of the division attending the annual meeting of the association on Whit Monday, and asked them to support the monthly 'Crusader' meetings.

The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Stoke-by-Clare on May 25th, was attended by ringers from Sudbury, Clare, Cavendish, Long Melford, Newton, Great Cornard, Hadleigh, Chevington, Whepstead, Braintree, Sawston, Stoke-by-Clare and Cambridge.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected and respect was paid to the memory of Mr. S. J. Howell, who had died on the previous Sunday. The next meeting was fixed for Long Melford on June 15th.

There was ringing at Clare in the evening and the methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The first meeting of the Hawkhurst and District Guild since the war was held at Hawkhurst on May 11th. The church was severely damaged in August, 1943, by a flying bomb and the only part which escaped was the tower. Twenty-four ringers were present and methods from Bob Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Mr. G. Maskell was elected as chairman of the Guild, Mr. J. G. Powell as hon. secretary, Mr. W. Gorringe as ringing master and treasurer, and Mr. J. Downing as peals secretary. The old committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. G. Waters.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, held at East Ardsley, near Wakefield, on May 11th, ringers were present from Cawthorne, Barnby Don, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Ossett and the local belfry.

Nine new members were elected. A course of Bob Major was rung on handbells over the grave of the Rev. Dan Walters, some time Vicar of the parish and a friend to ringers. The methods rung on the tower bells included Minor, Triples and Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the London County Association, held at Poplar on May 11th, the ringing at All Saints' and Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major, and it was decided to hold meetings at Wimbledon in July and Hackney in September.

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SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Bingham (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

KENT ASSN. — Tonbridge District.—Benenden, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. members attending.—T. Saunders.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Sleaford District.—Annual, Sleaford, June 1st, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. — G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division.—Withyham, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service and tea.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—REMEMBRANCE VISIT to the grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford Church, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.15 p.m. (Bus from Woking Car Park, 3.50.) Ringing at Old Woking 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8), June 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—C. H. Wood.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, June 5th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Annual, Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Squirrel and King's Head 4.20. Business, Old Grammar School, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8) 11.30 a.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members notifying Mr. H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop, before June 6th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Northampton, Whit Monday. Committee 2.45 in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.30. Tea by ticket only. Names to Guild secretary by June 1st. Bells, 11 to 1, St. Edmund's and All Saints'; 1 to 3, St. Giles' and St. Peter's; 2 to 3.30, Holy Sepulchre; after the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Whit Monday. Notice of proposed addition to Rule xv., Bell Restoration Fund: 'but where the cost of the work exceeds a certain sum, the maximum grant may be up to £20.'—R. G. Black.

DEVON GUILD.—Annual, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 12.15. Dinner, 1 p.m., members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. 6d. if required. Buses to (1) Stratton, (2) Bradworthy, with other towers; fare 2/-. Tickets before June 5th from F. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Walpole St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, June 10th, 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in Chapter House. Resolution will be proposed that rules be amended; namely, that Annual Meeting be held on Easter Monday instead of Whit Monday. Lunch at County Hotel 1.30 p.m. Those requiring lunch must let me know by Thursday, June 6th. Bells: Cathedral (12) from 9 a.m., Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8); Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6) after lunch.—L. J. Clark, Southdene, Petersfield Lane, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Sowerby, Halifax, Saturday, June 15th. Tea 2s. 6d. Apply G. A. Briggs, 21, Tillotson Avenue, Sowerby Bridge, before June 12th. Reports for 1945 available.—Wm. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Richmond (8), June 15th, afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and business, Parish Room, Dundas Street, after service. Names to Miss D. M. Killingley, 2, Pottergate, Richmond, Yorks, by June 8th.—Edward Hudson.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Folkestone, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Chester, Saturday, June 15th. Service, Old St. Mary's, 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tea (2s. 6d.) by ticket only. Ringing at Cathedral 2-3 p.m. only, and four neighbouring churches after 2 p.m. Tea tickets from branch secretaries before June 8th.

CONTEST AT WENTWORTH, near Rotherham, June 15th, 3 p.m. Draw, Parish Room, 2.45 p.m. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Kelvedon (6), June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business afterwards.—H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Yelvertoft (5) on Saturday, June 29th. Tea provided.—T. H. Loakes.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tadcaster, July 6th. Details later. No June meeting.—T. H. Foster.

KENT PEAL TOUR.—July 27th to August 4th. First attempt, Canterbury Cathedral (12), 4 p.m., July 27th. Thirteen other attempts during the week. Accommodation vacant for five more ringers. Applications must be in with stamped postcard and 10s. deposit by June 15th. Board and lodging for 18 ringers reserved at Folkestone. Private coach will take party out each day. Overall cost about £6.—Apply to Frank C. W. Knight, 25, Second Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

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THE RINGING WORLD.

Next Tuesday at the meeting of the Central Council there will probably be some discussion about 'The Ringing World' and possibly some criticism and even fault finding. All that is as it should be, and it may assist the members if we address to them some remarks from the editorial standpoint.

The only way to conduct satisfactorily a journal like 'The Ringing World' is to find a man who knows his job and then to trust him to do his best so long as he is worthy of being trusted. Directly you find that, through carelessness, or negligence, or incompetence, or laziness, or old age, he is no longer performing his duties as he ought, dismiss him and appoint another. While he holds the office judge him by general results, and do not attempt to interfere with details. This does not mean that there must be no criticism or fault finding, or that such would not be attended to. No editor, whether he be the Editor of 'The Ringing World' or the Editor of 'The Times,' can afford to ignore the opinions of his readers, and no competent editor would think of doing so. But it does not follow that he must do everything people desire and ask for. That way lie chaos and disaster.

'The Ringing World' as it is to-day must be judged by what it has been during the last five or six years as a whole. What success it has had (and we should not be truthful if we did not say that we know there has been success) is largely because it has been conducted on a carefully thought-out plan which aimed at appealing to the widest circle of readers and serving the Exercise in its broadest aspects. The fundamental rule is that the journal must be conducted in the interests of the general readers and in the interests of the Exercise as a whole, not in the interests of those who send in matter which, for one reason or another, they wish to be printed. This sounds pretty obvious, but there is a surprisingly large number of people who fail to realise that what they particularly want to make public is not necessarily of any interest to others. Another important rule is that due proportion must be kept and the interests of all classes of readers impartially considered. Peal ringers are important people and peal reports are important news items, but the impression must not be created that they swamp the paper. Reports of meetings are necessary, but trivial details repeated from meeting after meeting serve no useful purpose. Technical and scientific articles are vital to the well-being of the Exercise and the art,

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but every precaution must be taken to make them intelligible to as wide an audience as possible. All these things mean the balancing of opposites and careful selection. An item may be rejected, not because it is bad in itself but because something better is available.

Lack of space is an important consideration, but not nearly so important as some people imagine. Quality is more important than quantity, and a good twelve or even eight-page paper is far better than a dull and uninteresting one of sixteen pages. Apart from circulation, the shortage of paper was really a blessing to 'The Ringing World' during war time.

Naturally, there are men who imagine quite honestly that, if they had the opportunity, they could much improve the paper. It is a piece of vanity quite harmless so long as no attempt is made to put it into action. If these men had to face the problem of producing week by week an interesting well-written paper, up to a definitely high standard, they would find it not quite what they thought. Questions of arrangement and the style of type to be used must be left to those who have opportunities of judging such matters.

During these last five years or so the choice has not been between 'The Ringing World' as it is and 'The Ringing World' as some people would like it or think it ought to be; but between the best that could be produced in the circumstances and no paper at all. The last alternative was much more likely than some men think.

It would be ungracious and thankless if we did not add that we know that ringers in general do appreciate what has been done to serve them in this matter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING <i>Treble</i>	JAMES F. HARVEY ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
*WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 10
JOHN S. MASON ... 5	*RICHARD A. POST ... 11
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 6	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

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WOODBURY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1946 in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN F. GLANVILL ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BASTIN ... 5
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ... 6
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Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

ON THE 'STEEFOX EIGHT.'

*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
ERNEST RAWSON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*H. JAMES TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
DANIEL T. MATEIN ... 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROY HARDING ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK PENN ... 5
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Conducted by GILBERT HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
Mrs. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Major on tower bells.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 3½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
*JOHN S. MASON ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

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On Wed., May 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. ROOT 5
JILL POOLE 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ERNEST RAWSON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JAMES F. HARVEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN R. PINK 5
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	*JOHN PINFOLD 6
*JOHN S. MASON 3	*HENRY H. FEARN 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wed., May 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	*RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEKSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. A. CAVE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*MISS MARIS ALLEN ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 5
ROBERT ALLSOP 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 6
*MISS JEAN DUNN 3	BERNARD ALLSOP 7
HUGH W. GREGORY 4	*JACK ROBERTS' Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS <i>Treble</i>	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... 2	FRED STANFORTH 6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. H. POWELL. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK HORSEWOOD <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK WATSON ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 2	FRANK BAILESS 5
JOHN H. BAILESS 3	RONALD F. COLLIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BAILESS.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946 in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

R. CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	J. POUNDS 4
H. SERJEANT, SEN. 2	C. ACKERS 5
W. CORE 3	C. A. MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MAWDSLEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN FREEMAN 1-2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*DENNIS W. TOWNHILL ... 7-8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

IN THE BURY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LUCILLE M. HUBBERT ... 1 2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY 7-8

Composed by J. R. PITCHARD. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5-6
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First handbell peal of Major.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation).

LUCILLE M. HUBBERT ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

(Continued from page 228.)

The student now has all the necessary data for proving a block of Tittum rows against a block of Handstroke Home rows. If he writes out all the treble leads and transposes the necessary rows for false leads, he will ensure the truth or falsity of the block.

The question of opening and turning courses still remains; but before considering that, we may well look further into this matter of false leads and see to what extent the proof may be shortened by the use of natural course-ends.

23456978		23456879	
27869453	1	27968453	1
25394867	2	25384967	2
26748395	3	26749385	3
29583746	4	28593746	4
24637589	5	24637598	5
28975634	6	29875634	6
23456978	7	23456879	7

For reference write down a plain Tittum course and a plain Handstroke Home course, and number the leads, 1 to 7. Now take each Tittum lead, noting the number of the lead, work out its false lead (a Handstroke Home lead, of course), by using Table C. Find the number of the lead in the Handstroke Home course where this false lead occurs, and then determine to what course-end this false lead belongs.

Let us proceed to this systematically. We start with Row 1, 27869453.

ROW 1. 27869453.

This row belongs to the course 23456978. It can appear only at 1. By transposing according to Table C, we find that 27869453 has a false lead, 54267398. This false lead appears at 5 in the Handstroke Home course. If this lead, 54267398, is traced to its course-end it will be found to belong to the course-end 56432879.

The Tittum course 23456, then, has a row at 1 which is false against a row at 5 in the Handstroke Home course 56432.

ROW 2. 25394867.

This row belongs to the course-end 23456978. It can appear only at 2. According to the transposition in Table C it has two false leads:—

- (a) 48295736, which appears at 4 in Handstroke Home course 45326.
 (b) 68295743, which appears at 4 in Handstroke Home course 65423.

The Tittum course 23456, then, has a row at 2 which is false against a row at 4 in the Handstroke Home course 45326 and against a row at 4 in the Handstroke Home course 65423.

ROW 3. 26748395.

This row belongs to the course 23456978. It can appear only at 3. According to Table C it has no false leads.

ROW 4. 29583746.

This belongs to course-end 23456978 and can appear only at 4. According to Table C it has two false leads:—

- (a) 53684927, which appears at 2 in Handstroke Home course 56432.

- (b) 53482967, which appears at 2 in Handstroke Home course 54236.

The Tittum course 23456, then, has a row at 4 that is false against a row at 2 in Handstroke Home course 5643 and against a row at 2 in Handstroke Home course 54236.

ROW 5. 24637589.

This belongs to course-end 23456978, and can appear only at 5. It has two false leads:—

- (a) 45326879, which appears at 7 in Handstroke Home course 45326.
 (b) 67938425, which appears at 1 in Handstroke Home course 65423.

Tittum course 23456, then, has a row at 5 false against a row at 7 in Handstroke Home course 45326 and against a row at 1 in Handstroke Home course 65423.

ROW 6. 28975634.

This belongs to course-end 23456978, and can occur only at 6. According to Table C it has no false leads.

ROW 7. 23456978.

This belongs to course-end 23456978 and can occur only at 7. It has a false lead 52647398, which occurs at 5 in Handstroke Home course 54236.

The Tittum course 23456, then, has a row at 7 false against a row at 5 in Handstroke Home course 54236.

From the above it is now possible to compile a short table showing which Handstroke Home courses are false against Tittum course 23456, and the places in the course where such falseness occurs.

Here is such a table. It can be used where blocks of changes are set out by the natural course-ends.

TABLE E.

Tittum Natural Course-end under the heading.	Trans- posed by.	Must not appear in Handstroke Home in column,
1	56432	5
2	45326 65423	4 4
4	56432 54236	2 2
5	45326 65423	7 1
7	54236	5

This table has been worked out from the Tittum course 23456. If the student cares to work out the table from the Handstroke Home course 23456879 he will obtain the same figures as above. Table E may therefore be used to prove Handstroke Home blocks against Tittum blocks as well as Tittum blocks against Handstroke Home blocks.

Let us apply this table to the proof of a block of rows set out by natural course-ends. Note the setting out of the blocks. First of all, there are never any calls at 2 (so long as 789 are fixed). Column 1, therefore, will contain the same rows as column 2, and there is no need to write them down twice. In the same way, and for the same reason, columns 3 and 4 are always the same. There are no calls at 6, and no false leads act against lead 6. There is thus no need to make a column 6 here.

Here, then, is the specimen piece of a touch. The first six courses are Tittum courses and the rest is Handstroke Home. The turning course and a number of intermediate courses have been omitted for the purpose of this demonstration, for we are at the moment concerned only with the relationship between Handstroke Home and Tittum rows.

1 and 2	3 and 4	5	7	1	3
36254	— 23654	23654	23654	—	—
— 43256	— 24356	24356	24356	—	—
24356	— 32456	32456	32456	—	—
32456	— 43256	43256	43256	—	—
s 63254	— 26354	26354	26354	s	—
26354	— 32654	32654	32654	—	—

etc.

The following are Handstroke Home rows :—

24365	— 32465	32465	32465	—
s 52463	— 45263	45263	45263	s
45263	— 24563	24563	24563	—

There are two parts to the proof :—

1. Proof of the treble leads by inspection.
2. Checking of Tittum rows against Handstroke Home

rows for false leads.

This is easily effected by the use of Table E.

No. 1 is carried out by inspection of the columns of natural course-ends, remembering that for this purpose the Tittums is absolutely independent of the Handstroke Home.

No. 2 we tackle as follows.

First, each Tittum course-end under 1 is transposed by 56432. The resulting course in each case *must not occur in the Handstroke Home portion in column 5.*

Next, each Tittum course-end under the heading 2 (the same column as 1 in this case), must be transposed by 45326 and by 65423, and the resulting courses must not occur in the Handstroke Home under the heading 4.

So each column must be dealt with according to Table E, and if the composition stands these tests then it is true.

In the above case it will be found in Tittum column 2, that when 63254 is transposed by 65423 (according to

Table E) the resulting row, 45263, *does* occur under the heading 4 in the Handstroke Home. This means that the second lead of the Tittum course called S1.3 runs false with the fourth lead of the Handstroke Home course called S1.3.

The above block of changes is therefore false.

We have now dealt with two important processes: (1) The proof of a block of rows with 789 fixed in one position. This consists in proving the treble leads, which is easily done by the use of natural course-ends.

(2) The Proving of a block of Tittum rows against a block of Handstroke Home rows. This also is greatly facilitated by using natural course-ends.

(To be continued.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT PIRBRIGHT.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Pirbright on May 11th, was attended by over fifty members and visitors, including three district secretaries, a vice-president and the general secretary of the Guild. Service was conducted by the Vicar, with the help of the organist and choir. At the business meeting Mr. T. Brown, who began his ringing at Witney and has now returned to Worplesdon after 40 years in New Zealand, was elected a member, and Mr. W. L. Wood was elected an honorary life member.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On May 25th, a meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Mangotsfield and on the following Sunday at evensong a choir and ringers' festival was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Beard. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung before the service by visiting ringers, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in church on handbells by Messrs. H. W. Knight, C. Glenn, R. Bryant and I. Fulford. Solos were rendered by Miss D. George and A. Yewdall, and the Hallelujah Chorus was sung.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

WHIT SUNDAY, JUNE 9th.

Ring.—St. Peter Mancroft (12), 9-9.30 a.m., 10.15-11 a.m., 5.30-
6.45 p.m. St. Giles' (8), St. Michael Coslany (8) and St. John de
Sepulchre (8), 9.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m.

To ensure ringing at all churches in the morning, will members
meet at St. Peter Mancroft not later than 9.30 a.m.?

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher will be pleased to see any members
and friends who are able to visit them at the White House, Caister-
on-Sea, on Sunday afternoon. To help tea arrangements, please send
a postcard beforehand.

MONDAY, JUNE 10th.

A room at the Cricketers Arms, Orford Place, has been reserved for
members throughout the day from 9 a.m. and all notices of arrange-
ments will be posted here.

A morning tour of some of the interesting parts of the city has
been arranged. Meet at Cricketers Arms 10 a.m. The towers of St.
Giles' and St. Michael's will be available from 11 to 12.30. A special
tour of the Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Meet at west door.

Standing Committee meeting 6.30 in St. Peter Mancroft vestry.
Ringing at all four churches as above 6.30-8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11th.

Special celebration Holy Communion St. George's, Colegate, 8 a.m.
Standing Committee meeting 10 a.m. in City Hall.

Council meeting 11 a.m. sharp. Members are asked to sign the roll
and be in their places by 10.50.

Reception by the Lord Mayor and Lord Bishop of Norwich.
The Norwich Diocesan Association invite all members to tea at
Davey Place Restaurant at 5.30.

All city bells again available from 6.30-8 p.m.

Owing to extreme shortage of available rooms, no arrangements are
yet possible for a central meeting place.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

June 3rd, 1773. The first peal—Grandsire Cinques—on the twelve
bells at Birmingham.

June 4th, 1762. The ten at St. Mary-le-Bow rung for the first time.

1919. John W. Taylor, jun., died.

June 5th, 1909. At Gateshead, the first peal of Erin Triples.

1911. At Pudsey on handbells, 13,440 Bob Major.

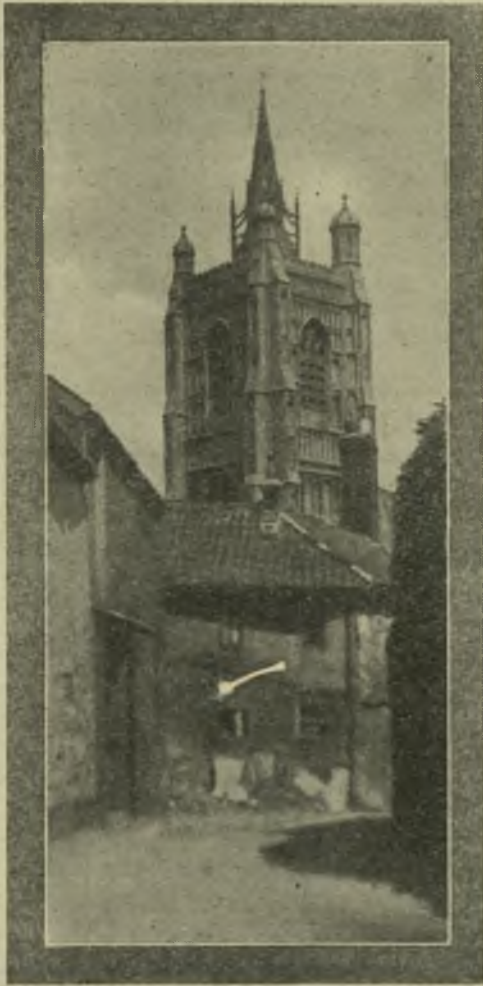
1933. At Bennington, 18,144 Bob Major.

June 6th, 1892. At Debenham, 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

June 8th, 1906. At Mottram, Cheshire, 16,800 Kent Treble Bob
Major.

THE CHURCHES & BELLS OF NORWICH

Throughout most of its history Norwich has been pre-eminently a city of churches and bells. It still can hold its own as a city of churches and, though it has no modern peal and (with one notable exception) no peal that can be said to be good in quality, there is scarcely



ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

[By J. A. Trollope.]

another place where there are so many bells of interest to the change ringer and the archæologist. Within the city walls there are thirty-one pre-Reformation churches and, though four of them were almost entirely destroyed in the recent air raids, those were of little interest, and all of any value still stand. About a score or more of the bells which hang in the steeples are of pre-Reformation make, and as many of them have hung unaltered for years it is probable that there are numerous examples of bell frames and fittings dating back to the seventeenth and sixteenth centuries and perhaps earlier.

St. Peter Mancroft is a fine example of English Perpendicular architecture, and the interior is splendid though it lacks painted glass in the aisle windows of the same quality as that in the great east window—if it has been replaced since the war. Outside, the building is not so striking; for though the tower is a massive one and

elaborately panelled in stone, the plan is oblong and only the narrow sides are properly seen from the street. The small elaborate spire added some sixty years ago is not a success. No one can judge Mancroft bells from hearing them once and casually. A man must grow up from childhood within the sound of them to appreciate what they are. The peal boards in the belfry are of exceptional value and interest.

St. Stephen's, a short distance from St. Peter's, is about a century later in date, but is in much the same style of architecture. It is well worth a visit by those who enjoy the sight of a fine church interior; but for the ringer as such it has little of interest. Once it had a ring of five bells, but the tower fell down at the end of the sixteenth century, and instead of it being rebuilt the porch was raised to hold the one bell left. Quite a good piece of work as architecture, but of no use for ringing. There are now, I believe, three or four modern bells there.

St. Andrew's is the best church in the city next to Mancroft, and worth a visit, not only for itself but also for its bell frame, which started as a cage for five bells set diagonally in the tower and ended by accommodating ten. This is where the first peal of London Surprise was performed, but there are no wheels on the stocks now, and there has been no ringing since Mr. C. E. Borrett called a quarter-peal on the back eight half a century ago. The bells are a very mixed lot, mostly from the seventeenth century and by six different founders. The tenor was usually said to be 18 cwt. The tower is a good and lofty one, but the appearance was spoilt when fifty years ago the eight pinnacles were taken down from the top.

St. Giles' has the loftiest tower of all the churches, and, though quite plain, probably the best proportioned. The bells have played a large part in the history of the Exercise. Three of them are pre-Reformation, and the ring now hangs in a modern frame with modern fittings.

There are three pre-Reformation bells also at St. Michael, Coslany, and here, too, ringing history has been made. They are a somewhat similar peal to St. Giles', but to my ears sound sadly out of tune. The tower is a good one, and though there is nothing particularly interesting about the church itself, the south aisle, called the Thorpe Chapel, is celebrated in architecture for its panelled flint and stonework.

St. John-de-Sepulchre has a light octave; four of the bells are modern, but the tenor dates from about 1400 and the fourth from 1628.

In my time there used to be four rings of six in the city. All of them were occasionally rung, but all of them needed skilful handling, and no one ever thought of them as suitable for peal ringing. To-day there is no ringing on any, and the ring at St. Mary Coslany has been moved to a new church in the suburbs and hung dead. Two are pre-Reformation and the others from the seventeenth century.

St. Lawrence is one of the big churches of the city, but not, if I remember, one of the best. The tower is (next to St. Giles') the tallest within the walls, but the church was built half-way down a hill which slopes sharply to the river, so that the street is almost on a level with the aisle roof. The third in the ring, reputed to be the oldest bell in Norfolk, was by William Revel, who was founding in London soon after 1350; the fifth is an 'alphabet' bell, and the others are from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

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CHURCHES AND BELLS OF NORWICH

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A little further along the street is St. Gregory's, another large church and, except for the tower, a finer one. Here is a Thomas Mears ring of six cast in 1818 with a half ton tenor, and of their kind quite good. The belfry is a stone gallery at the west end of the church, an arrangement not uncommon in the Eastern Counties. As the



ST. PETER'S, AS IT WAS.

draught was a long one without guides and the ropes and sallies were bad, bell handling in my time was a fine art at St. Gregory's. In the church and churchyard were buried several men who made a name in ringing history. They include John Garthon, the first to compose a true peal of Grandsire Triples, and Edward Crane, who composed and called what he thought was the first true peal of Stedman Triples.

At St. John's, Maddermarket, which almost adjoins St. Gregory's, there is another and similar ring of six. They were from Whitechapel in 1765. The tower is a small one, and the interior of the short church is so cluttered up with galleries and fittings of recent date that there is no room to ring the bells in the stone gallery which used to serve as a belfry. A person interested in memorial brasses will find some good examples in this church.

In the year 1700 there were at least eleven rings of five in the city; in 1800 the number was reduced to seven mainly by augmentations; then churchwardens got into the bad habit of selling bells to pay for repairs to the church fabric; and to-day there are only four. The most noteworthy is the five at the Cathedral. Four of the bells are pre-Reformation, and the other dates from 1635. Up to about a hundred years ago they were rung, but the belfry floor has been taken away (a great improvement it must be admitted), and the bells are now chimed from the triforium. The bells are tuned in the minor scale, and there is a haunting melody about the clock chimes which to my mind makes these chimes the most effective I have ever heard. They are as effective for marking the time as the hackneyed Westminster chimes and, though not equal as pure music to the Guildford chimes, do serve the purpose for which they were intended, which the others do not.

At St. George's, Tombland, is another minor ring of five, and it also is pre-Reformation, except for one recast

bell. It is many years since they were rung, and I do not remember any man, even the oldest, say he had heard them rung or chimed.

St. Peter per Mountergate (which for reasons best known to themselves people now call Parmentergate) was the five-bell tower where we boys used to amuse ourselves. It was a good school for handling and striking, and we rang one good peal there. The bells are a mixed lot and nothing to talk about in quality; two are pre-Reformation, two early eighteenth century and one seventeenth century. They have been silent for many years.

The last ring of five—All Saints'—is a newcomer. Between the two wars two trebles were added to an old three, two of which date from pre-Reformation times. One or two peals have been rung on the five, but we have not heard anything about them lately.

The bell archæologist will find the lesser towers quite as interesting as those mentioned. The ring of three at St. Clement's, for instance, where Mr. Thurlow is Rector, has two pre-Reformation bells, and so has the ring of three at his other church, St. George's, Colegate. This last has a good, well-proportioned tower which is well worthy of the ring of six which by additions it is proposed to hang there.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE NORWICH MEETING OF 1899.

The first meeting of the Central Council at Norwich was held on May 23rd, 1899, in a rather bare room belonging to the Conservative Club. Forty-three members were present out of a total of 91, not quite so good a proportion as at Birmingham last year, when 77 attended out of a total of 150. Four men were present who are still members—Canon Coleridge, and Messrs. O. Dean, J. A. Trollope and G. Williams. Sir Arthur Heywood presided.

The agenda was an attractive one, and besides the reports of various committees, any one of which might have led to a long debate, called



ST. GILES'.

for discussions on such controversial matters as 'the conditions and features which constitute a legitimate method of change ringing,' paid ringing, prize ringing, instruction of beginners, the formation of a new company, and how to keep up the supply of qualified conductors. In those days the Council had only one sitting. It met at half past one and adjourned at the end of the afternoon. Of course, there was not enough time to deal properly with the agenda and it was decided to adopt for the future the present plan of having two sittings with a break for lunch.

The first business was the report of the committee which was formed to try to persuade the railway companies to give special reduced

fares to ringers attending meetings. It was a matter of some importance at the time, but the only result of the Council's action was that those companies which had hitherto granted privileges withdrew them to fall into line with the majority who refused any concession.

Earle Bulwer spoke about the Glossary he was preparing and the collections of peals that were being made, and Heywood of the attempt to gather information about the condition of rings of eight, ten and twelve bells.

'Points for peals' was a subject which always had an attraction for the early Councils. Men did think then that it was possible to assess the value of peal performances, and a schedule of points had been adopted based on the supposed difficulties of the methods rung. That did not go far enough for some people, who wanted the weights of tenors and (in long peals) the number of changes to be taken into consideration.

The act of the Council which had the most permanent and far reaching results was the appointment of the Methods Committee. It arose out of the intervention by Law James into a debate begun by Earle Bulwer. There was little interest taken in the matter and no one could have foreseen the vast amount of controversy, argument, hard work, writing and speaking which was to follow in the next 20 years and more.

The debates on paid ringing and prize ringing did not yield anything startling and for the rest of the agenda there was no time. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Mancroft by members of the Council was a failure.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

ANNUAL TOUR.

On April 29th, after a break of seven years, about twenty members of the Guild of Clerical Ringers met for a ringing tour with Kettering as the centre. On Tuesday morning an unsuccessful attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major at Burton Latimer, and visits were paid to the six-bell towers of Cranford, Woodford and Great Addington. After lunch ringing was at the eight bell tower of Finedon and the six bell tower at Isham. Many of the local band joined in touches of Caters and Royal at Kettering in the evening.

On Wednesday morning, Prebendary E. V. Cox was the celebrant at a Corporate Communion in Barton Seagrave Church. During the day ringing was at the six bell towers of Weekley and Rushton, and the eight bell towers of Market Harborough, Kebworth, Desborough and Rothwell. In the late evening a peal of Bob Major was rung on handbells.

On Thursday visits were paid to Moulton, St. Peter's, Northampton (where a touch of Bob Triples was rung to commemorate the ringing of the first true peal—Bob Triples at Norwich on May 2nd, 1715), St. Giles (where Caters and Royal were rung), Weedon, Daventry (where an attempt was made to ring a course of London Surprise Major) and Staverton.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox presided at the annual business meeting. Canon G. F. Coleridge and the Rev. E. Bankes James wrote resigning the offices of president and vice-president on account of advancing age, and the Rev. C. C. Cox and Canon R. F. Wilkinson were appointed in their stead. Preb. E. V. Cox was re-elected hon. secretary and the Revs. A. G. G. Thurlow and C. E. Wigg to fill vacancies on the committee. Oxford was chosen as the district of the next tour.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

'CRUSADERS' MEET AT BRENTWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir—Unqualified success attended the 'Crusaders' of South-West Essex in their initial venture at Brentwood on May 25th. Fifteen of the band were in attendance, and tuition was given to more than 50 enthusiasts who came from a wide area, including visitors from Cambridge, North London and other divisions of Essex.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 p.m. and the bells were kept going more than four hours, averaging five touches an hour. No request was overlooked and touches ranged from half-pull call changes to London Surprise. Everybody was catered for, from beginners to those not-so-young who wanted to brush up methods. Several were encouraged to call their first touches, but many others would have done so if they had known of the opportunity beforehand and looked up something to call.

The band all agreed that the afternoon was enjoyable and interesting, but almost unanimously think that it was far more fatiguing than a peal. Judging by views expressed on all sides, the meeting was deeply appreciated. One visitor summed up the general view thus: 'The organisation is to be congratulated on the undoubted success of a fine effort, backed by co-operative and unselfish enthusiasm, and presented in a novel and most helpful way.'

Loughton is the venue for the next meeting on June 29th, and further meetings will be notified later, the band reserving the last Saturday of each month for this purpose.

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DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Baverstock 1, J. Mussell 2, P. Waterman 3, J. Lush 4, W. Theobald (conductor) 5, J. Bailey 6.

INAUDIBLE TREBLE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have rather wondered why no one has commented on Dr. Frewen Moor's recent letter. He is quite right when he says that the trebles of some rings of bells are inaudible at a distance, but whether the reasons he suggests are the whole truth may be open to question. It is probably the general experience that small bells, and especially small modern bells, when used singly (as clock bells, for instance) can be heard well enough at a distance; often better than much heavier bells of lower note. Much depends, of course, on the way they are hung; a bell hung practically in the open and above the surrounding houses has a better chance than one more or less buried in the tower; and for that reason trebles hoisted above the other bells will be heard better further away, though for other reasons that is not a plan to be recommended. I have heard that Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., after he had left his house at the bell foundry and moved to the outskirts of Loughborough, had the trebles at the Parish Church rehung on a higher level because he could no longer hear them to his satisfaction from his new residence.

It sometimes happens with modern rings of ten and twelve bells, especially when they are of rather light weight, that the trebles can hardly be distinguished outside when the bells are being rung, although when struck singly the trebles seem powerful enough. Probably this is due largely to the tendency day-to-day to ring the bells, and especially the smaller bells, too fast; the smaller bells are not rung sufficiently widely over the big bells for them to be heard clearly outside. It is difficult for ringers to realise that if the bells are to sound outside as if they were struck at regular intervals, then the small bells must actually be struck at wider intervals over the large bells than over smaller ones. The difficulty the human ear finds in adjusting itself to the long drawn out rhythm of ten and especially twelve bell ringing is another factor; and much of the inaudibility of trebles is due to bad and slovenly striking.

Another reason may play a greater part than is suspected. In modern tuned rings of ten and twelve the strike notes of the small bells coincide with the upper octave overtones of the large bells. The ear of the hearer who is not consciously and actively listening to them may accept them as the same thing, and the strike notes of the trebles may become merged into and so to speak swallowed up by the overtones of the large bells. In rings tuned on the old style that would not happen because the overtones are always inharmonic. No proof of this naturally is possible one way or the other.

During the war very deep and elaborate investigations have been made into this question of the audibility of sound and its effect on the human ear. Whether the result will be made generally available I do not know, but in any case it will hardly be easy reading.

'OBSERVER.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Salisbury on May 18th, when the following towers were open for ringing: St. Thomas, St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, Amesbury, eight bells; St. Paul's Britford, Downton, Coombe Bissett, Middle Woodford, South Newton and Wilton. The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild, presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. Dr. E. W. J. Hellins, Marnhull, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kington Magna, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. C. West, Melksham, assistant hon. secretary.

The Master referred to the death of Mr. F. W. Romaine and the Rev. C. W. Denham, late Vicar of Bradpole.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £128 13s. 9d., as against £118 7s. 11d. the previous year.

The officers elected were: Master, the Rev. C. C. Cox; hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. C. West; auditors, Mr. Walter Hinks and the Rev. J. E. Senger. Messrs. W. A. Avery, Longbridge Deverill, and A. J. Grey, Mere, were appointed instructors, and Messrs. Alan McDonald, Poole, and Gilbert Harding, Trowbridge, inspectors of bellfries. Messrs. Sidney Macey, Salisbury, and G. T. White, Dorchester, were elected life members. It was stated that Mr. White had been associated with the tower of St. Peter's, Dorchester, for 50 years.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reported upon the Blandford ringing festival. At the last annual meeting the Guild were against ringing competitions, and suggested that a festival should be held instead. The committee appointed met the representatives of the Blandford Town Council and others interested, and, as a result, it had been agreed that a festival for Dorset ringers should be held at Blandford on Saturday, June 29th. Tea would be provided by the Town Council out of the legacy left for the competition. The Master said the question of assisting teams with fares was also being considered.

It was agreed to vote the sum of three guineas each to the towers of Longbridge Deverill and Askerswell in aid of their restoration funds.—Mr. Gilbert Harding, of Trowbridge, was appointed as the Guild's representative on the Central Council in place of the late Mr. Frank Romaine.

A service was held at the Cathedral, at which the Dean of Salisbury, the Very Rev. H. C. Robins, was the preacher, and tea was at the British Legion Hall.

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Northampton, Whit Monday. Committee 2.45 in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.30. Bells, 11 to 1, St. Edmund's and All Saints'; 1 to 3, St. Giles' and St. Peter's; 2 to 3.30, Holy Sepulchre; after the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Whit Monday. Notice of proposed addition to Rule xv., Bell Restoration Fund: 'but where the cost of the work exceeds a certain sum, the maximum grant may be up to £20.'—R. G. Black.

DEVON GUILD.—Annual, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 12.15. Dinner, 1 p.m., members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. 6d. if required. Buses to (1) Stratton, (2) Bradworthy, with other towers; fare 2/-.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Walpole St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, June 10th, 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in Chapter House. Resolution will be proposed that rules be amended; namely, that Annual Meeting be held on Easter Monday instead of Whit Monday. Lunch at County Hotel 1.30 p.m. Bells: Cathedral (12) from 9 a.m.; Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6) after lunch.—L. J. Clark, Southdene, Petersfield Lane, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex.

CUMBERLAND ASSN.—Crosthwaite, Keswick (8 bells), on Whit Monday, June 10th. Ringing meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Sowerby, Halifax, Saturday, June 15th. Tea 2s. 6d. Apply G. A. Briggs, 21, Tillotson Avenue, Sowerby Bridge, before June 12th. Reports for 1945 available.—Wm. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Richmond (8), June 15th, afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and business, Parish Room, Dundas Street, after service. Names to Miss D. M. Killingley, 2, Pottergate, Richmond, Yorks, by June 8th.—Edward Hudson.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Folkestone, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Kelvedon (6), June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business afterwards. Feering (8) will be available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Croston Parish Church, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Chester, Saturday, June 15th. Service, Old St. Mary's, 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tea (2s. 6d.) by ticket only. Ringing at Cathedral 2-3 p.m. only, and four neighbouring churches after 2 p.m. Tea tickets from branch secretaries before June 8th.

CONTEST AT WENTWORTH, near Rotherham, June 15th, 3 p.m. Draw, Parish Room, 2.45 p.m. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Winford, Saturday, June 15th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishops-gate.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Whalley, June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in tower 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—June 15th. Claybrook (8) 3 to 7. Sharnford (6) 3.30 to 8. Bring food. Cups of tea at both places. Numbers to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, nr. Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern.—Hartlebury, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Fairford (8), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Card for tea by June 10th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Henlow (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Newnham (6), Saturday, June 15th. Tea provided. Names to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Stamford, All Saints' (6), Saturday, June 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by June 11th.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—East Garston (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. G. H. West, East Garston Vicarage, Newbury, by June 11th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Cosgrove, Saturday, June 15th. Service 3.30 p.m. Bring food and sugar. Cups of tea provided.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon, Towcester.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry District.—Newbold-on-Avon, June 15th, 3 p.m.—H. G. Summers.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Frensham (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cup of tea and bun 5 p.m. at Marindin Hall, Names June 11th.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—Long Melford (8), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 at Old Tea Parlour. Names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Singleton (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, nr. Blackpool, by June 14th.—J. H. Foster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Barkway (8), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Refreshments 5 p.m. Names to C. A. Bysouth, Barkway, Royston, Herts, by June 12th.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Walkden, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook.

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual, Aston Abbots, June 15th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Stourton, Saturday, June 22nd.—W. Uphill.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Guildford District) and SURREY ASSN. (North-Western District).—Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Clandon (8) from 2.30. Merrow (6) from 3 p.m. Service at Merrow 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Merrow Church Hall. Numbers for tea to the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham, Merrow Rectory, Guildford, Surrey, by June 19th.—A. C. Hazelden and D. Cooper.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Claverden Parish Church (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. Stanley.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Annual, Hedon (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.), for all who notify Mr. J. E. Morrison, 10, Church Lane, Hedon; by June 15th. Business meeting following tea.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, by June 22nd.—T. J. Lock.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—June 22nd. Re-opening of bells after being rehung as memorial to the late J. W. Hopkins. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea, 1s. each, for those who notify me by June 19th.—A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leics.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury, June 22nd. Ringing at Cathedral 1.30 to 2.45. Service 3 p.m. Tea in King's School (close by Cathedral) 4.15 p.m. After tea, ringing at Cathedral, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's. Names for tea by June 18th to B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.—G. H. Spice.

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QUARTER PEALS.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On May 22nd, 1,266 Stedman Triples: Miss Joan Grant 1, Miss Joy Davis 2, John Romain 3, George Winter 4, Frederick Hale 5, William Mortimer 6, Sidney Grant (conductor) 7, George Oram 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Gerrard 1, E. Critchley 2, F. Reed 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, E. Thorley 5, E. Padgett 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, J. Thorley 8.

HEREFORD.—On May 23rd at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. P. Morton (conductor) 1, W. H. Symonds 2, J. W. Humphries 3, C. L. Sadler 4, A. Wingate 5, L. Quartermain 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 23rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, T. Bannister 2, Miss P. Homes 3, P. E. Jones 4, F. Blondell 5, E. Hartley 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, S. Humphreys 8.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lindsey 1, Miss J. E. Lindsey 2, J. H. Musson 3, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 4, C. Wilkinson 5, R. Wilkinson 6.

STRATTON, NEAR SWINDON.—On May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Gardiner (conductor) 1, A. H. Holliday 2, Miss M. Richards 3, Miss N. Davis 4, W. Carter 5, I. H. Trueman 6, T. Moulding 7, W. H. Trueman 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Audrey Diserens 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Violet N. Castle 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, A. Wiggins 5, Noel J. Diserens 6, B. C. Castle 7, A. J. N. Rance (conductor) 8. QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Cut Doacon 1, R. Gare 2, D. Gare 3, F. J. Reeves 4, C. Thomas 5, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 6.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Carvell 1, W. Wharton 2, A. Turpin 3, R. G. Edwards (conductor) 4, E. Gilbert 5, J. W. Evans 6, E. F. Bennett 7, F. Thomas 8.

TROWBRIDGE.—On May 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Hector 1, W. Theobald 2, F. Harris 3, G. Harding (conductor) 4, C. Butcher 5, L. Harris 6, F. Penn 7, C. Parker 8, C. Andrews 9, W. Baxter 10.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, May 26th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hayward 1, H. Jones 2, Miss E. George 3, W. J. Perrot 4, T. A. Blow (conductor) 5, P. Gray 6, H. W. Simmons 7, W. Brownett 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 26th, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: James F. Harvey 1, John Scott 2, Henry H. Fearn 3, George E. Fearn 4, John E. Eaton 5, G. William Critchley 6, Frank E. Haynes (conductor) 7, William T. Froggatt 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore 1, E. Palmer 2, C. Glenn (conductor) 3, C. Baker 4, R. Bryant 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight 7, J. G. Jefferies 8.

HAMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. J. Nudds 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Chilcot 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, C. J. Matthews 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Phillips 8, R. F. Deal 9, T. Bevan 10.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gordon 1, K. White 2, R. Blond 3, H. Bishop 4, E. Robey 5, B. Brown 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, J. Napper 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John E. Ballard 1, Ronald A. Hickman 2, Frederick A. Munday 3, Robert G. O. Flew 4, Alan R. Anstey 5, Jack Weaver 6, David H. Anstey (conductor) 7, John B. Woodley 8.

STANMORE.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,296 Bob Major: Charles Wenban 1, D. E. Cattell 2, J. E. Rootes 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, W. Nudds 5, William Wenban 6, George Hughes 7, R. Cadamy (conductor) 8.

CHESHUNT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Perrin 1, W. Mumford 2, Miss Radley 3, A. Radley 4, A. J. Bull 5, E. Pickett 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, E. T. Newnham 8.

BIRCHINGTON.—On May 27th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Millstead 1, J. Russell (conductor) 2, Betty Solly 3, H. Luck 4, F. Gadsden 5, F. Reeves 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Tumber 8.

BRISTOL.—On May 28th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Bennett 1, F. Skidmore (conductor) 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, R. W. Hooper 4, A. T. Maggs 5, C. Baker 6, A. Bennett 7, J. Cox 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. D. Hartland 1, Ed. Large 2, Miss P. A. Cartwright 3, H. W. Haslam 4, William C. Cartwright (conductor) 5, H. J. Turner 6, J. E. Eaton 7, Ed. Holt 8.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On May 29th, at St. Chad's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Bowling 1, H. R. Parkinson 2, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, W. Whittaker 4, F. Armitage 5, F. Hutchinson 6, L. Drake 7, J. Bowers 8.

KILBURN.—On May 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Watts 1, Mrs. F. A. Atkins 2, Miss R. M. Davies 3, A. Tozer 4, A. Bone 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On May 29th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. A. Burnett 1, J. D. Harris 2, J. H. Hunt 3, F. W. Burnett 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8.

BANSTEAD.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Winifred Adams 3, M. E. H. Pitstow 4, H. N. Pitstow 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, D. N. Layton (conductor) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

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MORE ABOUT HANDBELL RINGING.

It would defeat our object if what we have written about handbell ringing were to convey the impression that we consider the more modern systems have made handbell ringing as a whole easier to the ordinary average ringer. What they have done, or what they could do, is to make it possible for a very large range of methods, usually reckoned to be most difficult and complex, to be rung double handed without excessive difficulty by a class of person who by mental equipment, and training and opportunity are specially fitted for the task. The qualities needed are of the highest kind and are rare among ordinary ringers. They include not merely alertness of mind, but extreme concentration, and the ability to do mentally things for which most people need visual and physical aids. The persons who possess this type of brain usually make good chess players and it is probable that these mental powers can only be developed in the time of youth. The results which in the last few years have been attained by the new system are remarkable, and, as Mr. John E. Spice fairly claims, have justified its use by those who practise it. No fair minded man would seek to disparage the record of handbell ringing made by the Oxford University Society or fail to recognise the extraordinary skill and cleverness shown by the members. But whether the system described so clearly by Mr. Spice is one to be recommended for general use in the Exercise is rather doubtful. Probably it could only be put into practice efficiently among persons who started without any previous knowledge of change ringing generally, and who were handbell ringers primarily and tower-bell ringers only casually, if at all. The man whose handbell ringing was only a more or less unimportant adjunct to his tower-bell ringing would find it hard to rid himself sufficiently of what he had learnt in the belfry. To tell such a one that he must ring London Surprise at the cross sections as he rings Double Norwich must seem unreal, though he recognises the truth of the statement. The defect of these new systems for ordinary persons is that they are too separate and remote from what is valuable in change ringing generally.

Some time since one of the most skilful and successful of living handbell ringers was asked how he rang his peals, and the reply was that he just did it. It was a modest, and in the circumstances a sufficient, way of saying that he brought to the task of ringing a handbell peal of London Major, or Spliced Surprise, or Stedman, (Continued on page 270.)

or Grandsire Triples, all the knowledge and experience he had gained of tower bell ringing and handbell ringing, of the work of the method and its construction, of the coursing order and the position of the places; in fact the full equipment of an efficient ringer. That, in varying degree, is, we believe, the plan of the ordinary good handbell ringer, and, on the whole, it is the one to be recommended. The young people at Oxford and Cambridge are differently situated and what is good for them is not necessarily the best for others.

A few important words must be added. Any doubts about the advisability of the new systems for general use must be confined to those systems when they are treated as the fundamental and essential methods of handbell ringing and do not extend to the knowledge on which the systems are based. That knowledge can be and usually is employed in varying degree by good handbell ringers who employ the more traditional style. The traditional style is a fitting development of the art of change ringing and has its proper place in it. The new systems in their stark nakedness stand outside the art, and, for all their efficiency, have no real place in it. Perhaps for that reason they will never come into general use.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	JOHN A. DOWNING ... 6
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Major on tower bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 5
HARRY DAVISON ... 2	*DENNIS ROE ... 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*HERBERT H. BRITAN ... Treble	JOSEPH H. BRITAN ... 5
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 6
†WALTER G. SOAR ... 3	BARNAPAS G. KEY ... 7
†SIDNEY H. JONES ... 4	*JOHN STENNIT ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS F. M. LAFLIN ... Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 6
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 3	RICHARD ELKINS ... 7
†MISS MARY ELKINS ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... 6
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

**HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN VESSEY Treble	R. THOMAS VESSEY ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 2	*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 6
HAROLD MARCON 3	†PERCY HOLMES 7
*CYRIL WARD 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

**HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.**

On Sunday, June 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS...Treble	JOHN S. MASON 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
*GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method.

**ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., June 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

ERNEST W. RAWSON ...Treble	BURLEY MORRIS 5
JILL POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7
*RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., May 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Bob Minor, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CYRIL RUSBY Treble	†IRVINE CROSSLAND ... 4
ALEC RUSBY 2	HERMAN BUSBY 5
ANTHONY MACNAUGHT ... 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by N. F. MOXON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grand-sire. Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK ROBERTS Treble	CHARLES HAYLINGS 4
*CHARLES BROCK 2	ARTHUR GRIFFIN 5
FRED HAWKES 3	PETER BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. STARR Treble	*E. J. BATH 4
*F. JEANS 2	S. S. WOODBURN 5
T. HAYWARD 3	K. MEDWAY Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., May 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER ALLMAN Treble	*GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
†DENNIS MADDOCKS ... 2	*MISS DOROTHY OSBORNE 5
*JOHN ORME 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

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

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

One 720 of Double Court and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT C. READ Treble	ERIC DURRANT 4
FREDERICK A. BOYCE ... 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
OLIVE LOWE 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CLIVE CALLAWAY Treble	*CHARLES DENNESS ... 4
*EDWARD DRAKE 2	FRANK TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM UPTON 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON Treble	HARRY TURNER 4
BERTRAM C. HINES ... 2	HENRY S. WILSON 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 3	JOHN SITCH Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's: (1) Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Oxford Bob; (3) Single Court; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Double Court; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON W. BANHAM ...Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON 4
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM... 2	GEORGE SAYER 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WILLINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY MORGAN Treble	*BERNARD O. MANN ... 4
*MISS F. MARY LACEBY... 2	NOEL B. THURLBY 5
GEORGE ARRAND 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

* First peal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER STEEN Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 4
ALFRED MOULD 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	E. FRED GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., May 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on May 20th, was rung as a memorial to Mrs. Thomas, wife of Mr. Percy Thomas, who gave bells to Worcester Cathedral, Claines and Hinton-on-the-Green.

Three generations of one family took part in the peal of Bob Major at Newchurch on June 1st. The ringers of the third and seventh were the grandfather and father of the ringer of the fourth.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The second session of the nineteenth Council was held last Tuesday in the City Hall at Norwich. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

June 9th, 1855. At Benington, 6,048 Superlative Surprise Major.

June 11th, 1912. By the Cambridge University Guild, the first peal of Little Bob Royal on handbells.

1927. At Warnham, Sussex, the first peal in the four standard Surprise Major methods.

June 12th, 1815. At Birmingham, 5,040 Grandsire Maximus.

June 15th, 1851. The College Youths rang 5,086 Stedman Caters on handbells. The composition, however, turned out to be false and the Cumberlands rang the first true peals.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.

The first ring of eight bells to be cast since the dark days of 1940 was dedicated at St. Mark's, Bredbury, Cheshire, on May 25th. The scheme was started in 1942, when the Rev. F. D. Reenan was Vicar, and the response to the appeal for funds was so good that an order was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who cast the new bells soon after the cessation of hostilities, and early in the New Year they were hung. A certain amount of local work had to be carried out in the tower, which in these days of labour difficulties took a little time. The bell chamber windows have received some treatment so that the sound of the bells is heard evenly outside, and the floors altered so that the bells can be heard properly in the ringing chamber.

At the dedication service, which was conducted by Canon A. du T. Pownall, Rural Dean of Stockport, the church was packed, and many visiting ringers were present. After the service the ringers were entertained to tea, and the present Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Davidson, asked Mr. J. P. Fidler to convey to the bellfounders appreciation of the way in which the work had been carried out.

In the interval between the time of installation and the dedication of the bells a local band has been receiving instruction from Messrs. T. Wilde and C. K. Lewis, officials of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Saturday, May 25th, was the first time they had rung with open bells: their progress and keenness promise well for the future.

RECORD PEALS.

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During the greater part of the second half of the eighteenth century there existed in Kent a band of ringers who fairly earned a place in the history of change ringing although they stand rather outside the main story of the Exercise, and, with one exception, contributed nothing to the development of the art. Their centre was the village of Leeds, and their leader was James Barham, who, in the course of years, has become one of the legends of the Exercise.

From very early times there had been several good bands among the towns and villages of Kent. As early as 1729 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Dover; others were rung in 1736, 1738 and 1740, at Wye; and we can hardly doubt that these, of whom the records survive, are representatives of many more in different places of which the memory has perished. One result of this ringing activity was that the London bellfounders did a large amount of work in the county and it is probable that in those early days Kent had a larger proportion of eight-bell towers than almost any other county, a distinction it has never lost.

James Barham was born in 1725, the year that Annable and the College Youths began their peal ringing, and probably as a youth he joined the band at Lenham, where there was a heavy ring of six. In 1744 Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, supplied a new octave to the adjoining village of Harrietsham, no doubt the result of a wave of enthusiasm for ringing among the men of the parish, supported by the farmers and gentlemen, without whose active financial help nothing could have been done.

The new bells gave the Lenham band their first opportunity for peal ringing; and they scored Bob Triples in 1744 and in 1745. Then, perhaps urged on by James Barham, who was beginning to develop a liking for long lengths, or maybe under the stimulus of a competition with some neighbouring tower, they rang 10,080 Double Bob Major. This was, so far as our records go, the tenth peal of over ten thousand changes that had as yet been rung. It was the first ten thousand in the method and still remains the longest length, though four years later it was equalled in the same belfry and by the same company.

From a board afterwards erected to record this and other performances, it seems that the peal was rung by eight men only, and so the custom of having relays of ringers had not yet been introduced. No mention is made of any conductor, and, notwithstanding the fact that Barham became afterwards famous for his feats of endurance, he rang the fourth and not, as perhaps we should have expected, the tenor.

The band was now acknowledged as the best in the district. They extended their activities to the neighbouring towers and rang peals at Wingham, New Romney, Faversham, and Maidstone, the methods being Bob Triples, and Plain and Double Bob Major. In 1751 Robert Catlin added two trebles to the six in their home tower of Lenham and they opened the bells with a five thousand of Bob Major.

The great man of the district was the Hon. Robert Fairfax, who dwelt at Leeds Castle. About this time he gave six extra bells to Leeds Parish Church to form a ring of ten, and, to make sure of a company of ringers,

he took James Barham into his employment as a gardener. No doubt jobs were found for others of the band on the estate, for Fairfax, who was a public man and Member of Parliament, would naturally be a patron of the popular art of ringing, though he did not condescend, as did Theodore Eccleston, Henry Bret, and others, to take a part in it himself.

The first peal by the newly formed company on the new bells was 6,480 Bob Caters, the first, so far as we know, in the method and still the longest. The figures of the composition are lost and, except that it was in the tittums, nothing is known about what was rung. The length, however, suggests that an ordinary five thousand of Bob Major was used with three extra bobs on 7-8-9 to get them in and out of the tittums. The composition of Bob Caters presents no particular pitfalls and so the peal may have been true. A month later the company repeated the performance. Meanwhile, they rang what evidently was the same composition (except for the three extra bobs) to Royal where it gave them 8,100 changes. This, too, remains the longest length in the method.

In the year 1752 the band rang only two peals. One was 7,200 Bob Royal, the other 14,500 Bob Major. If the last number is correct, it could not have been a true and complete peal, and it probably was an unsuccessful attempt to ring half the full extent of the method on eight bells, 20,160 changes, which they did accomplish a fortnight later on January 13th, 1753. Thus in little over twelve months, the band had rung six lengths, the shortest of which was 6,480 changes; and though they were all Plain Bob, none of them has to this day been exceeded on the particular number of bells anywhere else in the country. It is a record which, taken at its face value, is unique.

For some years after this the band confined their peal ringing to ordinary lengths of Bob Major rung at Leeds and the neighbouring steeples, but on March 31st, 1755, they made an attempt for the full extent of Bob Major. They began at two o'clock in the afternoon and at six o'clock the next morning, after 24,800 changes had been rung in sixteen hours, the sixth clapper broke, and so the peal was lost. James Barham rang the seventh for thirteen hours and forty-four minutes; a wonderful feat of endurance, which has not since been approached. Of course, the circumstances were unique, and no individual ringer is likely again to have a similar opportunity of finding out how long it is possible to stand and ring.

For some years no further attempt was made for the peal, but in 1761 a fresh start was made. It is perhaps significant that a general election for Parliament was held in that year and that Robert Fairfax and Sir W. Knatchbull were the candidates for the county of Kent. On Monday, March 23rd, 17,000 changes were rung and then one of the bells was overturned. This is a most unusual thing to happen in peal ringing, and there is no reason to suppose that Leeds bells were not fitted with stays and sliders. Probably it occurred when one man was relieving another. A little later, on April 7th, another attempt was made. It was the day on which it was announced that Robert Fairfax had been elected to Parliament, and this time the length was rung. The time was twenty-seven hours. The band, naturally enough, were very pleased with themselves and proudly, not to say arrogantly, announced in the 'County News' that: 'the

peal was never rung or even attempted to be rung by any set of ringers in the kingdom. Whenever it is performed by any other set the above-named youths are determined to command their superiority to all others by ringing all the changes on ten bells.' It seems rather a pity they were not called upon to make good their boast. There are 3,628,800 changes on ten bells, and to ring them would, according to Shipway, take no more than fifteen weeks.

Two other peals of over ten thousand changes were rung at Leeds—13,440 Bob Major in 1773 and 10,080 Treble Bob Major in 1796, and in addition, many five thousands at Leeds, Harrietsham, Lenham, Maidstone, and other towers in Kent. The majority of them were Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, but some others were of considerable interest. On January 7th, 1756, a day or two after Benjamin Annable was buried, the band rang at Leeds 5,040 changes of 'that hard method called Court Bob, which was never rung in Kent before.' On Christmas Day, 1762, they rang 6,720 changes, 'the most extraordinary thing of its kind ever done,' and next year at Harrietsham the same length, 'notwithstanding its difficult and abstruse method.'

On January 20th, 1765, they rang 6,720 changes of Court Bob Ten-in at Leeds. Annable had extended Court Bob Major to Royal, and notes that 'the first peal was rung August 22nd, 1741, at St. Sepulchre's, London.' It is doubtful whether he means a five thousand; more likely only some touches were rung.

In 1757 the band rang 6,720 Morning Pleasure Major at Leeds, and in 1765, 5,400 Morning Pleasure Royal. In 1766 they rang 5,056 Morning Exercise Major, and in 1775, 5,184 New Morning Exercise.

Here are more record peals. The Court Bob Royal, the Morning Pleasure Royal, the Morning Exercise Major, the New Morning Exercise Major, and the Morning Pleasure Major still stand in the official schedule as the longest lengths in the methods. One notable contribution the Leeds' Youths did make to the development of the art of change ringing. In 1774 or 1775 they rang at Leeds 5,088 changes of New Oxford Treble Bob Major, 'never done before,' and in 1784, New Oxford Treble Bob Ten-in at Leeds and Maidstone. Here we have the beginning of Kent Treble Bob, and whoever it was who first discovered that the familiar and popular Oxford variation could be altered and perhaps improved by the substitution of four hand stroke places for two back stroke places twice in each lead, Barham's band have the credit of being the first to put the idea into practice. Ringers did not at first take kindly to the new version. It was taken to London and though the metropolitan ringers did not adopt it for many years, it appeared in the 'Clavis.' Then provincial bands in the Midlands and the North began to practise it and in the early years of the nineteenth century it almost entirely superseded the Oxford variation, except in the Eastern Counties, where the older method continued to be almost exclusively rung on eight bells down to the close of the century. In the 'Clavis' it is called New Treble Bob and Shipway was the first to give it the name Kent in print, but that was the title which London ringers would naturally and unthinkingly adopt from the place of its origin.

(To be continued.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MEETING AT OTLEY.**

At a meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, held at Otley on May 25th, members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds, Liversedge, Otley, Pudsey, Ripon, Sherburn, Woodlesford and visitors from Middlesmoor, Doncaster and Beverley.

Two new members, Messrs. P. Whitaker and G. Appleyard, of Otley, were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Idle on June 27th.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HARSTON.**

A meeting of the Cambridge Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Harston on May 25th, members and friends being present from Cambridge, Epsom, Ickleton, Longstanton, Newmarket, Newton, Over, Little Shelford, Stapleford, Trumpington and Willingham. The methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise and included Norwich Surprise and a course of spliced London and Cambridge.

The next meeting will be held at Linton and Balsham on July 20th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT BISHOPSTONE.**

At a meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Bishopstone on June 1st, ringers were present from Blunsdon, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Rodbourne Cheney, Bishopstone, Aldbourne, Chiseldon, Slough, Shrivensham, Stanford-in-the-Vale and Faringdon. Ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich Major. It was decided to hold no meeting in July and to visit Malmesbury and Wootton Bassett in August and September.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT BENENDEN.**

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, held at Benenden on June 1st, was attended by over 30 members from Leigh, Tunbridge Wells, Hawkhurst, East Peckham, Teutenden, Chart Sutton, Ashford, Watlington, Paddock Wood, Frittenden, Horsmonden. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, and at the business meeting six new members were elected. Cowden was selected for the next meeting.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES CURTIS.

The death is announced of Mr. James Curtis, captain of the band at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, which took place on May 27th. Twenty-five years ago he went to live in the town, where the bells had been silent for some years, and trained a band of ringers. The funeral service, which was fully choral, was at St. Peter's on May 30th. The interment was at St. David's Church.

FUNERAL OF MR. JOSEPH GOULD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Gould, past Master and vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, took place at the Parish Church, Henbury, on May 29th. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Lloyd, assisted by the Vicar of Shirehampton. Mr. Gould had been a member of the association for over 60 years, and captain of the Henbury band for 51 years. Four ringers, Messrs. C. Harding, A. Hillier, A. Bromfield and F. Lewis, acted as bearers. During the afternoon and evening the tower bells were rung half-muffled. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. A. Prince, P. Williams, E. Guise and F. Leaker.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**MEETING AT ELVEDON.**

A meeting of the Mildenhall and District branch of the Suffolk Guild was held at Elvedon on May 11th, at which some forty members were present from Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Ingham, Lakenheath, Shimpling, Fornham St. Martin, Chevington, Hadleigh Horringer, Whepstead, Hesselton and Great Saxham.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newmarket early in July.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTER.

The bells of Ibstock Parish Church have been rehung as a memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Hopkins, who was a ringer at the church for 65 years. The cost is being met by voluntary subscription, the task of collecting being undertaken by the ringers. The work is now complete and the reopening will be on June 22nd. It is hoped to place a tablet in the belfry at a later date.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1.216 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. C. Rippingale 1-2, R. Suckling (conductor) 3-4, T. Bird 5-6, R. Rippingale 7-8.

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YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Sowerby, Halifax, Saturday, June 15th.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Richmond (8), June 15th, afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and business, Parish Room, Dundas Street, after service.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Folkestone, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Kelvedon (6), June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business afterwards. Feering (8) will be available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Hartlebury, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — Henlow (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—East Garston (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. COVENTRY GUILD. — Coventry District.—Newbold-on-Avon, June 15th, 3 p.m.—H. G. Summers.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Frensham (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cup of tea and bun 5 p.m. at Marindin Hall.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—Long Melford (8), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 at Old Tea Parlour.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District. —Barkway (8), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Refreshments 5 p.m.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Blackwell (6), June 15th. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derby.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—750th Anniversary. — The Cathedral bells will be rung at the following times: June 16th, 9.45 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 22nd, 2.15 p.m. June 23rd, 9.45 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Bring food.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Eastern District.—Annual, Hedon (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.), for all who notify Mr. J. E. Morrison, 10, Church Lane, Hedon, by June 15th. Business meeting following tea. — H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Guildford District) and **SURREY ASSN.** (North-Western District).—Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Clandon (8) from 2.30. Merrow (6) from 3 p.m. Service at Merrow 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Merrow Church Hall. Numbers for tea to the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham, Merrow Rectory, Guildford, Surrey, by June 19th.—A. C. Hazelden and D. Cooper.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Claverden Parish Church (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. Stanley.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Buckland Newton, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring food. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — North and East District. — Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, by June 22nd.—T. J. Lock.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—June 22nd. Re-opening of bells after being rehung as memorial to the late J. W. Hopkins. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea, 1s. each, for those who notify me by June 19th.—A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leics.

KENT ASSN.—Victory Meeting, Canterbury, June 22nd. Ringing at Cathedral 1.30 to 2.45. Service 3 p.m. Tea in King's School (close by Cathedral) 4.15 p.m. After tea, ringing at Cathedral, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's. Names for tea by June 18th to B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.—G. H. Spice.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District. — Barkby, Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by June 19th to H. Humphreys, Wyndale, Barkby Lane, Syston.

ELY ASSN. — Watlington, Saturday, June 22nd. Dedication of memorial to Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Service 3.30, followed by tea. Bells from 2 p.m., and in the evening.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Melbourne (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Committee meeting in Church House 3.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to L. Warren, Potter Street, Melbourne, by June 18th.—Wm. Lancaster.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Marchington (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—Andrew Thompson.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Broughton, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 19th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Cheddar (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Mrs. Knee's Cafe, Cliff Street.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd, 2 p.m. Tea shop opposite church.—Stedman H. Symonds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Abbotts Langley (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. C. Ridgeway, Marston, Abbots Langley, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch. — St. Francis Xavier's, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 4 and from 4.30. Committee meet 3.30. Tea (2s.) for those who notify Mr. T. Egan, 27, Canton Street, Liverpool 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District. — Conisborough, Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by Wednesday, June 19th. Buses from Sheffield and Doncaster.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Camp-sall, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Enville (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Cat,' at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Send names before June 25th. Buses leave Stourbridge 1 and 2 p.m.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ISLEWORTH (10). — Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 5.15, Church Hall. Names to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Hughenden, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Note altered date. Names for tea by June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh (8), June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting, White Lion, 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by June 26th. — J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Solihull, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, for those who notify Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, near Birmingham, by June 26th. — T. H. Reeves.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, July 13th. As important matters are to be discussed members are asked to make every effort to attend. Fuller details later.—Edith K. Fletcher.



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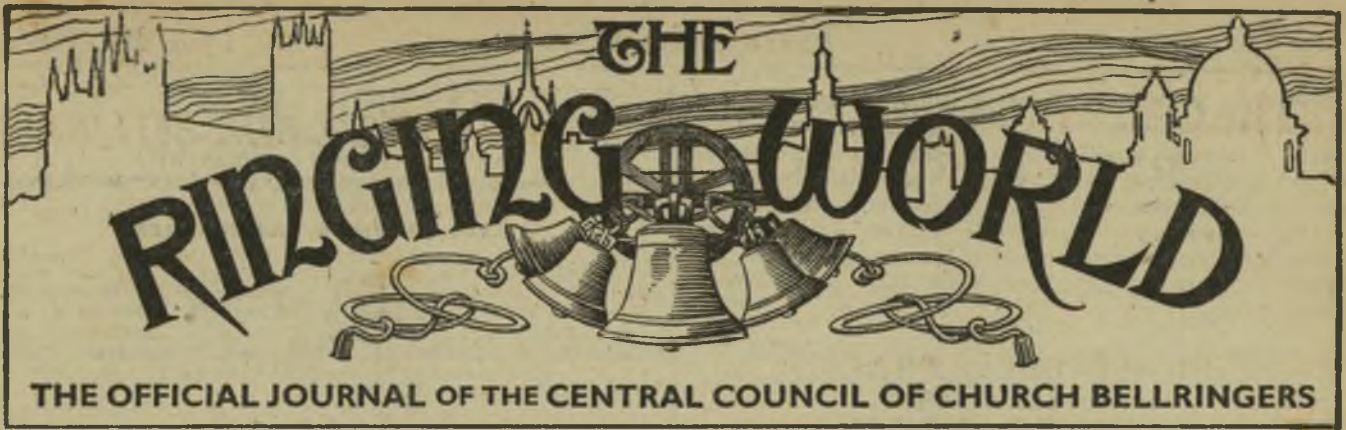
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VICTORY PEALS

More and more are church bells becoming a recognised expression of national feeling. While in different parts of the country opinions varied as to the appropriateness of the Victory holiday, there was little criticism of the national parade. To quote from 'The Times,' it was 'another epoch of danger triumphantly surmounted, another affirmation in the face of death of the faith in liberty, another service rendered by the British peoples to the universal cause, were being laid away with the battle honours of their ancestors.' Throughout the country, in city and village, the church bells were justly rung, and the people heard them gladly.

At the time of writing 'The Ringing World' has been notified of 56 peals, apart from a large number of quarter-peals. Sweetest of all notes were those which came from our magnificent Cathedrals. Those who visited Norwich for the Central Council meeting have fresh in their minds the damage of the 'Baedeker' raids. Our Cathedrals still stand. In the list of peals published this week are those from the Cathedrals of Leicester, Lincoln, Birmingham, Chester and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Another building of historic interest which figures in the list is the Curfew Tower of Windsor Castle. To the world these are the answer: 'England yet shall stand.'

While the bells were rung in honour of victory, the thoughts of many went to those brave men and girls by whose courageous sacrifice it was accomplished. Doubtless there were a number of towers like that at Burnham, Bucks, where the peal was rung in remembrance of two local ringers who were members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and gave their lives for the cause of world democracy. At other towers the local band was just completed by recent demobilisations. One can picture the true Lancashire pride at Moorside, Oldham, where this was accomplished by two ringers having returned within the last week or so. The happiness of reunion made the occasion memorable.

Glancing through the list of peals, the writer was struck by the number of first peals. More than 25 ringers had that experience; that initiation in a true sense into the art of change ringing. Some Guilds and Associations make a feature of a message of congratulation to those who have rung their first peal during the year. Such a course is to be commended. A first peal is an occasion, and when it is rung as a Victory peal, in the

mind of the individual it remains a double commendation. We are so apt to ignore individual achievement in these days—it is a modern British cult—that we do well to remind ourselves that the Victory for which the bells were rung was the outcome of the individual achievements of thousands of men and women. To ring a first peal requires grit, determination and a sense of discipline, the national characteristics that were the foundation of Victory.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIE GREEN Treble	ERNEST SHORT 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	FRANK REED 6
*HAROLD CHANT 3	ERNEST PADGETT 7
PETER WOODWARD 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. CHANT. Conducted by D. SMITH.
* First peal in these methods spliced on tower bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	*THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 5
RONALD DOVE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by L. TREVOR.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF ST. LAURENCE LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. BARBER ... Treble	ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

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

NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALBERT HANCOCK ... Treble	*GERALD M. DARE ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2	W. GEORGE TURNER ... 6
MISS E. H. BASTOW ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.
* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

SELLINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH Treble	*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD 4
*PERCY PAGE 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., June 3, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. E. GRAY Treble	*ERNEST W. BATTERS ... 4
HARRY MORGAN 2	JOSEPH H. LUNN 5
JOHN T. BARTRAM 3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal.

DENVER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROLFE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

BLYTH, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts Branch.)

On Fri., June 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. TOMLINSON Treble	F. FENTON 4
*S. S. HURST 2	J. B. BAILEY 5
*W. WILKINSON 3	A. F. EASTLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by J. B. BAILEY.

* First peal. First peal by local service ringers since the bells were rehung.

HANDBELL PEAL

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

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LINCOLN.
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On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

RAYMOND F. SMITH ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
LEWIS SNELL ... 2	HERBERT LOWMAN ... 8
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 10
JOHN WALDEN ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
JOHN FREEMAN ... 6	H. LESLIE PASK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	*HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST RAWSON ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... Treble	*GERALD FARRER ... 6
ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 7
WILFRED MATTHEWS ... 3	WILLIAM GAYES ... 8
JACK TIPPER ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... 9
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	†GORDON HENSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 8
*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.
* First peal of Stedman and of Caters.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Treble	STANLEY FENN ... 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	JAMES SPALDING ... 7
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3	GODFREY WALPOLE ... 8
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 9
MISS D. CONSTANCE ... 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 33 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 2	JAMES S. WEBB ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 8
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 9
JOHN HAYES ... 5	*THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET;

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

THOMAS H. BENT ... Treble	*GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 6
C. RAYMOND HILL ... 2	EDWIN CATTELL ... 7
*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 3	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 5	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal on ten bells.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Treble	JOHN HEDLEY ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 8
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	KENNETH ARTHUR ... 9
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	GERALD DARE ... 5
MARY DARE ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 3	IVAN KAY ... 7
FRED MELLOR ... 4	ISAAC GARSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by I. KAY.

All members of the local band.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
ROBERT RICHES ... 2	FREDK. W. MANNINGS ... 6
*ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	EDWARD L. ETHERIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
JOE HOBBS ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 6
HERBERT GATES ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

LINSLADE, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*VICTOR W. CONQUEST ... Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS, SEN.	5
HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 2	*FREDERICK VICKERS, JUN.	6
FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 3	LEONARD HEAD ...	7
EDGAR J. CONQUEST ... 4	EDWIN A. BELSON ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN A. BELSON.

* First peal of Major.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*STANLEY THAIN ... Treble	*RAYMOND THAIN ...	5
GEORGE LATHAM ... 2	WILLIAM DEAN ...	6
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 3	THOMAS WITTS ...	7
BASIL LATHAM ... 4	RUPERT SHARPE ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WITTS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. PARTRIDGE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ...	5
MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	HARRY HALL ...	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ...	7
EDGAR C. PIZZEY ... 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

* First peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT ...	5
*JENNY PYM ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	6
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	†LEONARD DERRICK ...	7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	‡EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First tower-bell peal in the method. † First of Major ‡ First of Bob Major.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		
*LEONARD W. BULLOCK ... Treble	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE ...	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ...	7
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 4	†SIDNEY HOWARD ... Tenor	

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(The St. Peter's Society.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS HILDA M. TAYLOR ... Treble	*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT	5
MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ...	6
MISS MARY PEMBERTON ... 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ...	7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor	

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. In memoriam, Bryan O'Neill and Peter A. Blamey, R.A.F., of above societies.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

R. RENN ... Treble	RONALD C. NOON ...	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	FRANKS H. HICKS ...	6
E. S. T. FARR ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ...	7
A. JAMES GLASS ... 4	A. J. PAINTER ... Tenor	

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... Treble	JOHN H. HUNT ...	5
†CHARLES W. PHILPOTS ... 2	ERNEST A. JURD ...	6
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	7
STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	JOHN O. NEVILLE ... Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD KENDALL ... Treble	*THOMAS HARRIS ...	5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	HAROLD BURTON ...	6
†C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	EDMOND J. HOBBS ...	7
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor	

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in E.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ...	5
FRANK VARTY ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7
*THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (103).

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD & KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*SIDNEY CHAMBERS ...	6
*CYRIL WARD ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
*JACK F. HODSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor	

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble	EDWARD CAWSEK ...	5
*MRS. DORICE E. KELLY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	6
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ...	7
*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor	

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

**SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.**

JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL WANDER 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 6
AUBREY D. MILLS 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
GEORGE W. MILLS 4	JOHN G. AMES <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
MARY E. DAVIS <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD ROBERTS 5
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2	JOHN V. DAVIS 6
BRUCE B. ROGERS 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 4	JOHN COLES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Triples.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOHN WHEADON <i>Treble</i>	*VERNON J. BENNING ... 5
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ENGLISH MARTYRS,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. in C.**

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... <i>Treble</i>	MANSFIELD GINN 5
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 2	HARRY L. MARTIN 6
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
†NOEL J. DISERENS 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
HENRY LAWRENSON 4	*REGINALD F. COOK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

* First peal. † First in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.**

FRANK W. PERRENS ... <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of London. First in the method as conductor.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER GUILD.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF SYSTON DELIGHT, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.**

WM. H. HUMBERSTONE ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. ROE 5
*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE 2	EDWIN LLOYD 6
JOSEPH S. CARTER 3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD ... 7
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	KENNETH A. ROE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by K. A. ROE.

* First peal. First peal in the method.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.**

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'	
MRS. DORA EVANS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. HURFORD ... 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	*HARRY ANDREWS 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	*HERBERT J. MERRITT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
HERBERT J. ELDRER 2	*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents with ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.**

*PETER V. FLINDERS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH S. WEEKS 4
PETER J. F. HUNT 2	*F. JOHN BEALING 5
*EDWIN J. POTTER 3	DAVID J. LYE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

* First peal.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;*

*JOHN W. H. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH PRENTICE 4
†DAVID E. SMITH 2	JOHN N. LINDON 5
†WILLIAM H. HAYNES ... 3	†THOMAS W. CHAMBERS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
*HAROLD HARRISON ... Treble	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5		
†TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6		
ARTHUR SHARPE ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7		
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor		

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*LESLIE W. D. ATFIELD...Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
ERNEST TREGUS ... 2	†EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
†ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
CECIL H. WOOD ... 4	†HARRY J. DOICK ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD W. PALMER ...Treble	†JOHN F. P. LLOYD ... 4
†PATRICK J. F. CROSS ... 2	HENRY S. WILSON ... 5
†NISSANKA K. FERNANDO ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRETT ...Treble	HARRY BARNES ... 4
MISS KATH BURCHNALL... 2	ERNEST SHORT ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's London, two 720's Norwich, three 720's Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. CRISP ...Treble	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2	MANSFIELD GINN ... 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SEPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one of Oxford Single.

SIDNEY FLINT ...Treble	JOHN LUNHAM ... 4
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	GEORGE SKELLAND ... 5
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 3	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

First peal as conductor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. CORE ...Treble	*MISS M. RIDYARD ... 4
J. POUNDS ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5
R. CRITCHLEY ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

* First peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*FRED WELLS ...Treble	*RON HARDING ... 4
FRED SLATFORD ... 2	LAURIE HITCHINS ... 5
ROY HARDING ... 3	PERCIVAL HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob Minor.

PERCY RICHARDS ...Treble	FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 4
JOHN BASS ... 2	HAROLD COOPER ... 5
*CHARLES RICHARDS ... 3	SAMUEL THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD COOPER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON Treble	WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... 4
*GEOFFREY W. SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. POTTER ... 5
†CYRIL J. BURNS ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Single and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS FOSTER ...Treble	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 4
SYDNEY FLINT ... 2	GEORGE SKELLAND ... 5
JACK HALE ... 3	ROBERT GUY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

*DAVID J. PIPE...Treble	TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 3
FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... 2	HERBERT G. GODDARD ... 4
	DESMOND G. MAYELL ... Tenor

Conducted by D. G. MAYELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOK ...Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 4
*MISS DORIS E. COLGATE 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
FREDERICK H. BUDGEN... 3	JAMES W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER...Treble	GEORGE H. AILEN ... 4
MISS PEARL E. GRAPES ... 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
GEORGE BAILEY ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

COOMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 wt: 15 lb.

*JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... Treble	BETTY SPICE 4
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	CECIL G. CALCUTT 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*ERIC SMITH Treble	STANLEY MURPHY 4
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... 2	CLAUDE GIMBERT 5
WILFRED E. YOUNG ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

*E. FRY Treble	T. HAYWARD 4
E. WHITE 2	S. S. WOODBURN 5
R. FRY 3	K. MEDWAY Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN CHALLENGER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. POWELL ... 4
*MISS MARION STEPHENS 2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 5
*MISS LINDA DAVIES ... 3	*DAVID CHALLENGER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Netherseale, York, Beverley Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprises. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	HERBERT GATES 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Came round at 8.59 a.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

When the Luton District held their monthly meeting at Husborne Crawley on May 18th it was a pleasure to the members to meet Canon Rust, late president of the association, at the entrance to the church. It was regretted that owing to ill-health he was unable to take part in the ringing. Canon Rust kindly entertained the company to tea at the White Horse. Four new members were elected at the business meeting.

Various Major and Triples methods were rung from Grandsire to Cambridge.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Saturday, June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mayes 1, A. Pratt 2, J. Church 3, A. Dilley 4, L. Bywaters 5, E. Dilley 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

While opening our Victory Week postbag of over 120 letters a half-
crown rolled out of one envelope. The identity of the sender has not
been traced. Any claimants?

Victory Day produced some special ringing. The peal of Bob Major
at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, Cambridge, was the
first peal of Major on the bells. The only other peal on the bells,
Stedman Triples, was rung 42 years ago, and was conducted by the
late Mr. F. Pitstow.

First peals as conductors were scored by the following on Victory
Day: T. S. Horridge (Sefton, Lancs), John N. Lindon (Knowle,
Warwickshire), G. J. Hawkins (Bath), Desmond G. Mayell (Bentley,
Essex) and Thomas Witts (Stroud, Glos.). Congratulations!

Mr. James M. Bailey, who rang the tenor at Leiston, Suffolk, to a
Victory peal of Bob Major, has now 'completed the circle' 12 times
in this tower. An encouragement to Mr. W. A. Partridge, who rang
his first peal on that occasion.

To shepherd four members of the local band through their first peal
was the joy of Mr. R. Smith, of Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, on
Victory Day. The ages of these ringers were John Challenger 13,
Marion Stephens 14, Linda Davies 15, and David Challenger 15.

Have you tried in this? Two touches on handbells rung simul-
taneously in the same room with a piano blaring forth popular
melodies. This took place at the Cricketers Arms, Norwich, during
the Central Council visit. The four ladies completed their touch; not
so the men.

When the clapper came out of the ninth at St. Peter Mancroft,
Norwich, on Victory Day, there were many long faces. The man for
the emergency was there in the person of Mr. Rupert Richardson. A
telephone call was put through to the local blacksmith at Caister-on-
Sea, and Rupert motored over with the clapper, which was welded by
the waiting smith. Result—the beauty of St. Peter Mancroft bells
was a joy to latecomers to the conference.

Newly-appointed honorary member of the Central Council is Mr.
Charles Kippin, who since his removal to Southampton feels he cannot
represent the Surrey Association. His next-door neighbour, the Rev.
W. H. K. Felstead, proposed him. We can picture these two making
a formidable combination at the next conference. The maiden
speeches of Mr. Felstead were well thought out. He had the task of
defending 'the Basingstoke peal.'

There are two names in connection with the Norwich visit whom many
would desire to thank. The Rev. A. C. G. Thurlow, Precentor of the
Cathedral, who is hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Guild, was
a most informative guide to the two parties of visitors on the Mon-
day. Peal arrangements were in the hands of Mr. F. N. Golden, and
the fact that there was not a 100 per cent. record was not his fault.

Just as we were going to press an air letter arrived from the second
hon. member elected at Norwich, Mr. W. Rowe, hon. secretary of
New South Wales Association of Change Ringers. He informs us of
a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) rung at All Saints'
Church, Parramatta, Sydney, on April 14th, by the following: Lyndon
Kent (first quarter) 1. J. B. Watts 2. G. Williamson 3. W. M. Rowe
(conductor) 4. E. B. McDonald 5. T. Howell 6.

Wot! No conductor, Everton, Notts? Please notify before next
issue.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT NORWICH

BELLS NOT A NOISE ON THE AIR, BUT A REMINDER BROADCASTING PROBLEMS
THE BASINGSTOKE 'PEAL' SURPRISE METHODS READY FOR PRINTERS

In the magnificently appointed City Hall of Norwich, the 49th annual meeting of the Central Council opened with pleasing dignity on Whit Tuesday. The 100 delegates stood as the Lord Mayor (Ald. S. A. Bailey), accompanied by the Lord Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert), entered the hall, accompanied by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

Proceedings had been delayed for 10 minutes to enable the Press to take a photograph of popular appeal. The Bishop, the Lord Mayor and our President were snapped with the oldest ringer present, Mr. George Williams, aged 89, of North Stoneham, and the youngest, George Pipe, aged 11, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

The Lord Mayor, in his welcome, referred to this and said it was a long while since the Central Council came to the city. The year 1899 was the last occasion, at the beginning of the Boer War; and now they had come at the end of another war. The city had suffered terribly; they were in the front line and some of their ancient churches were completely destroyed.

He thought it was fitting that an association like theirs should visit this city because Norwich from a bellringing reputation stood very high, and also for more than five centuries they had a thriving industry of bell founders. Bellringing had its attractions and gave joy to many people and also to those who indulged in that particular science, because when they found lads of 9 to 12 and elderly gentlemen up to 90 ringing together there must be something very fascinating.

Personally he liked to listen to bells, but not too close as they were rather overwhelming. In Norwich Market Place they used to hold political meetings, and he remembered on one occasion trying to compete with his piping treble against the bells of St. Peter Mancroft. He had to close down and not the bells (laughter).

The Bishop of Norwich in his welcome said bellringing was one of the things on which the world was divided between those who knew and those who did not know. While he had no practical knowledge of ringing, all his ministerial life he had been in close contact with ringers and bells.

He supposed one reason why it was nearly 50 years since the Council last met in Norwich was because of the difficulties of travel. It was extraordinarily difficult to get to Norwich from any other part of the country except London, and that was more true in the days before railway travelling. East Anglia had for centuries a life of its own which accounted for many characteristics of its people. It was said that all through the Middle Ages there were 1,000 parish churches in Norfolk; it was said there were still 750 churches, the rest being in a state of ruin. Whether those figures were accurate he did not know, but it was quite true there was a larger proportion of interesting and beautiful churches than anywhere else.

'INTEGRAL PART OF CHURCH LIFE.'

'I found it a very real joy last Easter Monday to meet the bellringers of Norfolk; to be present at their annual gathering and to say something to them in the historic Church of St. Peter Mancroft. Now you have gathered to consider the problems and interests of bellringers generally. I like to think that bellringing is not just a thing by itself, but is and ought to be an integral part of church life. I look to the bells, as in the generations gone by, to do something to instil into the hearts of the people generally a love for the Church and a realisation that it has a claim on them. The sound of the bells ought not to be a noise on the air, but a reminder of religion—a voice from God to the people who listen to them. I am most anxious that bellringers' associations should link up with the life of the Church and take their part as workers for the Church and for God.'

The President, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Lord Mayor and the Bishop for their welcome. In both speeches of welcome, he said, there were one or two points in common. He might say how glad the Council was to come back to Norwich, as they looked upon the city as one of the great centres of the art of change ringing.

'During the last year we, as ringers, have been particularly proud that we have been able to express the feelings of the nation in its joy on three special occasions which we have done in addition to our normal church work, but at the same time on these occasions we were expressing the feelings of the Church as well as our own in giving our share of thanksgiving to God for victory celebrations.

'The Lord Mayor referred to the rather overwhelming noise in the square outside St. Peter Mancroft. There are people who find the noise of bells a great nuisance, and they certainly did in the days when there was great competition between St. Peter Mancroft and St. Michael Coslany. I will quote to you the lines then written:

Ye reckless ringers, inveterate foes,
Disturbers of those who are fond of repose,
I wish, for the quiet and peace of this land,
Ye had round your necks what ye hold in your hands.

'The researches of science have shown us it is quite possible to so modify the sound of bells that they are no trouble to those in the immediate vicinity. All of you know what has been achieved, and the best example, I think, is Lincoln Cathedral. It is up to you to see that something is done so that the ringing of bells is a joy to the people.'

Going back to the days in Norwich when bellringing was more of a sport than these days—they all knew that change ringing originated as a form of sport—but all that has been changed and to-day change ringing plays its part as a function of church work reminding people of religion and the Church. And in that connection it was very remarkable that, compared with the earlier days of the Council, that morning 40 members attended a celebration of the Holy Communion, where they prayed for the guidance and success of that meeting. That marks a very great change; we hope it will continue so that change ringers become 100 per cent. church workers, while retaining that spirit of competition which gives us most zest to our art.

Canon G. F. Coleridge then said prayers.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that the Council consisted of 52 affiliated societies entitled to a representation of 139 members, who, with 16 honorary members, made a total of 155.

Of the 52 societies, 23 were entitled to four members each, 4 to three members, 10 to two members each, and 15 to one member. This was an increase of four in the associations affiliated.

By the division of the area previously taken in by the Midland Counties Association they had three new associations, i.e., Leicester Diocesan Guild with four representatives; Southwell Diocesan Guild with one representative; Derby and District with one representative. The North Notts Association was again included on the roll. All affiliation fees had been paid.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan: Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. Williams.
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.
Coventry Diocesan: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
Devon Guild: Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley.
Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. H. Barber.
East Derbyshire and Notts: Mr. C. Evans.
Ely Diocesan: Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington.
Essex Association: Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Waite.
Guildford Diocesan: Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.
Hertford County: Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore.
Kent County: Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.
Leicester Diocesan: Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.
Lincoln Diocesan: Mr. J. Bray, Mr. Feirn, Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.
London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers.
Middlesex County: Mr. J. E. L. Cokey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.
Norwich Diocesan: Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
Oxford Diocesan: Mr. A. D. Barker, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. R. A. Post.
Oxford Society: Mr. W. F. Judge.
Oxford University Society: Mr. J. E. Spice.
Peterborough Diocesan: Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose.
Salisbury Diocesan: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.
Shropshire Association: Mr. G. L. Hewitt.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere.
Southwell Diocesan: Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.
Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. O. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgely.
Surrey Association: Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.
Sussex County: Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetta.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan: Mr. A. Hoare.
Truro Diocesan: The Rev. A. S. Roberts.
Universities' Association: Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan: The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. T. Palmer.

Honorary members: Miss L. K. Bowling, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. E. Alex. Young

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Colclough (Dudley and District), Mr. W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), the Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. L. Evans (Hereford), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish), Miss E. Steel (Ladies'), Mr. J. A. Freeman (Lincoln), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Mr. A. Thompson (North Staffordshire), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), Mr. H. Baxter and Mr. G. S. Valentine (Peterborough), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's Guild), Mr. H. Knight and Mr. C. Wallater (Stafford Archdeaconry), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), Mr. A. A. E. Lock (Oxford Diocesan), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Kent County), Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. G. E. Debenham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. A. Walker, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. members).

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were presented to the President: The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, C. W. Pipe, F. B. Lufkin, Miss L. K. Bowling, S. G. Coles, H. J. Sanger, A. L. Bennett, G. H. Harding, F. E. Collins, W. F. Judge, L. Hewitt, F. G. Waite, A. Hoare, C. Evans, A. C. Sinfield, H. Harding, W. C. Duffield, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, T. Groombridge, jun., Capt. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. Rogers, T. J. Lock, J. P. Fidler, A. Ballard, A. E. Rowley, J. Cotton.

ELECTION OF HON. AUDITOR.

The Hon. Secretary reported a vacancy through the death of Mr. C. T. Coles. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the name of Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Mr. G. R. Newton proposed and Mr. P. Crook seconded that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be elected the second hon. auditor. — Agreed.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary reported that there were four vacancies.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead said there was a member who had come into their parts who was a member of the Council for many years, Mr. Charles Kippin. He proposed his election as an hon. member.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded.—Agreed.

Mr. E. A. Barnett suggested as an act of courtesy the secretary of the New South Wales Association, Mr. W. M. Rowe, be elected an hon. member. He realised that Mr. Rowe could not attend meetings, but he thought it would be an encouragement to ringers in Australia if they were associated in that way. He moved, Mr. A. D. Barker seconded, and the Council agreed that Mr. W. M. Rowe be elected an honorary member.

LOSS THROUGH DEATH.

A silent tribute to the memory of the following members was paid by all members standing: Mr. C. L. Routledge, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. F. W. Romaine, Mr. O. T. Coles, Mr. E. W. Marsh, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. J. T. Rickman.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in a tribute to Mr. Routledge, said his great work was better known in the North of England than in the other parts of the country. He occupied a unique position in the northern counties and they felt they had lost an honoured friend by his death.

THE MINUTES.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the minutes had been published in 'The Ringing World,' and the Standing Committee suggested that they be taken as read.

Mr. Turner proposed and the Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded that the minutes be passed as a correct record.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said regarding the suggestion of Mr. A. Walker that the name of the late Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, be inserted in a convenient place in 'The Ringing World' to indicate that he was the founder of the paper, his impression was that Mr. Goldsmith's name should appear on the front page of 'The Ringing World.'

The Hon. Secretary: According to my notes of the meeting, the first proposal was that it should appear on the front page, but some doubt was expressed as to whether it would be possible without seriously upsetting the wording. It was left to the discretion of the committee of 'The Ringing World' to find a convenient place.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: I can confirm that.

The minutes were then signed as a true record of the proceedings.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The report of the Hon. Librarian (Capt. W. H. J. Hooton) was read by the hon. secretary, which stated that the sales of publications had been steady with a considerable increase in the demand for the Stedman and Grand sire sheets. The stock was very low and would be exhausted in a short time. Sales amounted to £27 11s. 9d.; expenses 19s. 3d., postages £3 17s. 9d., and the balance paid to treasurer was £22 14s. 9d. Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.—Carried.

The Hon. Secretary reported that steps were now being taken to reprint certain sheets and they hoped that by the next meeting these low stocks would be replaced. A lot depended on how much paper was available.

Mr. J. P. Fidler asked if the book on the care of bells and belfries would be brought up to date.

The Chairman: I would be glad to see the Bells and Belfries Committee go through that book.

Mr. Fidler: From what I remember of it it was a little out of date.

The Chairman: I will bear that in mind.

THE ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts of the Council as follows:—

To balance, Whitsun, 1945, £258 11s. 4d.; affiliation fees, arrears, 1944-45, £8 10s.; affiliation fees, 1945-46, £34 5s.; subscriptions, hon. members, £2 1s.; sale of publications, balance £22 14s. 9d.; total £326 2s. 1d.

By expenses: Library insurance, 12s. 6d.; grant to Tyrwhitt-Drake memorial, £3 3s.; life subscription, Noise Abatement League, £5 5s.;

wreaths, £2 10s.; stationery and printing, £3 19s.; telephone and postage, £6 2s. 8d.; expenses, 1945 meeting, £1; balance, Whitsun, 1946, £303 9s. 11d.; total £326 2s. 1d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Newton seconded that the accounts be adopted, subject to audit.—Agreed.

On matters arising, the Hon. Secretary said in 1938 a book on Surprise methods was being prepared. They were now in the happy position of being able to repay to associations £6 4s. 3d. paid in advance for copies. He proposed and Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded that this sum be returned.—Agreed.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young, as a trustee, reported that Mr. Hughes and himself were keeping a close watch on the machine. It had been brought back from the Welsh mountains to the Victoria and Albert Museum. It had not been unpacked, but it was hoped that it would be in October or November. At the present time they had only one of the two demonstrators; they had no one to replace the late Mr. Driver. He proposed and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report.—Agreed.

The report of the Standing Committee was formally presented by Mr. Fletcher and adopted.



THE YOUNGEST AND THE OLDEST.—A happy picture from Norwich taken just previous to the Council meeting. The Lord Mayor (Mr. S. A. Bailey), the Lord Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert) and the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) are 'snapped' with George Pipe, aged 11, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, and Mr. George Williams, aged 89, of North Stoneham, Hants. [Eastern Evening News' photograph]

PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore presented the report of the Peal Collection Committee, which stated that with the co-operation of Mr. C. W. Woolley they had undertaken the revision of the compositions submitted to the 1939 meeting. Certain sections were not up to date, particularly that devoted to Spliced Surprise. They did not consider that the present collection was ready for publication. He proposed the adoption.

Mr. Newton, in seconding, expressed the gratitude of the Council to Mr. Cashmore for the work he had done.

METHODS.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner said he had the collection of Surprise methods and it should be ready for printing. It contained 239 Surprise methods and certain other material of interest.

In reply to a question as to whether the book would contain all the Major methods known, Mr. Trollope replied in the negative and said that some were not worth ringing. It was a book designed and prepared for the sake of practical ringing of the future.

Mr. Turner said that only the best were included.

Mr. F. N. Golden: Is there any proposal to extend these Surprise methods to Royal or Maximus? The reason why Cambridge is so popular is because it can be extended.

Mr. Trollope: The book is primarily one of Surprise Major methods and does not deal with Royal or Maximus. The question of extension is rather a technical affair and is no use to the ordinary ringer. You may take it with one or two exceptions, in which Cambridge, Yorkshire and Pudsey are outstanding methods, that there is practically no Surprise Major method that will produce on 10 bells anything like the quality of eight. Secondly, it is far better for anybody who wants to ring on 10 bells to get a 10 bell method and not to try and get a method of eight bells 'screwed up.'

Mr. H. F. Poole: Is anything to be done to make the Royal methods available for those who wish for them?

Mr. Turner: If there is a sufficient demand I have no doubt that the committee will produce such a book.

The report was adopted.

PEAL ANALYSIS.

Mr. C. Dean presented the report, which stated that 1,304 peals were rung during the year, including 178 on handbells. The report would be published in 'The Ringing World' as soon as room could be found for it.

Mr. R. Richardson seconded and the report was adopted.

Mr. Dean said the secretary had received a letter from Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, asking for the peal of Grandsire Caters rung on February 16th, 1946, without a cover bell to be recognised as a peal by his Guild. It should be noted, stated the letter, that it was rung in a tower with nine bells only.

The Chairman: In the rules and decisions of the Council it says in regard to 9 and 11 bell peals that there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, in each case with the addition of a cover bell. This decision was come to in 1892 and in 1925. I think that gives you your instruction.

Mr. Dean moved and Mr. W. Ayre seconded that the secretary reply accordingly.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead thought the matter raised was of a much bigger issue. It was very obvious that the rule quoted did not imagine that there would ever be a tower of nine bells in the chromatic scale where such a performance could be carried out. As there were only nine bells and 5,000 true changes were rung without interval, it seemed to him that this peal ought to be recognised. If Doubles and Triples were recognised, why not other odd bell methods? He moved as an amendment that the peal be recognised.

Mr. A. A. Hughes denied that the bells were in a chromatic scale. These bells were put in in two peals—the top eight for ringing on sad occasions and the bottom eight for ordinary ringing.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded the amendment. He was sorry that the peal was not rung by some other society than theirs. The band with two exceptions were members of the College Youths. He wished it was rung for them.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: I think there is too much fuss about this. I have heard seven bells rung and it is an awful row. . . . This was rung as a stunt and a practical joke, and we ought to abide by the rule.

Mr. Pullinger: Why should 9 and 11 have to have a cover bell when 7 and 5 can be rung without?

The Chairman: As regards seven bells, 'a performance on seven bells without the addition of a cover bell is to be discountenanced.' On the question of five they form a very fine musical peal.

There were six votes for the amendment and the resolution was carried.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee felt that the present Rules and Decisions were not up to date, and they undertook to bring them up to date and submit them to the Council at the next meeting. A resolution to this effect was moved by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher stated that no peals in new methods or progressive lengths had been reported to the committee in 1945. The work of typing was progressing and they hoped to show them what the final book would be like, but owing to difficulties in binding they had not

been able to do so. In the event of new methods rung this year it would greatly help the committee if the conductor would send the composition direct to the secretary of the Council.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded and the report was adopted.

The conference then adjourned for lunch.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Chairman reported that the committee had been consulted in 15 to 20 cases and had given advice. The question had been raised by one parish in regard to lightning conductors that the Ministry of Works stated that there ought to be a branch conductor to the metal bell frame. Unfortunately he had not succeeded in contacting the Ministry of Works. In regard to Liverpool Cathedral, the bells would not be hung until the roof was put on the tower. The Ministry would not grant a licence for the roof. He moved 'that the Council hears with great regret the report of Mr. Newton that the hanging of the bells at Liverpool Cathedral is hung up indefinitely owing to the refusal of the Ministry of Works to put a roof on the tower despite the fact that all the members are fabricator.'

The Rev. Ll. Edwards said he had an inquiry on the same point as regarded lightning conductors.—The report was adopted.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING.

The report of the committee was as follows:—

Such references to bells and bellringing as have been observed in the Press by members of the committee have almost all been of a favourable nature, and appear to indicate that the subject appeals to popular sentiment and is regarded by editors and press correspondents as making 'good copy.' To judge by reports in the London and provincial Press, the pealing of church bells last August to celebrate the end of the most terrible war in human history was hailed with universal joy as the recognised expression of national feeling.

Numerous paragraphs on bells and ringing have appeared from time to time, and have been for the most part well informed. A notable instance was an article in the 'Manchester Guardian,' the writer of which told the story of a friend becoming a ringer. The 'West Briton' published an admirable photograph of the veteran Cornish ringer, Mr. Sam Quintrell, on his ninetieth birthday, standing in the belfry with a young ringer of 15. Another journal stated that Nolan Edwards, who at the age of six rings at Shepshed, is believed to be the youngest bellringer in Britain. A Midland newspaper records the revival of the curfew at Maidwell, Northants, after a lapse of 140 years, as well as its suspension at Shaftesbury through failure to find anyone to undertake the duty. Obituary notices of members of the Central Council in the provincial Press have included carefully compiled accounts of their ringing activities.

Another subject commanding considerable attention in daily and weekly publications has been the measures taken to collect and restore to continental churches bells looted during the war. A welcome announcement in the London papers stated that the church bells of Moscow were rung at Easter for the first time in 20 years. It remains to say that 'The Ringing World' continues to flourish and the inevitably restricted supply of copies is insufficient to meet the demand.

With regard to broadcasting, ringers distinctly occupied pride of place last summer, when a message broadcast by Government authority recommended the celebration of victory over Japan with 'bells, bands and bonfires.' Actual broadcasts of bells have been chiefly as an introduction to religious services. The B.B.C. state frankly that they use the bells only as a background, but this practice is very often carried beyond reasonable limits, and the bells no sooner become audible than the voice of a parson or layman breaks in and the bells are faded almost into silence. A typical instance recently occurred when St. Mary Redcliffe bells were put on the air, and within 30 seconds a stentorian voice rendered them almost inaudible with the ironical remark, 'I hope that you can hear the bells ringing out over the city!' When ringers take the trouble to exert their best efforts for the purpose of broadcasting, it is only reasonable to ask that they should be allowed three minutes of uninterrupted ringing, at the end of which the bells could be brought into rounds and then faded into the background, while introductory statements are made. It is satisfactory to be able to report that in most cases of broadcast ringing the striking has been quite good. That is, which we have happened to hear.

Another criticism to make is that broadcasting of bells is too haphazard. There have been quite a number of such broadcasts in recent weeks, but there was none at all on Easter Day, though at Christmas the bells of several churches were to be heard.

We may and our report with one cause for gratification. The B.B.C. are preparing a broadcast on change ringing for the benefit of young people, and a lady in charge of this feature has actually asked advice of the Central Council!

(Signed) F. Ll. Edwards, A. Paddon Smith, Albert Walker.

Mr. J. Spice, in seconding the adoption, said one broadcast on bells was given by the niece of the president, Miss Monica Richardson, with the assistance of the University and Bristol bellringers.

Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., said Miss Monica Richardson gave a good broadcast.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said a short time ago the Rev. W. Martin Wilson, religious broadcasting assistant, Midland Region, wrote that he was very anxious that there should be peace between the B.B.C. and the bellringers broadcasting, and asked for his views. Mr. Thurlow said he would be very grateful if members of the committee would tell him how to answer the letter.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought the Broadcasting Committee might give their earnest consideration to the matter and, if time allowed, the President in conjunction with Mr. Thurlow should frame a reply. What they had to realise was that the people at the Broadcasting Corporation, with the best will in the world, knew very little about bells, and it was important that the broadcast coming over should serve them best from a propaganda point of view.

The President agreed that Mr. Thurlow should get in touch with the Broadcasting Committee. 'I am certain that the ordinary person who is not a trained ringer cannot listen intently for longer than two or three minutes. It is up to the local band to come into rounds then and not give the B.B.C. a chance of fading us out.'

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee, moved by Mr. W. G. Wilson, stated:—

It would now seem possible for us to resume the task laid on us by the Council—that is to compile a record of all peal records contained on tablets and boards in the church towers of the country and of dates up to 1825.

In 1939 the Council agreed our proposal that we should appoint 'district representatives,' to be associated with the committee, in order to obtain details of old peal boards in particular localities. In our last report, that for 1940, we stated that we did not propose at that time to operate the scheme, as it would not, in the conditions then prevailing, have a fair chance of success.

We consider that we can now ask members of the Exercise in general and of the Council in particular to help us to bring our work to completion. We shall, therefore, be glad to receive offers of help from any person who is willing to be associated with our committee in obtaining details of old peal boards in his part of the country. The details we require are full particulars of the type of tablet or board, its condition and the exact wording thereon.

(Signed) Wilfrid G. Wilson (convener), Walter Ayre, C. Elliot Wigg.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards asked how far back before a board was considered old.

Mr. Wilson: Anything before 1825.

Mr. N. Golden: How many peal boards have been recorded?

Mr. Wilson: In 1939 we reported that we had so far received details of 177 boards recording 283 performances in 83 towers. I think there may be anything up to 500 boards in the country. About two-thirds we have. We desire a note on the condition of the board. When we have finished our work these will be kept in the Council's records.

(To be continued.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—At the Central Council meeting I inquired whether the Surprise Major Methods Book would contain all the methods which have been rung to date, and, if not, whether it was considered desirable to include them.

The reply given was 'No,' one reason put forward being that many of these methods were not, in fact, worth ringing. From this reply one might assume that no such criticism could be made of the methods in the collection.

Mr. Turner subsequently kindly permitted several members to inspect the manuscript book, and it was with considerable surprise, therefore, that on a cursory examination I noticed three methods which have the accepted defect of bringing 8-2 together in 7-8 in the plain course, a defect which few methods so far rung—I can think only of Lancashire Surprise—have contained. These three will no doubt form part of the 50 per cent. which, as Mr. George Cross observed, will probably never be rung.

However, perhaps the Methods Committee would be kind enough to explain what, in their opinion, constitutes a method worth ringing.

E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—It is quite true Mr. T. W. White did not say one word about ropes. He told us of the belief at Guildford that a heavy fall of rain makes ringing at Holy Trinity Church more enjoyable. He adds that it is argued that rain consolidates the tower and makes the 70 of the bells run smoother, and quotes a ringer's remarks that the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields would go better if a fire engine played on the tower.

Mr. Norman Bagworth rightly diagnosed the complaint, viz., that a damp atmosphere takes the elasticity out of the ropes and the pull on the rope is immediately transferred to the wheel.

Mr. Pulling now introduces the question of swaying towers, of which I have had bitter experience. The swing of the bells causes the tower to sway, and a swaying tower of stone (I have had no experience of wooden towers) will sway whether the weather is wet or fine, together with the frame. At Moulton we cured this by lowering the bells 15ft. into a thicker part of the tower.

A swaying tower and frame affects bell control, and the tight rope caused by damp weather is preferable to the elastic rope of dry weather.

I cannot tell Mr. Pulling how a bell rope affects a swaying tower (if it really does so), but I can tell him, without asking a Brains Trust, how a swaying tower affects a bell rope. J. M. TURNER.

Washfield, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A NEW HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. The Cathedral bells were available from 10 a.m. and the service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. W. E. R. Marrow), who also gave the address.

Dr. P. T. Spencer (the Master) presided at the meeting in the Chapter House, supported by the Provost. The minutes of the last meeting and the statement of accounts were accepted after discussion.

Two nominations were received for the office of Master, and Dr. P. T. Spencer was re-elected. There were also two names for the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, and the meeting elected Mr. Robert C. Heazel, of 44, Western Road, Brentwood.

The retiring hon. secretary, Mr. Leslie J. Clark, was thanked for his valuable service over the past 12 years, and on the proposition of Mr. George J. Joyce was unanimously elected an honorary life vice-president.

A proposal to change the day for the annual meeting from Whit Monday to Easter Monday was discussed, and it was decided by a good majority to keep to Whit Monday.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Provost of Chelmsford for his address and his presence at the meeting, also to the Provost and the incumbents of the district churches for the use of their bells.

An excellent lunch was provided at the County Hotel, 90 members and friends being present. The Cathedral bells and the bells of the nearby churches were available during the afternoon and evening; these were all in demand and some good ringing obtained.

WISBECH VISITORS AT LOUGHBOROUGH

A party of ringers of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, together with their wives and friends, had an outing to Loughborough on May 29th. Travelling by bus, they made a call at Melton Mowbray, where they were met by some of the local ringers, and touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. Resuming the journey, Loughborough was reached in time for lunch at the King's Head.

By permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., the party spent the afternoon looking round the bellfoundry and ringing on the foundry peal. Tea at the King's Head was followed by a visit to the Parish Church, where for an hour the bells were made good use of. The methods rung throughout the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

Those taking part wish to tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Taylor and his staff for their kindness in conducting them round the foundry and to all who helped to make the outing such a success.

A LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR

On Whit Monday the bellringers from the Parish Churches of Alford and Mablethorpe held what is hoped to be their first annual outing to visit churches in Lincolnshire. The outing was made possible to a large extent by the financial help of Mr. F. Graves, the Alford Parish Church organist, who gave the proceeds from an organ recital to the funds of the Alford ringers, and Mr. Graves was in the party as guest of honour.

The churches of Horncastle, Bardney, Washingborough, St. Giles' (Lincoln), Blankney, Old Bolingbroke and Raithby were visited during the day, and methods ranging from rounds to Grandire Triples were rung in the towers of the various churches visited. Lunch was partaken of at Lincoln and tea at Mareham-le-Fen, and the party finally arrived home at 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable day in spite of the atrocious weather conditions.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Service in Holy Sepulchre Church was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Turner, who also gave the address. One hundred and fifty-five sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. E. S. Powell presided, supported by Messrs. H. Baxter, G. W. Jeffs and G. S. Valentine, Central Council representatives, Miss H. M. Smith and Messrs. R. S. Cowley and A. Bigley, branch secretaries, and R. G. Black, Guild secretary. All the officers were re-elected.

Next year's annual meeting is to be at Peterborough. The maximum grant from the Bell Restoration Fund was raised from £10 to £20.

All the bells in the town were open and good use was made of them. Among the many visitors from a wide area was the band from Lincoln Cathedral, who were touring the district.

BROADCAST RINGING TO AMERICA

Eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers took part in ringing which was broadcast to America prior to the broadcast memorial service from St. Andrew's Church, Quidemham, Norfolk, on May 30th. A touch of Bob Major was rung by the following ringers: R. Grant (North Lopham) 1, F. W. Middleton (Mulbarton) 2, C. Goodman (Mulbarton) 3, A. G. Harrison (Dis) 4, W. G. Saunders (New Buckenham) 5, W. A. Lock (Yaxley) 6, S. Holman (Kenninghall) 7, E. G. Bennett (conductor) (Garboldisham) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, Miss E. M. Landon 3, E. Jurd 4, C. Philpotts 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. Barron 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Ccombes 1, Miss J. Grant 2, W. G. Mortimer 3, G. Winter 4, F. W. Hale 5, F. A. Wilshire 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—May 30th, 1,232 Double Norwich: Eileen Bastow 1, Alan A. Potts 2, S. L. Parry 3, G. Dare 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, A. J. Brown 6, D. Vincent 7, J. Worth (conductor) 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On June 3rd, on handbells, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. V. Murphy 1-2, A. G. Williams 3-4, C. Brett-Smith 5-6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7-8, E. Barnett 9-10.

CHATHAM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pat Holmes 1, R. Norris 2, F. Richardson 3, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 4, H. Springate 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, J. Evans 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 240 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, 120 each Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob: E. Smith 1, A. J. Abrams 2, W. E. Young 3, S. Murphy 4, C. Gimbert 5, W. Seekings (conductor) 6.

DEVIZES.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. H. Culley 1, Miss B. J. Davis 2, W. G. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, G. Winter 5, S. G. Grant (conductor) 6, F. W. Hale 7, H. Sturgess 8.

DINDER, NEAR WELLS.—On Saturday, June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Frampton 1, P. H. Hull (conductor) 2, F. D. Rickards 3, A. Callow 4, J. White 5, A. Bown 6.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Turner 1, C. A. Read 2, J. H. White 3, R. P. Gardner 4, G. E. Coldman 5, L. G. Leach 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, G. H. Coldman 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, C. Turner 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, B. Pidgeon 4, E. Retter 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. Retter (conductor) 7, A. Holway 8.

LEYTON.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, Charles H. Hughes 4, R. Begrie 5, H. G. Andrews 6, Frank C. W. Knight 7, James Bullock 8.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pam Sparks 1, Ivor Sparks 2, F. G. Sparks 3, Lloyd McCreadie 4, H. P. Sparks (conductor) 5, J. Bartlett 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bavin 1, G. E. Crisp 2, F. B. Speed 3, S. Darmon 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

PUDESEY.—On June 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: Alan Chapman 1, Keith Brayshaw 2, Patricia Barton 3, Molly Ambler 4, Samuel Ward 5, Robert Butterfield 6, Gordon Benfield (conductor) 7, William Barton 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Mundell 1, C. H. Taylor 2, A. R. Ward 3, W. Upton 4, E. Long 5, F. Taylor 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, A. White 8.

RUGBY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Mrs. W. Vann 1, C. Underwood 2, D. Pitstow (conductor) 3, A. Barlow 4, W. Vann 5.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Calcutt (conductor) 1, Miss J. Winterbourne 2, H. C. Farmer 3, J. A. Church 4, T. Bond 5, B. Costar 6.

SOUTHGATE.—On May 31st, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Foster 1, Miss F. Miller 2, J. G. Nash (conductor) 3-4, H. Miller 5-6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. J. Watts 2, H. White 3, W. Prior 4, W. T. Prior 5, F. C. Thurby 6, P. A. Chalk (conductor) 7, F. P. Morton 8.

THEALE.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Atkins 1, S. Allen 2, Miss D. Churcher 3, L. Vince 4, R. Aberly (conductor) 5, W. Brocks 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On May 29th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Gerrard 1, J. Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley 3, F. Reed 4, E. J. Padgett 5, C. Thorley (conductor) 6.

WINSOMBE.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hancock 1, G. Westlake 2, E. J. Avery (conductor) 3, G. Lilley 4, A. Westlake 5, J. Vincent 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Davies 1, H. Bailey 2, T. Reynolds 3, A. D. Collins (conductor) 4, C. Wallater 5, J. Luck 6, H. Smith 7, A. E. Reed 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Marlow 1, C. N. Pearson 2, Mrs. A. D. Pearson 3, R. A. Tudgay 4, E. F. White 5, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 6, N. G. Knee 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss N. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Shepherd 3, W. A. Goldstone 4, R. Lathbury 5, G. Caree 6, A. J. Glass 7, N. V. Harding (conductor) 8.

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HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Commencing June 16th for the summer months. Sunday ringing, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., as usual, except July 31st.—F. E. Cruttenden.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Annual, Hedon (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Business meeting following tea.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Guildford District) and **SURREY ASSN.** (North-Western District).—Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Clandon (8) from 2.30. Merrow (6) from 3 p.m. Service at Merrow 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Merrow Church Hall.—A. C. Hazelden and D. Cooper.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Claverden Parish Church (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. Stanley.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Buckland Newton, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring food. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—June 22nd. Re-opening of bells after being rehung as memorial to the late J. W. Hopkins. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3.30.—A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock.

KENT ASSN.—Victory Meeting, Canterbury, June 22nd. Ringing at Cathedral 1.30 to 2.45. Service 3 p.m. Tea in King's School (close by Cathedral) 4.15 p.m. After tea, ringing at Cathedral, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's.—G. H. Spice.

ELY ASSN.—Watlington, Saturday, June 22nd. Dedication of memorial to Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Service 3.30, followed by tea. Bells from 2 p.m., and in the evening.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Melbourne (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Committee meeting in Church House 3.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to L. Warren, Potter Street, Melbourne.—Wm. Lancaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. C. Ridgeway, Marston, Abbots Langley, Herts.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd, 2 p.m. Tea shop opposite church.—Stedman H. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District.—Conisborough, Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Buses from Sheffield and Doncaster.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Westoning (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Hill-yard, Westonville, Half-Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Cheddar (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Mrs. Knee's Cafe, Cliff Street.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch. — St. Francis Xavier's, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 4 and from 4.30. Committee meet 3.30. Tea (2s.) for those who notify Mr. T. Egan, 27, Canton Street, Liverpool 6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District. —North Mymms, June 22nd, 3 p.m. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division. — Quarterly, Easebourne (8), June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. (Stedham (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.) Names for tea to Mr. Etherington, P.O., Easebourne, Midhurst.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN. — Northern District.—All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. P. Cliff.

PEAK SOCIETY. — Buxton Burbage (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. Meeting in local Institute 5.30 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Hill-side, Darley Dale.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, Salisbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Practice, Cullompton (10), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman. Tea.—Fredk. C. Smale.

CHESTER GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Wistaston (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

CHESTER GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Frodsham, Saturday, June 22nd. Please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Church Street, off London Road, Frodsham. — John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Wool, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring food. Not at Buckland Newton, as previously arranged.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Enville (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Cat,' at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Send names before June 25th. Buses leave Stourbridge 1 and 2 p.m.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ISLEWORTH (10). — Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 5.15, Church Hall. Names to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Hughenden, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Note altered date. Names for tea by June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Solihull, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, for those who notify Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, near Birmingham, by June 26th. — T. H. Reeves.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Fulbeck, Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those informing K. W. Mayer by June 25th. Business meeting follows.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Camp-sall, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh (8), June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting, White Lion, 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by June 26th. — J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District. — Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5.15. Names by July 26th to Miss C. Chinery, Brick House, Orsett, Grays, Essex.—E. E. Davis.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Seaford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by June 26th.

GLOUCESTER ASSN. — Bristol Rural.—Marshfield (8), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by June 24th to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Idle.—Saturday, June 29th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at the Priory Church, Lancaster. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD and SUSSEX ASSN. — Eastern Division. — Joint meeting, Brightling (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John Downing and James G. Powell.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Copt Oak (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Myatt, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Little Mundon (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts.

A RINGING FESTIVAL FOR DORSET RINGERS will be held at Blandford on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Hicks' Cafe will be provided free of charge at 5.30 for those notifying the Town Clerk, Blandford, by Monday, 24th.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District. — South Wigston (8), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by June 26th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South and West District. — Staines, Saturday, June 29th. St. Mary's bells from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. No arrangements for tea. St. Peter's bells 7 to 7.30 p.m. and after evening service.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Mary's, Chatham (8), Saturday, June 29th, from 6.30 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Elstow (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Loughton (8), June 29th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band will help any who want progress from rounds up. Only ringing. With interval for cups of tea and questions. Potential conductors look up touches limited to ten minutes. Look for white badge and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Old Brampton (6), June 29th, 3 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton, by Wednesday, June 26th.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting at Stockbridge (6), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Also available: Kings Somborne (6) and Leckford (5). Names for tea by 26th instant to W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, Saturday, June 29th. Usual arrangements.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

DEVON GUILD.—Ashburton, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Barnes' Cafe, West Street, 5 p.m. Names by June 26th to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.)

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—St. David's Cathedral (8), June 29th, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by 28th.—L. E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Westoning (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Note revised date.—H. C. Hillyard, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fleet, June 29th. Bells available at 2. Service 3.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at 4. Business meeting afterwards.—W. A. Richardson.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Meeting at Amport, Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by June 26th to Rev. B. E. Russell.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—Bredbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Overton, dedication of two new trebles by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. Taylor, 15, Sapley Lane, Overton, by Wednesday, June 26th.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Burton-on-Stather (8), Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 26th certain to J. Bray, Trentwood, Flixborough Road, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Lower Peover, on Saturday, June 29th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Miss D. Osborn, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—West Stow (6), Saturday, June 29th. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Summer Festival.—Woburn, Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. (inclusive) at the Bedford Arms Hotel for those who notify Mr. H. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks, by July 4th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Lymstone, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 1st to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Wath (8), July 6th, at 3 p.m. Cards for tea, at the Church House, to Mr. W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Deane, by July 3rd.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Greasley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the School for those who notify Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Giltbrook, by July 2nd.—T. Groombidge, jun.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting at Lichfield, Saturday, July 6th. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6 to 6.45. Service 3.30. Tea at Minster Cafe 4.30, 1s. 9d. (members 1s.). General meeting to follow. Names by Tuesday, July 2nd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Walpole, Norton, Norwich. Conveyance meet Norwich and Lowestoft bus, Service 17, at Hales Garden House.—J. Hurwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Warfield (8), on Saturday, July 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, July 13th. As important matters are to be discussed members are asked to make every effort to attend. Fuller details later.—Edith K. Fletcher.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSN.—Secretary's address: Robert C. Heazel, 44, Western Road, Brentwood, Essex.

PERSONAL

The correspondence address of Lieut. C. Glenn, R.N.V.R., is now c/o S.T.O., Trinity House Chambers, Hull.

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THE DEBATE

The debate concerning 'The Ringing World' at the Central Council meeting at Norwich which forms the main feature of this issue was expected. Apart from the Notice of Motion moved by two members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, questions could have rightly been raised when the committee responsible for the publication of 'The Ringing World' presented its report. With the passing of 'The Ringing World' out of private ownership, in a sense each fully paid member of an affiliated association or guild becomes a shareholder in the publication and has the right of expressing his opinion through his elected representatives. The position is identical with other great societies owning their own journals. There is an Editorial Committee to see that the policy of the journal is in accord with the wishes of the members. In future, when the Central Council meets this committee will have to reply to the criticisms of the rank and file if the contents of 'The Ringing World' do not conform to their wishes.

Where does the function of an editor come in? As the servant of the Council, he has to interpret at the direction of the Editorial Committee the wishes of the members. An Editorial Committee is something new to the Exercise; it has to learn by experience, and it must be ready as a guide, philosopher and friend to help the editor over his difficulties in matters of policy. Ordinary matters of publication are in the editor's sphere, and he holds the scales between the different interests as directed.

From the debate two points emerged. The first was that 'The Ringing World' has found its feet—a matter for congratulation and thankfulness. For that the responsibility is two-fold. On the administrative side Mr. and Mrs. G. Fletcher have created order out of chaos, and there was a just recognition of their accomplishment. Editorially, 'The Ringing World' was fortunate during these days of transition in having Mr. J. A. Trollope as editor. For scholarship and technical knowledge of ringing there was no one his peer in the Exercise. He had his standard and he moulded the paper accordingly.

That Mr. Trollope had the confidence of the Council was evidenced by the decision 'to pass on to the next business.' There could have been no finer vindication. To accept the decision in any other way is to fail to comprehend the finer points of public life, and it can truly be

said that Mr. Trollope left the Council Chamber at Norwich without a reflection on his personal character or his ability.

There was another side to the debate which might be aptly summed up in the words of Ben Jonson, 'No man is so foolish but may give another good counsel sometimes.' The suggestions that arose from the debate did not escape the Editorial Committee. 'The Ringing World' was never intended by its founder to be something distant from the rank and file of the Exercise, but to have that warm, intimate touch in its pages to be, as someone described it, the soul of the Exercise. It is the link which joins the ringers of the 52 societies affiliated to the Central Council into one body. The freemasonry of the belfry is no idle phrase; it is the function of 'The Ringing World' to foster that spirit.

The Gospel for last Sunday was the story of Dives and Lazarus — the story of a great gulf, of an isolationist who kept himself to himself and had not a care for the wider world. This parable, given with all the picturesque colouring of the Eastern world, might have its application in the affairs of 'The Ringing World.' There is no desire to create a gulf between the editor and the Editorial Committee on one side and the ordinary reader on the other. They realise that 'The Ringing World' is your paper and, with the matter and facilities at their disposal, intend to give of their best. But the rank and file must help.

Let no quarrel nor no brawl to come
Taint the condition of this present hour.

—Shakespeare.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
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FREDERICK WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	‡FREDERICK DENCH ... 7
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†WALTER AYRE ... 3	‡T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 9
‡LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 4	‡RONALD H. BULLEN ... 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	JOHN E. SPICE ... 11
ALAN WHITE ... 6	‡RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER.
* First peal on twelve tower bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT A. WARD ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	†REGINALD A. ALEY ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	FRANK BRADLEY ... 8
*A. EDMUND CLEMENCE ... 4	FRED A. SALTER ... 9
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5	*RICHARD J. BOWLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal on ten. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 13, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES;

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ERNEST BARTRAM ... 2	†T. VERNON IENNISON ... 6
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

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On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	†ALAN WHITE ... 5
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On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
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LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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ROBERT R. FISHER ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
RUSSELL R. CURSON ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

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PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

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Tenor 28½ cwt.

DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION.	THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ... <i>Treble</i>	†WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 6
JENNY PYM ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
*JEAN MCDOWALL ... 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... <i>Tenor</i>
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 4	

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
 * First peal of Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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LUCILE M. HUBBERT 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
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FRANK L. HARRIS 2	JOHN H. HUNT 6
ROBERT E. TURNER 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 7
FREDERICK C. SMITH 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT <i>Tenor</i>

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C. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*ALFRED H. PULLING 4	†T. MARK WHITE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
 * 1,300th peal. † First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FREDERICK SEAGER 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
*DENIS A. BAYLES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 * First peal of Surprise.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LESLIE WOODHEAD <i>Treble</i>	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
RONALD H. DOVE 2	FRANK REED 6
HARRY BARNES 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT 7
ERNEST SHORT 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES MCCLUSKEY.
 First peal as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

On Thurs., June 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARSH <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR MAUDESLEY 5
JOHN LUNHAM 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
*MISS E. M. SUART 3	*THOMAS MARSHALL 7
*RONALD KENDRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
 * First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*WM. H. B. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
*MARGARET D. TELFORD 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	*RICHARD A. POST 7
*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal in the method. First peal of Ashtead on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

DEREK REED <i>Treble</i>	ROLAND HIRST 4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	FRANK LAMB 5
RONALD LUNN 3	FRANK REED <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK REED.
 * First peal.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC J. GILBERT 4
MISS JOAN WEBSTER 2	*THOMAS W. HESKETH... .. 5
MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER 3	THOMAS ROGERS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.
 * First peal in six methods.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*SIDNEY SABAN <i>Treble</i>	WALTER SPARROW 4
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS 5
RICHARD E. PRICE 3	TONY PRICE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
 * First peal.



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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent, three of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
DONALD L. WALTON ... *Treble* | *C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
*ALAN JACQUES ... 2 | HORACE MYATT ... 5
G. STANLEY BREWIN ... 3 | G. RONALD EDWARDS... *Tenor*
Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.
NELSON W. BANHAM ... *Treble* | WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... 4
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 2 | ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 5
CYRIL J. BURNS ... 3 | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... *Tenor*
Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

CORRESPONDENCE

BASINGSTOKE BELLS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In the discussion which took place at the Central Council I notice that two speakers, both men of some note, referred to Basingstoke bells as being in chromatic scale. If this were so the bells would be what we understand as a peal of six bells with every half-tone and one bell missing.

I suppose they meant nine bells in diatonic scale, that is an eight bell ring with an extra bell a tone higher than the treble. If such a peal was completed to a chromatic scale, surely six more half-toned bells would have to be added.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

THE BASINGSTOKE PEAL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In your report of the Central Council meeting published in last week's issue Mr. C. Dean is reported as saying that the secretary had received a letter from me asking for the peal of Grandsire Caters rung on February 16th, 1946, without a cover bell to be recognised as a peal by our Guild. This is not quite correct and it was never our intention to claim this as a peal without the consent of the Council. Perhaps you will be good enough to publish a copy of the resolution unanimously approved by the Guild's committee and forwarded to the secretary of the Council for reference to the Peals Analysis Committee.

In so far that peals of Caters without a cover bell are invalid according to the rules of the Central Council and such a peal has been published in its official organ, "The Ringing World," we as a Guild would like the Council to decide whether or not the Grandsire Caters rung at Basingstoke on February 16th, 1946, should be recognised as a peal by this Guild. It should be noted that the performance was rung in a tower with nine bells only.

It will be seen that, unless the Council gave a special ruling in so far as the last paragraph of the resolution may have decided, we as a Guild had no intention of claiming the peal. The Council has given its decision and we will loyally abide by it.

One other point arises. Mr. A. A. Hughes denied that the bells were in a chromatic scale and said that they were put in in two peals, the top eight for ringing on sad occasions and the bottom eight for ordinary ringing. I have a letter in my possession which Mr. Chesterman, of Basingstoke, recently received from Mears and Stainbank, in which they say that the bells are now the back nine of a peal of ten.

In conclusion, if I may say so, we shall all welcome the decision of the Standing Committee to bring the Rules and Decisions up to date, which, if achieved, may have made the Basingstoke 'peal' a landmark for the Exercise and perhaps worth while!

F. W. ROGERS, Hon. Sec.,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Cosham.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I recently attended a lecture in Manchester on the aims and work of the National Register of Archives, which is a special branch of the Historical Manuscripts Commission. It is the function of this branch of the Commission to compile a register in the shape of a detailed card index of all historical documents in the country. I would suggest, for the sake of future historians, that the whereabouts of all documents bearing on our art be made available for this register. All the necessary information may be obtained from the Registrar, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.
F. F. RIGBY, President of the Lancashire Association.

OBITUARY

MR. LEWIS TYLDESLEY.

The death took place on Sunday, June 16th, of Lewis Tyldesley, of Christ Church, Southport, in his 79th year. He had been a Sunday service ringer for 60 years, ringing until about three weeks ago.

The funeral was on Thursday, June 20th, ringers being present from Liverpool, Aughton, Halsall and the local company. The bells of Christ Church, Southport, were rung half-muffled before and after the interment at Duke Street Cemetery. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

MR. HARRY FRANKS.

The death is announced of Mr. Harry Franks, of the St. Mary Magdalene band, Holloway, N.7, after a short painful illness, in the Royal Northern Hospital, where he had been admitted for a major operation.

Born in Battle, Sussex, nearly 79 years ago, he lived in London many years, making many friends during his long life as a ringer. He was at the rope's end the day before admission to hospital. He was cremated at the Islington Crematorium, East Finchley, on Wednesday afternoon, June 19th, the ashes being scattered in the Garden of Remembrance. He will be greatly missed in the tower and by his friends generally.

MR. WILLIAM BOTSFORD.

By the passing in the early hours of Sunday, June 16th, of William Botsford, All Saints' belfry, Leighton Buzzard, lost a member whose connection extended for 53 years. He first began to ring at the age of 15 years. Soon after he had learned to handle a bell, the present foreman, Mr. J. Nicholls, was elected to take charge of the tower, and from that time onwards William Botsford was a regular member of the belfry until his health began to fail two or three years ago.

As a token of respect, the following associates completed a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 57 minutes, during the evening of Wednesday, June 19th, the day of the funeral: H. Conquest 1, F. Vickers 2, W. Inley 3, H. B. Whitney 4, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 5, E. R. Butcher 6, E. A. Belson 7, M. Conquest 8. Before concluding, the bells were fired half-muffled.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

VICTORY MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

No better choice of place and surroundings could have been made for the Kent Ringers' Victory meeting, which took place on Saturday, June 22nd, at Canterbury.

Favoured with grand weather, ringers from all parts of the county and numbering about 140 made their way to the mother Cathedral during the early afternoon where the bells rang out a welcome to 3 p.m. evensong. The Cathedral authorities had kindly arranged this service with a full choir to include the association's hymn and prayer for bellringers, and the Dean's inspiring and delightful address was all in keeping with bells, bellringers and the service they render in calling people to the House of God.

King's School gymnasium, adjoining the Cathedral, was placed at the disposal of the ringers for tea, which was provided by the association and served in grand style by the Canterbury district secretary, Mr. B. Luck, his wife and helpers.

Mr. George H. Spice, the general secretary, in his remarks, referred to ringers of the county who had made valuable contribution to victory by their service in H.M. Forces during the war. There were those who had made the supreme sacrifice and others who had given of their best in the nation's interests during the critical years just passed. To them all the Kent County Association of Change Ringers offered grateful thanks. Votes of thanks were accorded the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells as well as to the incumbents of St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's respectively for making the bells of their churches available from 5 p.m. onwards.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Northern District took place at Kelvedon on June 15th, when, despite the inclement weather, 31 ringers and friends attended. Towers represented were Braintree, Bocking, Halstead, Kelvedon, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Pebmarsh, Wickham St. Paul, Newmarket, Galleywood, Great Bardfield, Witham, Feering, Great Baddow and Springfield.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. W. Croft, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 1s. Tea at the Vicarage was kindly arranged by Mrs. Croft. At the business meeting Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master) presided. Mr. H. Langstone, of Feering, was elected a ringing member. It was agreed that the next meeting be at Felstead on Sept. 14th next. Canon and Mrs. Croft were thanked for all they had done to make the meeting successful.

VICTORY RINGING

RUNG ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Campbell (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, W. A. Oldfield 4, Percy Page 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, Dan Godden 8.

BLUNSDON.—At St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Capelin 1, W. Trueman (conductor) 2, I. Trueman 3, Miss M. Booker 4, J. Vincent 5, E. Portlock 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Stannard 1, W. Stannard, sen., 2, S. Sturgeon 3, H. E. Moore (conductor) 4, C. Stannard 5, F. Buckle 6, W. Goodship 7, J. W. Banks 8.

CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—At St. Michael's, Yorktown, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. C. Bath (first quarter) 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, R. H. Bannister 4, F. Farr 5, H. Noakes 6, A. Hunt 7, 5.7 covering.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—At All Saints', 1,946 Minor (506 Oxford, 720 Kent, 720 Bob Minor: C. Rusby 1, A. Rusby 2, A. McNaught 3, I. Crossland 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (conductor) 6.

CHURCH, LANCs.—1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 360 Kent, 180 Plain Bob Minor): C. Clegg 1, F. Place 2, L. L. Williams 3, H. Holden 4, E. Brunton 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Derek Gibbons (aged 12 years, first quarter-peal) 1, L. Trevor (conductor) 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Gibbons 4, J. Draycott 5, H. Harris 6, J. F. Clarke 7, F. Moreton 8.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, R. W. Treasure 2, J. Pocock 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (conductor) 5, L. Bates 6.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. R. Macleod 1, J. Colling 2, G. F. Newton (conductor) 3, R. Airey 4, T. Cooke 5, L. Venus 6.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,235 Stedman Caters: H. S. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 2, L. Boumphrey 3, R. M. Preston 4, R. J. G. Townsend 5, Sgt. A. Lancefield, R.A.F. 6, E. Boumphrey 7, T. C. Winderam 8, R.S.M. C. Barker, R.E. 9, E. A. Stafford 10. Rung when an attempt for a peal failed after two hours.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, C. W. Toyne 2, Miss Laura Mottishaw 3, L. G. Webb 4, R. Thompson 5, R. Willcocks (conductor) 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, F. Newsome 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—1,280 Bob Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, H. G. Hart 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. D. Butler 5, F. A. Vincett 6, J. E. Rootes 7, W. Wenban (conductor) 8.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory, 1,334 Bob Major: G. H. Sentance 1, C. King 2, G. Heley 3, J. Holmes 4, A. Butcher 5, H. Burrows 6, H. Hillyard 7, A. E.

Sharman (conductor) 8.

KEEVIL, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (conductor) 1, R. W. Harris 2, S. Gingell 3, L. Waylen 4, L. Cave 5, S. Ludlow 6.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Higgins 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, F. Salter 3, F. A. Rea 4, E. F. Cubberley (conductor) 5, G. Derrington 6.

OVERTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Scott (first quarter) 1, Margaret Wadley 2, A. Taylor 3, C. Taylor 4, B. Garrett (conductor) 5, A. G. Taylor 6.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINC'S.—720 Canterbury Pleasure and 540 Plain Bob: A. Pearson 1, F. P. Harwood 2, F. Dewey 3, H. Barsley 4, H. Harper (conductor) 5, E. Barnes 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—1,456 Grandsire Triples: D. Broomfield 1, E. Hendley 2, J. Green 3, D. Reed 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, H. Kerley 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Capelin 1, Miss M. Booker 2, C. Watt 3, T. Holborrow 4, W. Trueman (conductor) 5, W. Greenaway 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, L. P. Cook 2, C. W. Philpotts 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

POOLSTOCK, LANC'S.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Parker 1, R. Forshaw 2, T. Grounds 3, S. Clough 4, J. Errington 5, S. Forshaw (conductor) 6, T. Marshall 7, W. C. Farrimond 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Kidd 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. Richardson 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, H. Springate 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Raynor 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—1,344 Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, L. W. Fisher 3, H. W. Pratt, F. Warrington 4, F. Nicholls 5, G. L. Perkins 6, J. Perkins 7, M. Ginn (conductor) 8. Rung in two sections.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Bob Royal: K. Jones 1, S. Jones 2, C. F. Sayer 3, L. Hansell 4, A. Dale 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, R. Darvill 8, F. Spicer 9, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 10.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Chaplin 1, G. H. Peers, jun. (conductor) 2, E. Elton 3, N. Pratt 4, G. H. Peers, sen. 5, C. Pratt 6, H. J. Dakin 7, S. Dunkley 8.

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IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions for September quarter become due on
July 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After forwarding peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Spalding on
June 8th to 'The Ringing World' there was a second check on the
time. Mr. John G. Ames, the conductor, informs us that it should
read 3 hours and 18 minutes and not 3 hours and 28 minutes as
published last issue.

Certain copies of last week's 'Ringing World' had the number of
changes omitted from the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Whiston
on June 8th. The number of changes was 5,152.

A Victory Day achievement comes from Wolverton, Hants, where
the whole band rang their first quarter. Now for the first peal
together!

A new ring of eight is being installed by Messrs. Gillett and
Johnston at Guiseley, Yorks. The Western Division of the Yorkshire
Association hope to try out the bells for the September meeting.

To celebrate the engagement of Mr. E. W. Pye and Miss Madeline
O. Broyd, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Sible Heding-
ham, Essex, last Saturday.

During a peal in a Cheshire tower last Saturday a local ringer
appeared in the belfry about three courses from home with rather
an unsettling effect on the ringers. He walked through the circle of
ropes, looked at the watch in the middle of the floor and, sitting
down by the conductor, said, 'I hope you get it.' Fortunately they
did. The moral is obvious: Lock the belfry door.

Pressure of space necessitates the holding over of 31 peals this
week. Among them are some of special interest, including one of Bob
Minor on handbells at Meiktila Camp, Kalyan, India. As a clue to
impatient readers, it was rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Two Farnham ringers, Mr. R. Hasted and Mr. T. Upshall, both
of whom are suffering a period of ill-health, were specially remem-
bered at the Farnham District meeting at Frensham on June 15th.
Messages containing wishes for their recovery were sent. The captain
of the Frensham ringers (Mr. A. J. Chuter) had the pleasure of
nominating two members of his tower—Messrs. P. and D. Shepherd—
for Guild membership.

Ringling outings are coming back in the news. St. Peter's, St.
Albans, travelled 150 miles for theirs on June 15th, and rang at
Bicester, Chipping Norton, Great Tew, Aynho, Banbury, Adderbury
and Buckingham. The ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge
Royal.

For three Saturdays in succession a noted company of Guildford
ringers has lost its peals. A record of 1,300 peals includes its dis-
appointments.

Mr. John Woods, who rang in the Victory peal at Morecambe,
rang in the first peal on the original six at Holy Trinity Church,
Morecambe.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT NORWICH

'RINGING WORLD' PROFIT TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER TREATMENT OF YOUNG RINGERS MR. TROLLOPE'S DEFENCE & VINDICATION EXETER NEXT MEETING

The second half of the Central Council meeting at Norwich on Whit Tuesday was devoted largely to affairs of 'The Ringing World.'

BIOGRAPHIES.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said it would be recalled that last year at the Birmingham meeting, as the result of the war and the death of two active members of the committee, he found himself with the legacy of the papers those two people (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. W. A. Cave) had collected. They had proceeded with the collection of information. Every week 'The Ringing World' contained some vital information and they had made plans to codify that information. Furthermore, plans for more permanent records were being considered. He would like to acknowledge the help given by a gentleman outside the Council, Mr. Viggers, of Aldershot, who was an expert in this matter and his advice they were going to act upon. He appealed to people to give them information when circularised.

Mrs. Fletcher seconded and the report was adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

The Hon. Secretary said at the last meeting at Birmingham, under any other business, Mr. C. T. Coles gave notice of a proposed alteration of rules. Unfortunately by his death they had no formal notice before the Council. They might consider before the next triennial session whether any alteration of rules was necessary.

The first was in determining the membership of the Council. At the present time they had 75 members to make an association eligible for one member and 150 for two. Now it had been found in the last two years that association records were very incomplete. Some did not know whether they were entitled to three or four members. Should non-resident life members be taken into consideration? The second point was whether membership for representation should be considered annually or at the beginning of a triennial period.

The next point was in regard to honorary members. At present an honorary member on election took his seat at the end of the meeting. In his own personal case he moved away from Middlesex and took up his abode in Norfolk. At the moment he represented the Middlesex Association. If he resigned from the Middlesex Association and the Norwich Diocesan Guild did not want him, then the only way, if the Council still required his services, was to appoint him an honorary member. At the first meeting of the transfer the agenda would have to be the election of president and then the election of honorary members. He asked members to consider the points raised.

NOTATIONS IN FRONT.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley moved that in future all publications issued by the Central Council have the compositions printed correctly, i.e., with the notation in front of the resulting course end.

He said he brought the motion forward for the sake of clarity and accuracy. It should be their endeavour to have everything connected with the Exercise as clear and as accurate as possible, and it could not be said in setting out their compositions in the way they did that they were clear. They could not have a course end before they had a call. It would be all right if they read from right to left, but as most people read from left to right it seemed obvious that notations should be in front of the resulting course end.

Mr. F. Nolan Golden, seconding, said the only opposition could be on the bond of tradition, but that tradition had already been broken.

Mr. H. Cashmore said he would support the motion if there was any evidence of confusion by this system of notation, but at the present time he had not seen any. He suggested that there would be greater confusion by the two systems running side by side than at present. He did not agree with the suggestion of Mr. Sedgley that his proposed system was correct.

Mr. J. A. Trollope considered the Council could not pass the motion as it stood for the reason that the question of copyright came in. At the present time 'The Ringing World' was publishing a series of articles on Double Norwich Caters by Mr. Shepherd. 'The Ringing World' published them, but the copyright belonged to Mr. Shepherd, and he could put in the notation as he desired. They could not lay down the rule that a book must be in some form unless they were prepared to decline to publish some work of value to the Exercise.

Mr. F. C. S. Turner pointed out that the Peal Committee had done a lot of work and it would have to be scrapped.

Mr. H. J. Poole urged the Council not to waste more time on the matter. The motion was then put and defeated, only seven members voting for it.

'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the year ending September 3rd, 1945. He said the income for the year was £1,743 13s. 8d., expenditure was £1,395 12s. 2d., and the net profit £348 1s. 6d. Assets amounted to £1,611 3s. 9d., made up of goodwill £200, debtors £260 16s. 5d., and cash £1,150 7s. 4d. Liabilities total £564 8s. 10d., being loan from general funds of the Council £200.

creditors £137 8s. 8d., payment in advance £227 0s. 2d. The balance on capital account was £1,046 14s. 11d. The accounts were subject to audit. He moved their adoption.

Mr. F. W. Parrens seconded and suggested that each association should have a copy of the accounts.

The accounts were adopted, subject to audit, and Mr. Parrens' suggestion adopted.

THANKS TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

Canon C. O. Marshall said he felt that, having received that very happy report on the position of 'The Ringing World,' members of the Council would not want to let that presentation go by without saying something. He felt that they owed a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for all the work they had done to bring this happy work to this end. There were very few people who knew of the vast amount of work in bringing order out of chaos and rescuing from shipwreck something which they hoped would go on its voyage for many years. To that end a very great deal of hard and self-sacrificing work had been done by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

He was quite certain that Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher had no thought of reward for the work they had done. It had been done for the sake of the art they loved so much. He thought something more was due to them. 'The Ringing World' had been put on its feet and was ready to go forward. It had this balance in hand and they felt that to a very great extent was due to the self-sacrifice and assiduous work put into it by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. He moved that out of the funds of 'The Ringing World' they made a grant of, say, £200 to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher as a token of their appreciation for all they had done and at the same time express to them their most grateful thanks for the work that had been achieved.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, in seconding, said he had known the Fletcher family as long as most people in the room. 'I observed them before they were married at quarterly meetings. I saw the bond of affection between the two. That affection grew until eventually they sought my aid in making them one. All through their lives Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have devoted themselves to the good of the Exercise. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have in the last four years brought order out of chaos, and to-day 'The Ringing World' is on a sound footing as the result of their labours.

Mr. George Williams said as an old member and friend he would like to heartily support the resolution.

The motion was carried amid applause.

Mr. George Fletcher: You really must spare my blushes. You have said a lot of flattering things. You have to go back to when we stood at the graveside of J. S. Goldsmith. Some went away, some stayed and that marked the turning point in the fortunes of this paper, because when we stayed we had to face difficulties and give personal undertakings so that the executors would not suffer. From what we could find out at the time the paper was making a big loss. So far as my work and that of my wife's was concerned, it was purely a matter of accounts. I want you to remember that because there are other sides connected with the paper. We were fortunate. We weathered the storm and we have now some little nest egg to see us through the difficulties ahead. That does not mean that the money you have in hand should be squandered in the way you suggested to-day. We did not work so that we should gain. Without being ungrateful I want to have the liberty of considering how the money can be applied, not for my personal benefit or my wife's, but for the work we have at heart. I thank you for your generosity. I look upon it as a personal gift. I come and ask you to do a personal thing for me, then I shall expect you to do it as you have done for me to-day.

The Chairman: Mr. Fletcher would be the last to claim any credit for the work on the editorial side. I want to keep those two sides apart.

'RINGING WORLD' DEBATE.

Item 11 on the agenda was then considered a motion in the following terms:—

That for some time past the contents of 'The Ringing World' have not been conducive to the fostering of our art, especially among the younger generation of ringers. In their interest it is suggested that more space be made available for current affairs by the exclusion of irrelevant matter, by setting the leader in smaller type; also the notice of officials of the paper could be condensed or only inserted in alternative weeks.

Mr. George W. Steere: I rise to propose this resolution because there has been quite a lot of dissatisfaction in the manner certain things are published in 'The Ringing World,' especially as regards young ringers. They never have their names in the newspaper as they used to and like they ought. They have been treated rather roughly; they should be encouraged. We have heard a lot that space has something to do with it, but it may be overcome by setting some of the articles in smaller type.

Another point is that reports of meetings have been seriously curtailed and in some cases ignored altogether, and certain other things have never been included. I have a copy of something South-West Essex people circulated to all their members concerning the Crusaders. A request was made that it should be published in its entirety in the paper. It was sent back as not being of the appropriate style. The Editor thought it should be treated differently, which did not set out the things the Crusaders intended to do.

Mr. G. H. Cross, seconding, said when he was young if he rang a peal he liked to see it in print. In these days quite youngsters ring Surprise methods.

Mr. H. J. Poole supported the motion, but before he did so he wanted to recall that at the last meeting there was an instruction that all complaints should be addressed to the secretary of the committee. How many complaints had been received and what steps had been taken to deal with them.

The Chairman: A certain number of verbal complaints and a certain number of written complaints have been received by the secretary, and he has endeavoured to take steps to obviate them if they were serious ones.

Mr. E. A. Young: There are two sides to every question and I have met a number of people who say how much they enjoy 'The Ringing World.' I would like to ask if there has been commendation of what has appeared in 'The Ringing World' generally. Of course, like all these papers they endeavour to cover as wide a field as possible, and while we have things in common we have our little differences, but taking it altogether we feel there are other sides. I get a great deal of delight in reading 'The Ringing World' from beginning to end.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: I like enjoying certain things, but that is not the point. No editor has the right to put his personal views above the opinion of this Council. I think the Council will agree that for a boy of 10 years to ring a peal of Cambridge is worthy of notice, and 'The Ringing World' is our paper. Some weeks ago peals in 'The Ringing World' had two names the same. I said to my wife, 'I never knew So and So had a brother. I wonder where he dug him up.' Two nights later, after looking through an evening paper, she said, 'Have you seen this from Suffolk? A boy of 10 ringing a peal.' I have a great objection to having to pay 3d. for a dear little paper and then to look in 'The Evening News' to find news which ought to be in our paper.

I was also told that so and so had a son who rang Surprise and he came down to our tower. That boy had rung a peal of London and Spliced. I feel that boys and girls of that age deserve encouraging. You put in first peals. Why not put in aged 11 or 12. There is no waste of paper. I do think the Editor should leave his personal fads outside the paper.

FOOTNOTES.

Mr. J. P. Fidler: As I go about the country there is one thing of which I hear verbal complaints, and it is why don't they put footnotes in? The chief complaint is footnotes and footnotes.

Mr. J. E. Spice: There are footnotes and footnotes. In the olden days there were silly footnotes. I rang in a peal of Spliced Surprise. For one member it was first peal of Surprise, two others' first peal of Spliced Surprise. I sent up the peal. I put an asterisk for the first peal of Surprise and a dagger for the first peal of Spliced Surprise. That dagger was eliminated. Another point is the weight of a tenor. A friend of mine had the weight of the tenor 16 cwt. omitted. I can see no reason. I should like to see Belfry Gossip revived. On the question of space, why could not an article like 'Ringer in the Cotswolds' be put in smaller type?

Mr. F. I. Hairs: The reports of meetings in 'The Ringing World' lately have been nothing less than a repetition of the official notices. From my experience of the printing trade, which is only 40 years, I know that articles need sub-editing, but it does not mean treating them like that.

Mr. A. D. Barker complained that the odd quarters and lbs. had been deleted from the weights of tenors. He was persuaded to send in a report to 'The Ringing World.' He wrote it, but got a much better report in his local paper.

Mr. H. J. Poole said he would like to support the resolution, but he did not want to cast any reflection on anyone. He was not too convinced as to the reply he got to his question concerning complaints. They had been side-stepping the motion that was intended to deal with younger ringers. The first thing was that the necessity did exist for the resolution; nobody denied it. If they did not support young people the time would come when they would not need 'The Ringing World.' It was for the young generation to carry the load and they should give them every encouragement. From the point of view of ringing they were being encouraged, but they did need this encouragement which they were not getting through the Press. It did mean something to these young people to see their names and footnotes and ages.

They were told to-day that they ought to encourage competition. How were they to encourage it if they did not let one part of the country know what the other was doing? There was one time an old school who had no room for youngsters. The time was when youngsters could sit in a belfry and never be asked to ring. That time they hoped was gone.

He did not want to under-estimate the efforts of the Editor of 'The Ringing World'; but for his efforts there would be no paper, but

there was no reason why he should not do as the majority of the members wished him to do. On the front of the paper they had that it was the official journal of the Central Council. While they should give him latitude, the policy of 'The Ringing World' was not a matter for the Editor, but for the Council. The policy of 'The Ringing World' should be governed by the Council and not by the Editor.

The Rev. H. Drake: I do not think this motion is the right way. It seems to me to be a slur on the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Most of the things that have been said against the Editor have been owing to the fact that there was not enough paper. What they all agreed about was that there were not enough footnotes to peals.

Mr. E. Stinch endorsed what Mr. Poole had said. From 'The Ringing World' they learnt what their fellow ringers were doing in other parts of the country.

Mr. W. C. Duffield thought it would be unfortunate if the motion went through after the wonderful work of the Editor in the past four years. He had a great sympathy with those speakers who advocated a larger number of footnotes and that the younger members should come forward and do their stuff. He could claim no share in advanced ringing, but he had brought forward 38 youngsters to ring their first 720, and it had given them immense pleasure to read these footnotes.

Another member thought that the article on Double Norwich should be in smaller type.

Mr. H. J. Poole moved as an amendment that the policy of 'The Ringing World' be decided by the Council.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the amendment, remarking that he always understood that the proprietor decided the policy of the paper and the editor carried it out.

Mr. G. L. Grover said he held no brief for the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' On one occasion he challenged the Editor's personal views, but the Editor wrote him a four page reply and he felt crushed. Since then he had not tried to get his own views published because he happened to come from Guildford. Having regard to the many years of devoted labour that Mr. Trollope has put in for 'The Ringing World,' a great part of which was not adequately remunerated, he asked the Council not to pass this motion, which amounted to a vote of censure. It would be ungrateful to Mr. Trollope to pass the motion.

Mr. H. J. Poole asked for the amount of remuneration paid to Mr. Trollope.

Mr. Trollope: You are at liberty to state what I had from the beginning of the war.

Mr. Fletcher: If we go back some 10 years you will remember that a fund, which was known as the J.A.T. Fund, was formed. Mr. Goldsmith had the administration of that fund and you will remember that during Mr. Goldsmith's illness Mr. Trollope acted as editor. Mr. Trollope's salary came from that fund. The balance was passed on to Mr. Rupert Richardson and the fund was wound up when we purchased the goodwill. The question of Mr. Trollope's salary has been raised. We had great trouble in persuading him to take anything and at last we succeeded in his agreeing to three guineas per week, plus expenses. That obtained until March, 1945. As from April 1st, 1945, he had been paid five guineas a week, plus one guinea expenses.

Mr. P. J. Johnson suggested that the mover and seconder of the resolution should withdraw and have the single amendment before the meeting. He felt that some of the things said of the Editor were ill-deserved. They had to realise that during the momentous days of the war, when it was impossible to get copy for 'The Ringing World,' his historical articles kept the paper going. Any man with a strong personality was bound to get up against people.

Mr. Rupert Richardson: There is one point overlooked. We have appointed a committee to run 'The Ringing World' and it is for them to carry out the policy of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: There is one point I would like to make. I started ringing peals as a youngster. If I was held up in 'The Ringing World' as a prodigy I would have thrown it in the fire.

MR. TROLLOPE'S REPLY

Mr. J. A. Trollope: I strongly object to the withdrawal of what is a vote of censure. I stand or fall by a direct vote and not by any substitute. I did not intend to speak. You must bear with me because I am suffering from heart trouble, which makes it difficult to speak. I have an answer to every single point that has been brought up in this discussion. My one real answer is 'The Ringing World' itself. I can say this. I never used the paper to air my fads. I have run that paper with the single idea of my duty to myself and the Exercise so that when I die people can say I did the job well.

Now the question of ages arose several years ago and it began to look as though they would flood the paper. I gave it a lot of consideration. I had no opinion; I consulted responsible people in this Council, men here now. I tried to find out what was the opinion of ringers generally on the subject. I came to the conclusion that it was not for the good of 'The Ringing World' or the Exercise or the young people that those ages should be published. Having made that resolution there was only one way, that was to apply it impartially, and that is what I have done. I still think it is the thing to do.

What you cannot discuss in public is to ask yourselves how much this urge of young people is due to the vanity of parents and teachers? If you were to publish these ages the result would be that you would

have in this paper every week a dozen or a couple of dozen. The whole thing would be common and the average ringer would get fed up with the kids all over the place. I have no objection to young ringers. Perhaps the biggest blessing I have had was with two school-boy ringers, and the friendship I formed then I have to-day. If I were to take up some boy and boost him, what would be the result? Jealousy and ill-feeling. This resolution comes from the Society of Cumberlands. 'The Ringing World' has done more for young ringers in three years than the Cumberlands have done in 200 years.

Mr. G. H. Cross: As the seconder of this resolution I have said nothing about the Editor. I think what we have put forward has nothing to do with Mr. Trollope personally.

Mr. Walter Ayre: There is no personal reflection on Mr. Trollope. Every member I have spoken to has said what a good spot of work Jim Trollope had done.

Mr. R. G. Blackman: I feel from what has been said with regard to the passing of this motion will be rather badly misunderstood if it should go through as it is. Like all those who have spoken this afternoon, I am most keen on the youngsters coming along and also on the future success of 'The Ringing World.' Regarding setting the leader in smaller type, I know of no journal of repute that sets its leader in small type.

With regard to the amendment, how are we to run the paper? Are we to meet every week? No, it must be left to the Editor. No journalist of repute would expect it to be successful if it is run by 50, 60 or 100 different people.

I do not believe you will make a really good ringer of any child if you bring him up to believe that every time he does something out of the ordinary his name has to be published in the paper. I do not think it will improve 'The Ringing World.' I believe if the motion is withdrawn a good deal of good will come of it, and the present committee, with Mr. Trollope, will give, as they have in the past, every consideration to what has been said.

Mr. Trollope: I will not accept anything but a direct vote. It is a vote of censure.

Mr. G. W. Steere: This motion was not brought forward as a motion of censure. It was brought by our society to voice the dissatisfaction of our society.

Mr. H. J. Poole said his amendment was that the policy of the paper be determined by the Council and carried into effect by the committee.

Mr. Trollope: I say the resolution or the amendment must be regarded as a vote of censure.

Mr. Blackman: You have not got in your amendment what is the policy.

Mr. C. Dean: I move the previous question.

The Rev. H. Drake: I second.

Mr. Turner: I think it would only be fair to warn you that it will result in the resignation of the Editor.

Mr. Poole: It is not a question of pointing a pistol at the head of Mr. Trollope.

The motion to pass on to the next business was then put and carried by 42 votes to 34.

Mr. Trollope: As the Council has refused my request, I have no other option. 'The Ringing World' will appear next Friday and after that my connection with it ceases.

EXETER IN 1947.

The Hon. Secretary reported that an invitation had been received to hold the next Council meeting at Exeter. The Standing Committee recommended that it be accepted. The Council was last there in 1907.

Mr. F. C. Smale: On behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, we would give our Central Council a most hearty welcome.

Mr. R. Richardson seconded that the 1947 meeting be held at Exeter. Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President for the admirable manner he had conducted the proceedings.—This was seconded and carried with acclamation.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor of Norwich for the use of the Council Chamber, the Bishop of the Diocese for his attendance, the various incumbents for the use of the bells, to Mr. Nolan Golden and his committee, and to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for acting as guide.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded and Mr. John Spice supported the motion. The votes of thanks were acknowledged by the President and Mr. Thurlow.

The Council was then entertained to tea by the Norwich Diocesan Association at Davey Place Restaurant.

OTHER VICTORY RINGING

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beck 1, E. Martin 2, Pearl E. Grapes (conductor) 3, G. Allen 4, R. Barber 5.

SWINDON—At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Townsend 1, Miss N. Davis 2, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 3, Miss M. Richards 4, S. Palmer 5, W. Daniell 6, W. Carter 7, W. Bullock 8.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dew 1, Barbara Cleveland 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, R. Burgess 4, F. Penn (conductor) 5, F. Slatford 6, P. Harding 7, D. Clayton 8.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Soper 1, P. Knight 2, D. Farthing 3, F. Soper 4, D. Cane (conductor) 5, the Rev. D. L. Board 6. First quarter-peal by all the band.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Enville (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Cat,' at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Buses leave Stourbridge 1 and 2 p.m.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ISLEWORTH (10).—Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 5.15, Church Hall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Hughenden, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Note altered date.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Solihull, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Fulbeck, Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Camp-sall, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh (8), June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting, White Lion, 5 p.m.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District. — Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5.15. Names to Miss C. Chinery, Brick House, Orsett, Grays, Essex.—E. E. Davis.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Seaford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at the Priory Church, Lancaster. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD and **SUSSEX ASSN.** — Eastern Division. — Joint meeting, Brightling (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John Downing and James G. Powell.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Little Munden (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Loughton (8), June 29th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band will help any who want progress from rounds up. Only ringing. With interval for cups of tea and questions. Potential conductors look up touches limited to ten minutes. Look for white badge and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

A RINGING FESTIVAL FOR DORSET RINGERS will be held at Blandford on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Hicks' Cafe.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Mary's, Chatham (8), Saturday, June 29th, from 6.30 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South' and West District. — Staines, Saturday, June 29th. St. Mary's bells from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. No arrangements for tea. St. Peter's bells 7 to 7.30 p.m. and after evening service.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Elstow (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. — Chesterfield Branch.—Old Brampton (6), June 29th, 3 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton. — Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by 28th.—L. E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fleet, June 29th. Bells available at 2. Service 3.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at 4. Business meeting afterwards. — W. A. Richardson.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch. —Bredbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Overton, dedication of two new trebles by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District. — West Stow (6), Saturday, June 29th. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Colerne (8), Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m.—H. Marsh, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, July 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD GUILD. — Bicester Branch. — Islip (6), Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Burnham-on-Crouch, Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea 4.15. Business meeting after. Numbers for tea by July 2nd, please.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSN. — North-Western Division.—Harlow Common, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m. Notify by July 3rd for tea. — W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Maids Moreton, Saturday, July 6th, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Stone, on Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, by July 1st. No card, no tea.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Padiham, July 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rochdale Branch. — St. James', East Crompton, on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Neston, Saturday, July 6th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (provided).—W. Buckenham, Marham.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Branch. — St. Michael's, Aughton, Saturday, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School, small charge. Notify Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names to H. Bonshor, Manor Cottage, Great Dalby.—J. H. Cook, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Grundisburgh, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Dog Inn 5 p.m. Meeting and appeal for bells restoration to follow. For tea notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Crawley, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Market Harborough District.—Foxton (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 6th. Tea and meeting 4.45 at Shoulder of Mutton. Names by July 2nd to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Summer Festival. — Woburn, Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. (inclusive) at the Bedford Arms Hotel for those who notify Mr. H. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks, by July 4th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Lymstone, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 1st to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Practice at Warfield (8), on Saturday, July 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Greasley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the School for those who notify Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Giltbrook, by July 2nd.—T. Groombridge, jun.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Walpole, Norton, Norwich. Conveyance meet Norwich and Lowestoft bus, Service 17, at Hales Garden House.—J. Hurwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Wath (8), July 6th, at 3 p.m. Cards for tea, at the Church House, to Mr. W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Deerne, by July 3rd.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Daventry (8), Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Annual meeting at Lichfield, Saturday, July 6th. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6 to 6.45, Service 3.30. Tea at Minster Cafe 4.30, 1s. 9d. (members 1s.). General meeting to follow. Names by Tuesday, July 2nd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly, Bradford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 6th. Christ Church bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Holy Trinity bells during evening. For tea advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone. 297.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Tadcaster (8), Saturday, July 6th. Afternoon and evening. Bring food.—T. H. Foster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Bristol City Branch. — Monthly Meeting, Emmanuel's, Clifton (8), July 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea approximately 5.30 p.m., 1, York Place, Clifton. Names for tea by July 1st to C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol, 2.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Summer Festival Meeting, Ewell, July 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells of Christ Church and St. Martin's, Epsom, also open afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Surrey, by July 1st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, July 6th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Peter's Hall. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.15 p.m. Bells available: Christchurch (12), 12.30 till 2.30; St. Peter's (8), 1.30 till 2.45; St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 1 till 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Notifications for tea must reach Mr. A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 212, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Haxey, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing at St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), All Saints' (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting Cathedral Church House 5 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Cathedral and All Saints'. Any member requiring tea or sleeping accommodation during the week-end should send to Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, July 9th. — E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN. — Eastern and Western Districts—Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street (8), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea, approximately 2s. 6d. per head, for those who notify me before July 12th.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD. — Oxford City Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, recently augmented to 6, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Report, rules and social evening. Notify H. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) (10), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to those who notify Mr. L. A. E. Porritt, 19, Seafeld Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, July 11th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, July 13th, St. Mary's, Wimbledon (8), near lawn tennis courts, 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Tea and business 4.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Caldicot, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Business to follow. — F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Facilities for tea very limited. Advise early Mr. H. Huntley, 5, South Row, Chiddingstone, Kent.—C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 20th. Full particulars next week as to times of service, lunch (Christ Church Dining Hall), ringing, etc. Luncheon tickets 3s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets to reach me not later than July 13th. Members, please make every effort to attend, as this year's meeting is one of great importance.—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

MONKS KIRBY bellringers are holding a social on Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. All ringers welcomed. For details write Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

ESSEX ASSN. — Secretary's address: Robert C. Heazel, 44, Western Road, Brentwood, Essex.

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ARCHIVES

The Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association, wrote in last week's 'Ringing World' on the necessity for supporting the National Register of Archives, which aims at compiling a register in the shape of a detailed card index of all historical documents in the country. He rightly suggests that the whereabouts of all documents relating to ringing be made available for the register. Indirectly, the Central Council have realised the importance of this work by having in being a Peal Boards Committee which, under the direction of Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, is compiling a record of old peal boards. These truly come under the definition of archives which is given as writings in whatever form which are preserved for reference by the persons who compiled them, or their successors. To place, however, the indexing of all historical manuscripts under the care of this committee would require a direction from the Council; it is not at present within their terms of reference.

In the establishment of a National Register of Archives, the Historical Manuscripts Commission does not desire to remove these documents from existing ownership. 'The proper people to look after archives are their natural custodians—in the case of private accumulations the owners. It is only where these are unable to do what is necessary the State offers its aid,' states the report of the Commission. Knowledge of the whereabouts of a very large number of documents throwing history on the Exercise is in possession of Mr. J. A. Trollope, and these, if indexed, would form a valued nucleus in a section devoted to ringing. The records relating to ringing are comprehensive, but in no sense are they tabulated along the lines of a register, and beyond one or two men in the Exercise nobody would know to-day where to look for them.

A number of guilds, we know, have librarians, and in planning such an index it would be well to seek their co-operation. The search of the country for old records relating to ringing will only be accomplished by a process of decentralisation with key men, ready to co-operate centrally in the area of each guild or association. Some might belittle ringing records and regard them as of little interest to the world at large or the historian of the future. The minutes of the proceedings of your tower or local society and your peal book are, we assure you, things to be treasured. The interest is far wider than many people imagine, and there is a great value in an accurate recording of day-to-day commentaries.

Recently the writer was glancing through minutes and papers relating to his own tower. One thing that impressed him was the care with which the secretary of that generation recorded things. There was, for example, the music and particulars of the origin of the Guildford chimes. Another minute, which might be regarded by sceptics with a humorous twinkle, related to a supposed ghost. Ringing on national occasions was also recorded, and those little details of fines for arriving late for Sunday service ringing, which would not be countenanced by hardly any tower to-day. Thomas Carlyle, in his address on being installed Lord Rector of Edinburgh University, said: 'I do not think that, in general, out of common history books, you will ever get into the real history of this country.' It is from these documents of the past containing simple day-to-day happenings that the historian will piece together the facts that form the social history of the country. Remember your minute books and papers of to-day become the 'archives' of to-morrow.

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ALBERT WALKER 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 10
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*EDWIN BARNETT <i>Treble</i>	ERIC B. HARTLEY 6
ALBERT W. BOND 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
*ERIC A. DENCH 3	LEONARD STILWELL 8
R. GORDON CROSS 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 5	GEORGE W. CECIL <i>Tenor</i>

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Tenor 27 cwt.

*JOCK WARRALL <i>Treble</i>	†L. WALTER PROSSER 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	GEORGE LARGE 7
LESLIE BAINHAM 3	ALFRED W. HEATH 8
*ROBERT SMITH 4	ERNEST COOMBS 9
FREDERICK HANNINGTON 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by E. COOMBS.
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On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

ALBERT WALKER <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	*HERBERT C. SPENCER 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

MORECAMBE, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS BETTY SCHOFIELD <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH HALL 5
STANLEY CLIFFORD 2	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE 6
JOHN WOODS 3	JAMES E. BURLES 7
JAMES SKEATS 4	PETER CROOK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal.

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On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

WILLIAM MUSK <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. LOCK 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	CLEMENT J. MORE 6
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ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Tenor</i>

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS <i>Treble</i>	ALAN F. THIRST 5
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
GEORGE E. GOODMAN 4	*SQUIRE CROFT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRID TAFFENDER.

* First peal on eight bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

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Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

SILKSTONE, BARNESLEY.—On June 8th, at All Saints', 1.946 Bob Minor: T. Mann 1, A. Rusby 2, W. Broadhead 3, H. Rusby 4, N. F. Moxon (conductor) 5, H. Mann 6.



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Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
*PATRICIA HOLMES 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

*RICHARD WILLOCKS <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST SHORT 5
LUCY MOTTISHAW 2	*FRANK REED 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT 7
LAURA MOTTISHAW 4	LESLIE WOODHEAD <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 20, 1946, in Three Hours,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GROVES' VARIATION <i>Treble</i>	JOHN LUNHAM 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
MISS E. M. SUART 4	ROBERT CRITCHLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.

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At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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Tenor 18½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR <i>Treble</i>	*FRANK A. PENN 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
*PERCIVAL W. HARDING 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
*FREDERICK SLATFORD 4	†CYRIL G. GIBBONS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*LESTER L. GRAY <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE LEDSHOM 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	*THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
*EDNA F. BEDFORD 3	*FRANK VARTY 7
*ERIC J. GILBERT 4	†JOHN E. SPICE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EILEEN H. BASTOW <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE TURNER 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
GERALD DARE 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH 4	DAVID VINCENT <i>Tenor</i>

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. (approximately).

*ALFRED W. E. WILLS <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. RODMAN 4
R. CLAUDE GIFFORD 2	WALTER R. HENDY 5
ERNEST THOMAS 3	†WILLIAM E. RAY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER R. HENDY.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal as conductor.
First recorded peal on the bells.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Consisting of seven 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

EDWARD BARKER <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 4
FREDERICK WIGMORE 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

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*AYLMER A. GOULD 3	†RICHARD GUPPY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. E. TURNER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

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On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, York, Cambridge and London.

WILLIAM OLIVER <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. PARK 4
*JAMES W. KNIGHT 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

ISLINGTON, LONDON, N.1.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle, ISLINGTON, N.1.,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

THOMAS J. LOCK <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT W. COLES 4
*CHARLES POTHECARY 2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS 5
ERIC A. DENCH 3	RICHARD F. DEAL <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

THOMAS ABBOT <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4
LEONARD TUFFREY 2	VINCENT A. HEMMING 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Minor in three methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 1-2	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5-6
ALAN WHITE ... 3-4	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7-8
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9-10	

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on ten handbells.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD BOB AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,
5040 CHANGES;**

Being 2,520 of Oxford Bob and 2,520 of Grandsire, with 84 changes
of method.

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all.

KALYAN, INDIA.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT NO. 4, MEIKTILA CAMP,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*CAPT. JOHN F. BANKS ... 1-2	REV. CAPT. A. F. SARGENT ... 3-4
CAPT. W. F. MORETON ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 19, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT 76, DIMSDALE VIEW, PORTHILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

GEO. W. BIDDULPH ... 1-2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 3-4
R. S. ANDERSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three
Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First touch in the method 'in hand.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association at Easebourne on June 22nd, 30 members were present from Chichester, Felpham, Heene, Rudgwick, Walberton, Washington, Wimborough Green, the local tower (11), and visitors from Liss and Portsmouth. The Vicar, the Rev. P. Peters, conducted the service and presided over the business meeting, when two Chichester ringers were elected members. Kirdford was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, with practices at Billingshurst (July 20th) and Slinfold or Shipley (August 17th).

SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting was held at Long Melford on Saturday, June 15th. Ringers were present from Long Melford, Sudbury, Great Cornard, Newton, Lavenham, Cavendish, Clare, Shimpling, Wickham St. Paul, Little Waddingfield, Hadleigh, Hartest and Glasgow. Severe thunderstorms spoilt the meeting, but for those who did attend there was a variety of methods. The next meeting will be at Havenhill on Saturday, July 13th.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT LLANDUDNO.

The first annual meeting of the North Wales Association to be held since 1939 took place at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Whit Monday, and was attended by members from Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Hawarden, Buckley, Gresford, Wrexham and Llandudno.

Canon L. J. Rowlands, Rector of Llandudno, presided, and after warmly welcoming the members spoke of the great loss the association had sustained by the death of three of its oldest members, viz., Mr. A. E. Pegler, Bangor, late association ringing master; Mr. T. Cathrall, Wrexham, late association treasurer, and Mr. J. Owen, Portmadoc.

The Rev. E. G. Wright (Bangor) and Mr. W. Jones (Wrexham) also paid tribute to the many years of service and devotion to the art of bellringing of these three late members. Those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. E. G. Wright, Bangor; Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Hughes Bangor; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall, Wrexham; district secretaries, Bangor, Miss M. Jones; Rhyl, Mr. C. Powell; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea; district instructors, Bangor, Mr. A. J. Hughes; Rhyl, Mr. J. Evans; Wrexham, Mr. F. R. Evans. Canon L. J. Rowlands was elected a vice-president.

Llangollen was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting.

Following the meeting a short service was conducted by Canon L. J. Richards. About 80 members and their wives enjoyed a splendid tea, kindly provided by the local ringers and churchwardens.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOWERBY.

The summer meeting was held at Sowerby on June 15th, when a good attendance was present from the following towers: Almondbury, Batley, Bradford, Brighouse, Denholme, Drighlington, Guiseley, Halifax (St. John's and All Souls), Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Liversedge, Myrtholmroyd, Queensbury, Ripponden, Stainland, Portsmouth and the local company. Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea was served in the schools, followed by the business meeting, Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president, being in the chair. Twelve new members were elected.

A NEW RINGING MASTER.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Hedon on June 22nd, attended by 60 ringers, the resignation of Mr. E. Bradley as Ringing Master was received. Mr. S. Steel, of York, was appointed his successor. The remaining officers were re-elected. Mr. A. H. Fox, vice-president, was in the chair. Sixteen new members were elected, including seven from the local company.

The Mayor of Hedon gave the members a warm welcome to the town, remarking how proud the people of Hedon were of their magnificent church and the bells.

A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 16s. 8d. The Vicar conducted the service.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SHIELD CONTEST

Barnsley and District Society held their annual shield contest at Wentworth, near Rotherham, on June 15th. The contest was on six bells and eight bands competed. Results: Shelley, 51 faults, 5 penalties, 56; New Mill, 61 faults, 0 penalties, 61; Meltham, 83 faults, 0 penalties, 83; Cawthorne, 107; Silkstone, 119; Sandal, 153; Darfield, 160; Holmfirth, rung out. Mr. A. Hoyle (Shelley) and Mr. G. Broadhead (Darton) were the judges and Mr. A. Firth (Rotherham) marker. The Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Barnard) presented the shield to the conductor of the Shelley team and stated he had enjoyed listening to the ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER DISTRICT AT WOOL.

When the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild met at Wool on June 22nd a special tribute was paid to the late Rev. R. H. Gundry, for many years Master of the Guild.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Edwards, and at the meeting, presided over by Canon A. W. Markby, thanks were expressed to him and Mrs. Edwards and Wool friends who had provided tea and made arrangements for the meeting at short notice.

There were present representatives from Bradford Peverell, Dorchester St. Peter's, East Lulworth, Fordington St. George, Maiden Newton, Martinstown, Stratton, Wool and Wyke Regis in the branch, and from Corfe Castle, Hampreston and Swanage outside the Dorchester area.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringling ranged from rounds to London Surprise at Cosgrove on June 15th, where the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their meeting. The Rev. E. V. Fearn, hon. secretary, conducted the service, and tea was followed by handbell ringing.

WHIT SUNDAY RINGING

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Barton 1, D. H. Emery 2, Miss B. J. Adlam 3, Dr. A. N. Cunningham 4, A. J. Butler 5, R. W. Mitchell 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, W. Miller 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Holborough 1, F. Soden 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 5, B. Cook 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—1,260 Bob Minor: N. W. Banham 1, C. E. G. Banham 2, C. J. Burns 3, W. J. Houghton 4, A. T. Potter 5, L. W. Houghton (conductor) 6.

CHURCH, LANCS.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. J. Williams 1, C. Clegg 2, L. L. Williams 3, J. Cavannagh 4, F. Place 5, E. Brunton 6, F. Read 7, H. Holden (conductor) 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooper 1, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, F. Bowden 4, C. W. Trussler 5, A. E. Brown 6, H. Mullard 7, Mrs. M. Herrington 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: *Josie Milborrow 1, Winifred Adams 2, Jill Brittain 3, Patricia Smee 4, *G. W. Massey 5, H. Tourle 6, J. E. Beams (conductor) 7, M. G. Skipp 8. * First quarter-peal.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—1,260 of Bob Minor: C. Sandle 1, B. Guy 2, Miss F. M. Hope 3, H. R. Acock 4, E. Cooper 5, W. A. Godwin (conductor) 6.

HFNFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: S. M. Wickens 1, E. Morey 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, W. Morey 5, Eric Morey 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, E. Packham 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: William H. Webb 1, Eric Woodall 2, Albert Greenhall 3, Joseph H. Cox (conductor) 4, Molly Tromans 5, Harry Shilvock 6, Arthur Timmins 7, Thomas Greenhall 8.

HOLLOWAY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, E. Pryor 3, R. Begrie 4, E. Pratchett 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Barnard 8.

HAVANT, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Irish 1, W. C. Monk 2, L. P. Cook 3, S. E. Cook 4, F. Morris 5, M. Marshall 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Callard 1, Miss Q. Pring (conductor) 2, E. E. Retter 3, J. Salway 4, A. J. C. Holway 5, G. E. Retter 6.

HASTINGS.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Piper 1, W. H. Joiner 2, V. Williams 3, C. A. Levett (conductor) 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. S. Piper 6, J. Downing 7, A. Groome 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Wickens 1, E. Morey 2, F. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, W. Morey 5, Eric Morey 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, E. Packham 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Doreen Ooker 1, Fred Hayes 2, James W. Wilkins 3, F. Donald Boreham 4, S. Goodchild 5, Ralph Coles (conductor) 6, Cecil A. Smith 7, Edward Croxford 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—At St. Mary's, 1,200 Bob Doubles and 60 Grandsire: Ivor Herman 1, C. E. Jeffries 2, S. Daniels 3, T. Harris 4, A. C. Sinfield (conductor) 5, S. Sharp 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Giles, 1,946 Grandsire Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, V. Bennett 3, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 4, K. Walker 5, N. Alnatt 6, R. Higgins 7, W. Allen 8.

POPLAR.—At All Saints', 1,257 Stedman Caters: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, G. Dodds 4, R. H. Begrie 5, A. F. Thirst 6, E. Holman 7, H. G. Andrews 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral, 1,280 Bob Major: K. Jones 1, J. G. Blow 2, L. Hansell 3, B. E. Cornell 4, G. N. Blake 5, W. J. Arnold 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Pope 1, J. G. Orford 2, R. Moore 3, J. Southall 4, A. J. Skelding 5, R. Matthews (conductor) 6, P. R. Pope 7, T. Whitehouse 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, 1,275 Stedman Caters: A. Percival Knights 1, Benjamin Knights (conductor) 2, John Henry Bower 3, Sidney F. Palmer 4, John Thorpe 5, Leonard Charlesworth 6, Hezekiah Thorpe 7, Frank Ward 8, Herbert Chaddock 9, Haydn Thorpe 10.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Thorne 1, W. Meredith 2, L. Knight 3, J. Edney 4, J. T. Williams (conductor) 5, A. Edwards 6, Signaller Leslie Hughes 7, G. Rees 8. 1 and 2 leading bells.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Potter 1, R. Turner (conductor) 2, F. E. Manns 3, L. Page 4, J. Mussell 5, F. Yule 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—At St. Giles', 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Joan M. Newman 2, F. J. Cook 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, Miss S. M. Wickens (first quarter as conductor) 3, C. H. Wickens 4, E. F. Packham 5.

WITLEY, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Chandler (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden (conductor) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, A. W. J. Appleton (first quarter) 4, R. Smith 5, F. C. Hagley 6, E. Lee (first quarter) 7, F. Woods 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffin 2, B. Latham 3, E. Trueman 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, F. Garland 6.

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IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions for September quarter become due on
July 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Rarely rung is a peal of St. Laurence Little Bob Major, recorded as
rung at St. Michael's, Norwich, on June 4th, with Mr. N. Golden as
conductor. It was first rung at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on February
10th, 1920, when Mr. A. H. Pulling was the conductor. This latter
peal was the first of Major rung by Mr. G. W. Steere, of Cumberland
fame.

Mr. Frank Reed conducted his farewell peal prior to joining H.M.
Forces at Campsall, Yorks, on June 24th. He should extend his
knowledge of towers if favourably stationed. One Service ringer in
Wiltshire informed us that he had opportunities for ringing on each
night of the week!

To the list of conductors who scored their first with a Victory peal
must be added Mr. W. R. Hendy, of Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Hatfield, Yorkshire, to an
arrangement of Mr. W. Eric Critchley contained 245 calls, of which
170 were singles.

Another new peal conductor is Mr. R. F. B. Speed, whose first was
called at Epsom on June 22nd.

Ringers of Goring-by-Sea and Heene covered 168 miles of Eastern
Sussex for their outing on June 22nd, ringing at Aldrington, Ditchling,
Ringmer, Seaford, Hailsham and Hartfield. Mr. S. F. Haffenden
made the arrangements.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Wal-
thamstow, on the occasion of the marriage of the daughter of Mr. H.
Street, a local ringer, on June 29th. Unfortunately the evening pre-
vious Mr. Street was taken ill with acute appendicitis and could not
be present. The ringers were H. Rumens 1, B. W. Brightly 2, E. E.
Holman 3, J. C. Adams 4, R. J. Shepherd 5, F. C. Maynard 6, F. C.
W. Knight (conductor) 7, F. C. Taylor 8.

Mr. Charles Dann staged a come-back at Erith on June 22nd. It is
over 30 years since he has rung a peal. The occasion was the 350th
peal by Mr. F. J. Cullum.

Miss Muriel Gwendoline May Harman, eldest daughter of Mr. A.
Harman, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Harman,
of 27, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, was married at Leatherhead
Parish Church on June 22nd to Mr. Herbert Louis Stacey, of Wey-
bridge.

Veteran ringer of Leicester is Mr. James Pole. His 90th birthday
was remembered by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Sunday at
St. Peter's, Belgrave, where he had rendered many years of faithful
service. He also rang at Goscote.

There was an unfortunate error in regard to the two peals recorded
in our last issue as having been rung at Wymondham, Norfolk. The
peal on June 8th was Bob Major and that on June 10th Superlative
Surprise Major. Will respective ringers please accept our apology for
the regretted transposition of lines in a correction.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I agree, other things being equal, that a method in which the bells follow one another in 7-8 in their natural coursing order is superior to one in which they do not. As explained in 'The Ringing World' dated February 14th, 1941, there is in existence a Collection of Surprise Major Methods compiled by Mr. J. A. Trollope containing some thousands of methods constructed on every possible plan. The collection it is proposed to publish is an attempt to give a selection from every type of method of which a peal is possible without disturbing 7 and 8 from their Plain Course positions. Of the 239 methods included, 36 have bells striking in 7-8 out of their natural coursing order, none of which, however, produces any back stroke change ending in 82 in the Plain Course. Seventeen of them produce handstroke changes ending in 82 in the Plain Course.

So far as peal ringing is concerned, it does not seem to matter very much whether the Plain Course produces 82's or 84's.

It is surprising that although ringers condemn 82's, Cambridge and Superlative continue to be the most popular of all Surprise Major methods. In the former they are unavoidable in a peal and in the latter can, so far as I am aware, only be avoided by ringing a composition of 5,220 changes.

Finally, I wish to make it known that, apart from some compositions obtained from various sources, the Surprise Major Methods Collection is entirely the work of Mr. J. A. Trollope. I was careful to point this out when introducing the book at Norwich, for I am not one of those who derive satisfaction from receiving the credit when another has done all the work.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

65, Kingsley Avenue, Ealing, W.13.

'THE NEXT BUSINESS'

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the report of the Central Council at Norwich re mover of motion to pass on to the next minute or proceed to next business. After a rather heated and stormy passage of some 30 minutes re 'Ringing World' debate, I myself moved we were getting nowhere, no one had anything against Mr. Trollope, and, as the committee who run 'The Ringing World' for the Central Council were present and had heard the demands, good or otherwise, of Council members present, we proceed to next business. In fairness to myself and the association I represent, perhaps you may find space to correct.

FRANK WARRINGTON.

4, Needingworth Road, St. Ives, Hunts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEW TREBLES AT COOKHAM.

Two trebles to complete the octave at Cookham, Berks, were recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also rehung the back six in self-aligning ball bearings. The trebles were dedicated on June 22nd by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Representatives from many towers in the branch met in the excellent ringing chamber and rang the old six in various methods before tea, which was served at the Vicarage by the local band.

The Bishop was introduced to the ringers and signed the visitors' book. Some well-struck Grandsire Doubles and almost perfect rounds were rung by the local band for the service in the church, which was well filled by ringers, subscribers and friends. The first lesson was read by the local foreman and Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler, and the second lesson by Mr. R. Sharman Wright, the church treasurer.

The ropes were handed to the Bishop by Mr. R. Cought, Vicar's warden. After the dedication, as the procession returned to the chancel, the sound of the full octave being rung filled the church.

In his address, the Bishop likened the new bells with a bell on the coast which summoned men to the lifeboat of the sea, so the others summon to the lifeboat of mankind—the Church.

The opening touch was two courses of Stedman Triples by the following: George Martin treble, A. A. Hughes 2, A. D. Barker 3, Arthur Martin 4, Alfred Levett 5, William Henley 6, William Welling 7, Harry Wingrove tenor.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Remember the men of this tower who fell in the service of their country, 1914-1919. Charles W. White, Walter T. G. Woolford. 1939-1945. Ronald C. Fowler.

Second.—That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, 1945.

The bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the excellence of their work.

MERROW BELLS TO BE REHUNG

A welcome announcement made at the joint meeting of the Guildford Guild and Surrey Association at Merrow on June 26th was that Merrow bells would shortly be rehung. The sum of 3 gns. was voted for the restoration of Dunsfold bells. The Rector (the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham) conducted the service and with the help of parishioners arranged the tea.

There was also ringing at West Clendon, where simpler methods were rounded off by courses of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD

ANNUAL GATHERING AT HOLSWORTHY.

Holsworthy, the venue for the annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is in the extreme west of the county, but, despite inconvenient access, there was an attendance of about 140. There is only one tower (eight bells) in the town, and most bands arranged visits to neighbouring places. The Rev. E. Royle (Rector), in an address at service, dwelt on opportunities that ringers had for developing churchmanship.

Preb. E. V. Cox presided at the business meeting. It was reported by the committee that every branch had been very active, that the influx of young ringers was an augury of future progress, that efforts must be made to maintain their interest, that special practices for standard methods had been well attended, and that membership had increased from 376 to 479, of whom 45 were in the Forces. A dozen peals (Grandsire, Plain Bob or Kent Treble Bob) had been rung; 18 members had scored their 'firsts.'

Accounts showed a balance in hand of £65 on the general fund and £133 on the bell restoration fund, but this is subject to grants of £20 each to Ottery and Tedburn St. Mary, where there is to be re-hanging by Messrs. Taylor and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank respectively. The restoration fund is to be replenished by collections.

Officers—Preb. Cox, president; Mr. T. Laver, hon. treasurer, and Mr. F. C. Smale, hon. secretary—were re-elected. The Rev. F. Carter, Messrs. Laver and T. G. Bartlett (former hon. treasurer) were made vice-presidents. A committee was appointed to consider a design for a Guild badge, and Torquay chosen for the 1947 annual meeting.

Unanimous support was given to a proposal that the Central Council be invited to visit Exeter for its 1947 conference. (This has been accepted and the Guild will do its best to make the visit a success.) Tributes were paid to the work of officers, especially that of Mr. Smale.

The President, who is attending to negotiations between the Guild and the Devon Association of Call Change Ringers with a view to possible merger of the two organisations, said a decision would be made by the association in September. Meantime he urged the Guild to cultivate a high standard of striking; some ringing had been unworthy of the Guild. No one should be pushed into methods before being able to handle a bell and ring rounds perfectly.

JOINT MEETING AT ASHBURTON.

One of the finest ringing meetings for a long time was held at Ashburton on June 29th, the occasion being a joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devon Guild of Ringers. Members and friends came from Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth (St. James), Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Buckfastleigh, Toines, Plympton St. Maurice, Plymouth and Liskeard, etc., as well as visitors from Bath, Thornton Heath and Birmingham.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major, the striking being of a very high order.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. A. B. Jones (Vicar), who was thanked with others by Mr. A. W. Searle (vice-president of the Guild).

MEMORIAL TO THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE

Ely Diocesan Association met at Watlington, Norfolk, on June 22nd, in connection with the dedication of the memorial tablet to the memory of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake in the belfry of the Parish Church. The association's form of service was followed. Canon H. K. Stallard (Wisbech) dedicated the tablet, and gave the address recalling how Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake had served the interest of ringers and of his readiness to help and advise on all matters relating to the ringing and hanging of church bells. The Rector and the Rev. J. C. Pallister also took part in the service.

Tea was served in the Church Room, when the ringers had the pleasure of again meeting Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was accompanied by her youngest son. After tea ringing was resumed until 9 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT GOSFORTH.

A new vice-president in Mr. K. Arthur and a new secretary in Mr. W. E. Robinson were elected at the meeting of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association at All Saints', Gosforth, on June 22nd.

Members were present from the Cathedral, St. James' and Basil, St. Stephen's, Benwell, Whitley Bay, Whickham, Morpeth and West Hartlepool.

Methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Major, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and a few rounds for the learners.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

(Continued from page 261.)

It now remains to deal with opening and turning courses. This matter requires the utmost care.

- 23456789

- 28967453
- 75394268
- 76842395
- 29583746
- 24637589
- 28975634
- 23456978

Consider a typical opening course, such as is shown here. The Tittum position is arrived at in lead 4. This lead and the three following leads will therefore be proved as part of the Tittum block. The first three leads, being non-tittum leads, will be dealt with separately.

Take the first lead, 28967453, and work out the twelve false leads acting against it. This is done by using Table A. Examine these twelve false leads to see if any of them have 789 in the Tittum or Handstroke Home position. Any lead having 789 in the Tittum position must not be allowed to occur in the main Tittum block; and similarly, any lead having 789 in the Handstroke Home position must not be allowed to occur in the Handstroke Home block.

The same task must be carried out with the rows 75394268 and 76842395.

In the particular opening course given above it will be found that 28967453 and 75394268 have no false leads that can occur in Tittums or Handstroke Home. But 76842395 has a false lead, 23547689, which might, of course, appear in the main Tittum block. If, therefore, the above opening course is used, great care must be taken to see that the lead 23547689 does not occur in the Tittum part of the composition.

On this principle the student must deal with all leads that are not Tittums or Handstroke Home, and this applies, not only to opening courses but also to homing courses and turning courses.

For one who proposes to do some considerable amount of composing or proving in the method, it is no difficult task to work out a schedule for all the well-used opening and turning courses, keeping it handy for reference.

One other consideration remains before we summarise all the information we have gained. Whenever a start is made to ring Double Norwich Caters on the 3rds place bob variation, three rows occur that belong to the lead 23456789. They are 214365879, 241638597 and 426135879. These three rows must inevitably be rung, for no calls can affect the method until the fourth row is reached. The false leads against these three rows are two in number, 32645879 and 52648379. These two leads must never on any consideration appear in any composition.

To conclude this essay on the proof of the method we shall now take and test a specimen touch, showing in the process how all the information we have gathered must be systematically employed.

Example.

23456789	1	2	3	4	5
23456978	—	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	—
53264	—	—	s	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	—
35462	—	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	s	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	—
54362879	—	—	—	—	—
35462	—	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	s	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	s	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—	—	—

Here is the touch set out for the conductor. Our business is to set it out by the natural course-ends, writing out the opening and turning courses in full.

The proof will then follow these lines:—

1. Test for truth of treble leads.
2. Test for opening course.
3. Test for turning course.
4. Testing of Tittums against Handstroke Home for false leads.

In setting out the touch it will be observed that a portion of the opening course, the piece from 29583746, is actually in the Tittums. At 29583746 the touch enters the Tittum course 23456. 23456 is therefore found under the heading 4 in the table of natural course-ends. In the turning course, the bells do not enter the Handstroke Home position until the row 54362879 is reached. This row is therefore shown under the heading 7.

Now here is the touch set out for proof.

1 and 2	3 and 4	5	7	1	3	5
— 63254	— 23456	— 35264	— 23456	— 35264	— 23456	— 35264
35264	— 23564	23564	23564	23564	—	—
23564	s 53264	53264	53264	53264	s	—
— 43562	— 54362	— 54362	— 54362	— 54362	—	—
54362	— 35462	35462	35462	35462	—	—
35462	s 45362	45362	45362	45362	s	—
— 25463	— 42563	— 42563	— 42563	— 42563	—	—
42653	— 54263	54263	54263	54263	—	—
54263	— 25463	— 25463	— 25463	— 25463	—	—

Handstroke Home	— 54362
54362	— 35462
— 25364	s 35264
35264	— 23564
— 43265	s 23465
23465	— 42365
42365	— 34265
Opening Course.	Turning Course.
23456789	54263978

28967453 A	57839264
— 75394268 B	56492837
76842395 C	— 23748596
— 29583746	— 89675243 D
24637589	— 54362879
28975634	
23456978	

Process of Proof:—

1. Test the treble leads by making sure that in the columns of natural course-ends no course-end appears twice in one column. For this process the Tittum position is absolutely independent of the Handstroke Home.

2. Test the Handstroke Home courses against the Tittum courses by the use of Table E. (It has already been remarked that Table E can be used for checking Tittums against Handstroke Home courses or Handstroke Home courses against Tittum courses.)

3. Deal with the opening course. The first three rows of the plain course have two false leads, 32645879 and 52648379. 32645879 obviously does not occur in our touch, and 52648379 is neither Tittums nor Handstroke Home, nor is it in the opening or turning courses. This row may therefore be ignored.

We come now to rows A, B and C of the opening course. Transposition by the table of 12 false leads shows that A and B have no false leads in the Tittums of the Handstroke Home. Row C, however, has a false lead, and a very important one. It is 23547689, and is just the sort of lead to occur in a musical block of Tittum rows. It could occur at 5 in the course 24365978. We must therefore look in column 5 of the Tittums and make sure that this natural course is not there. In this case it is not there, and so Row C does not run false with the Tittum block.

The rest of the opening course is embodied in the Tittum blocks.

3. Test for turning course. In the turning course there is one row, D, that is neither Tittums nor Handstroke Home. Transposition will show that it has no false leads that can occur in Tittums, Handstroke Home, in Rows A, B, C, or in the opening course. The rest of the turning course is either Tittums or Handstroke Home.

We have now:—

- Proved all the treble leads of Tittums.
- Proved all the treble leads of the Handstroke Home.
- Made sure that no Tittum portion runs false with any Handstroke Home portion.
- Made sure that the opening and turning courses do not run false with Tittums, Handstroke Home, or with each other.

The touch is therefore true.

It will, perhaps, be remarked that this touch has a few courses 'between singles.' These 'odd' (or out-of-course) portions are, it should be observed, entirely independent of the 'even' (or in-course) portion. In this case, the portions of odd rows are very small, but in peal compositions, where large blocks may occur between singles, observation of the laws of in-and-out of course will provide a great saving of time.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey on Thursday, June 6th, for the installation of the Rev. Alan Campbell Don, D.D., as Dean of Westminster, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. R. Newton 1, H. G. Miles 2, T. Langdon 3, W. H. Pasmore 4, H. N. Pitstow 5, A. B. Peck (conductor) 6, H. Langdon 7, J. Rumley 8.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY HOSKINS.

The death occurred on June 19th at the age of 72 of Mr. Harry Hoskins, of Timber Tops, Maze Hill, Greenwich, a member of the band at St. Paul's Cathedral and a well-known member of the College Youths and the Kent County Association.

The funeral took place on June 25th, interment being in the family grave at Shooter's Hill Cemetery. A course of Stedman was rung on handbells over the grave by H. Langdon 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, A. B. Peck 7-8.

His early ringing was done at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, where his first peal was rung some 52 years ago. Though not a prolific peal ringer, he nevertheless took part in several noteworthy performances, among them a peal of Cinques at St. Paul's in 1899 and Kent Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in 1900, the first twelve-bell peal by the Middlesex Association. These two were his first of Cinques and Maximus respectively.

Mr. Hoskins' subsequent activities were curtailed by his work, but on retiring he joined the band who rang at Bishopsgate and Westminster, with whom he must have doubled his total of peals in a very few years. Of a pleasant disposition, he was well liked and respected, and was always pleased to stand in any peal attempt, whatever the method.

His last peal was at Dartford in June, 1944, and altogether he had rung 263 peals as follows:—

Doubles.—1.

Triples.—Grandsire 22, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 29.

Major.—Plain Bob 5, Reverse Bob 1, Double Norwich 17, St. Clement's 1, Kent Treble Bob 24, Oxford 2, Cam 1, Cambridge Surprise 32, New Cambridge 3, Superlative 14, Yorkshire 8, Painswick 1, Leanness 1, Wheatley 1, London 15, Bristol 10, four Spliced Surprise 6.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 31.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Erith Little Bob 1, Duffield 1, Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob 6, Oxford 2, Cam 1, Cambridge Surprise 6, Yorkshire 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 8.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 3.

Total 263.

QUARTER PEALS.

EPWORTH, Lincs.—On Wednesday, June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Gerrard 1, J. Martin Thorley 2, T. Leask 3, C. Thorley (conductor) 4, E. Thorley 5, J. Thorley 6, E. J. Padgett 7, F. Reed 8.

EWELL, Surrey.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Pottinger 1, Patricia Smees 2, A. Hadley 3, J. E. Beams 4, J. Hoyle 5, H. Tourle 6, H. E. Good (conductor) 7, M. G. Skipp 8.—On Thursday, June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Pottinger 1, Patricia Smees 2, D. E. Parsons 3, D. Johnson 4, A. Hadley 5, F. Oakshott 6, J. E. Beams (conductor) 7, M. G. Skipp 8. Rung half-muffled for Miss Margaret H. Glyn, patroness of the living.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hewlett 1, J. W. W. Smith 2, J. N. Lindon (conductor) 3, W. H. Haynes 4, J. Prentice 5, T. Chambers 6, W. H. Smith 7, J. Statham 8. 7.6.8 behind.

OVERTON, Wilts.—On Thursday, June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Coombes 1, Miss J. Grant 2, T. Merritt 3, S. G. Grant (conductor) 4, F. W. Hale 5, G. Oram 6.

READING.—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Laurence's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hart 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, Miss P. Hart 3, T. Lanaghan 4, A. Diseren 5, A. D. Cullum 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, E. G. Foster 8.

RETURN THANKS

GOULD.—Mrs. Gould, of 17, Pinpole Avenue, Shirkhampton, Bristol, wishes to thank all bellringing friends for their many letters of sympathy in her recent bereavement through the death of her husband, Mr. Joseph Gould.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Islip (6), Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (provided).—W. Buckenham, Marcham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Grundisburgh, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Dog Inn 5 p.m. Meeting and appeal for bells restoration to follow. For tea notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Crawley, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tadcaster (8), Saturday, July 6th. Afternoon and evening. Bring food.—T. H. Foster.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Summer Festival Meeting, Ewell, July 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells of Christ Church and St. Martin's, Epsom, also open afternoon and evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, July 6th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Peter's Hall. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.15 p.m. Bells available: Christchurch (12), 12.30 till 2.30; St. Peter's (8), 1.30 till 2.45; St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 1 till 2.30 p.m. and after tea. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 212, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Haxey, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) (10), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to those who notify Mr. L. A. E. Porritt, 19, Seafeld Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, July 11th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing at St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), All Saints' (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting Cathedral Church House 5 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m., Cathedral and All Saints'. Any member requiring tea or sleeping accommodation during the week-end should send to Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern and Western Districts—Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street (8), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea, approximately 2s. 6d. per head, for those who notify me before July 12th.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, recently augmented to 6, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Report, rules and social evening. Notify H. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, July 13th, St. Mary's, Wimbledon (8), near lawn tennis courts, 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Tea and business 4.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Caldicot, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Facilities for tea very limited. Advise early Mr. H. Huntley, 5, South Row, Chiddingstone, Kent.—C. A. Bassett.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Gawsworth (8), Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Bring sandwiches; cups of tea available. Please advise Mr. E. Hague, 8, Wardle Crescent, Gawsworth, near Macclesfield, by Wednesday, July 10th.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 13th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45, followed by tea at Derby Arms. Nominations for association and election of branch officers will be made at meeting.—G. R. Newton.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Felkirk, July 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names for teas not later than July 10th to D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Ludlow (8), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. For tea, advise W. J. Beniams, Ben-all, Henley Road, Ludlow.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Algarkirk, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Barsley, Algarkirk, by Tuesday, July 10th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Eaton Socan (8), Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting is at Worsley on Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5 p.m. Notify P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, by July 10th. Business.—Frank Reynolds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Staindrop (8), Saturday, July 13th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head, to those who notify me up to July 11th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Newmarket, July 13th. Bells available at 2 p.m. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6). Service All Saints' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m. A cordial invitation to all ringers and beginners.—R. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Horne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigot, July 13th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

PEAK SOCIETY and DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Matlock (8), July 13th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Hobbs, 86, High Street, Redbourn, Herts, by Wednesday, July 10th.—W. C. Hughes.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Field, Estate Office, Offley, Hitchin, by July 10th.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery.—Croscombe, Saturday, July 13th. Service 4 p.m. Usual arrangements. Notify Tuesday, July 9th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Desborough (8), Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Annual meeting, Chorley Parish, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to me by July 10th.—Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swainswick, July 13th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Lanivet (three miles west of Bodmin), Saturday, July 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s.). Bells: Lanivet (8), Lanhydrock (8), and Roche (8). Reply by July 8th to Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock, Newquay.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Hardington Maudeville, Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Mid-week practice, Wednesday, July 17th, Burgess Hill. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobald's Road, Burgess Hill, by 14th inst.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—See East Bergholt bells rung! Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Bells rung 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Stratford St. Mary bells available after tea. Names for tea by July 15th to J. W. Jennings, 134, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone (6), July 20th. Tea. Numbers by July 16th to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Meeting, Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets to reach me *not* later than July 13th. Ringing: Cathedral 10-1 a.m. for service, and later in the day; Colleges, Merton, Magdalen and New City Churches, St. Giles' (8), St. Ebbes' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Thomas' (6), Holywell (6). Times of ringing will be given out at the luncheon. Will members please make a special effort to attend?—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—St. Chad's, Leeds, Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 3, followed by tea. All ringing friends cordially invited. Names before July 7th to Miss Bowling, 27, Ancaster Road, Leeds 6.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley, Hastings, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—North District.—Thirsk, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, before July 17th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Lucan Cottages, Sharow, Ripon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—St. John's, Redhill, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Parochial Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, latest, to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Ringing till 9 p.m.—A. B. Peck and E. C. S. Turner.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Great Holland (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2 p.m., Kirby-le-Soken (8), after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Ship Inn 4.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea by July 17th to Mr. A. Marshall, 2, Church Lane, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary Notice. Morpeth (8), Saturday, July 20th, at 2.30.—W. E. Robinson.

MONKS KIRBY bellringers are holding a social on Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. All ringers welcomed. For details write Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

BIRTH

FOX.—On Saturday, June 29th, at Forest Gate Hospital, London, E.7, to Gwendolen, wife of Leonard J. Fox, the gift of a daughter (Penelope).

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QUARTER PEALS

The yardstick of ringing is the peal. Ever since the day when the Central Council defined a true peal it has been the object and ambition of the progressive ringer to measure his achievement on the peal basis. Because of that peals are displayed in 'The Ringing World,' and typographically there is an endeavour to give the occasion the appropriate halo. This must not be interpreted that the peal is the by and large of ringing. We are church bellringers and our primary aim is the ringing of bells to the glory of God, of which service ringing forms an integral part. It is by peal ringing, as our president explained some years ago, that we hope to become more perfect in our service ringing.

Now the quarter peal has its definite niche in the Exercise. There are many members who cannot physically stand in a peal, and who, accordingly, find in 'a quarter' a sense of accomplishment. Behind the accomplishment there is a legitimate pride, and 'The Ringing World' feels that appropriate recognition should be given in its columns. Space difficulties, however, preclude us from publishing more than about 26 quarter peals or miscellaneous ringing feats in an average issue. In other words, while there is a guarantee that each peal sent to 'The Ringing World' is published, no such undertaking can be given in regard to quarter peals.

How can a choice be made? The guiding word is 'progress.' Where a quarter peal or even a 720 is the outcome of months of practising by a village band and at last the goal is reached, then there is that sense of achievement. It is worthy of far more emphasis than say a Surprise band ringing 1,260 Grandsire Triples when, in the parlance of one grey-headed ringer, 'all the company had to do was to sit back and listen to the bells.' We hope that in the 26 quarter peals published weekly this principle of encouragement will be recognised as the dominant theme. That 17th century moralist, Sir Thomas Browne, left behind this thought: 'Show thy art in honesty, and lose not thy virtue by the bad managery of it.'

Even in our recent issues there have been quarter peals of special mention. From Parramatta, Sydney, Australia, there was published a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. This issue contains greetings from New Zealand, and we feel confident that from Christchurch Cathedral we shall soon have a message of their progress. Another interesting 'quarter' is that from

Northern Ireland, the first to be rung since the ban on ringing was lifted. From our own post bag this week we read of Mr. John Perkins, aged 80, standing in a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Hemingsford Abbots, Hunts, which was rung as a birthday compliment to him. What a joy of participation to the whole company and truly worthy of record!

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS ... Treble	DOUGLAS JENNINGS 5
ROBERT ROPER 2	ARCHIE FITCH 6
H. WALTER SMITH 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
GEORGE SAUNDERS 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by RONALD SUCKLING. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... Treble	VERNON J. BENNINGS ... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 3	ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 7
†JOHN H. HAYWARD ... 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	CECIL NICE 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER ... 5
GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... 2	FRED STANFORTH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
CYRIL H. ISON 4	*WILLIAM HECTOR Tenor

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On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	†HERBERT LOWMAN ... 5
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 2	†JOHN FREEMAN 6
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	†ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 7
†WALTER TOMLINSON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. CARTWRIGHT.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, at Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST BROWN ... Treble	SYMON DACE 5
REG. RIPPINGALE 2	THOMAS BIRD 6
OLAVE E. BROYD 3	ROBERT YOUNG 7
CECIL J. BARKER 4	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
* First peal of Major.

ST IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	ERIC NOBLES 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
*FRANK NICHOLLS ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS 7
HARRY PARKER 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JIM HURRELL ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
ALFRED GROVES 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4	CHARLES DANN Tenor

Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.

* 350th peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
REV. J. E. TREDENNICK 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



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On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 5
*CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
W. ARCHIE LOCK 4	ERIC G. BENNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE 'BARRABOOL' PEAL. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CYRIL W. TOYNE <i>Treble</i>	LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 5
FRANK REED 2	ERIC W. CRITCHLEY ... 6
LUCY MOTTISHAW 3	RICHARD WILLOCKS ... 7
HARRY BARNES 4	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. REED.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Farewell peal to the conductor, who has joined H.M. Forces.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., June 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER <i>Treble</i>	HENRY H. FEARN 5
SPR. R. J. B. HADDEN... 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3	JOHN S. MASON 7
*JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

* 100th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

NORMAN NIGHTINGALE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN F. FORD 5
EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... 2	CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 6
EVEREST FORD... .. 3	ALBERT HEYWOOD 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	WILLIAM SMALLLEY <i>Tenor</i>

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On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*HAROLD FINDING <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS 6
HARRY RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT... 4	+CHARLES M. WHITNEY... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY <i>Treble</i>	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS 6
*JOHN H. HUNT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On June 29, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY 5
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
†MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	†CYRIL A. BURGESS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 100th peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS

OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Ipswich and Primrose Surprise, Sandal, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK GREEN <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2	JOHN R. KEMP 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JACK GREEN <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
JOHN R. KEMP 2	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

G. H. CROSS <i>Treble</i>	J. HALLETT 4
R. FRY 2	S. S. WOODBURN 5
T. HAYWARD 3	K. MEDWAY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

LESTER L. GRAY <i>Treble</i>	*ERIC J. GILBERT 4
FRANK VARTY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. J. HALL ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4
CECIL C. WRIGHT 2	WILLIAM READ 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	VICTOR SHADBOLT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. who is 75.

OBITUARY

MR. R. ELSON.

Following the funeral on Monday, July 1st, of Mr. R. Elson, of Woodthorpe, who was a past Ringing Master of St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Notts, the local ringers on July 3rd paid their last tribute with bells half-muffled.

After ringing the customary tribute paid to ringers (a 'whole pull' and 'stand' for each year of the deceased ringer's age), the following ringers rang a quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Alvey 1, T. Groombridge, jun. 2, T. Snook 3, P. Ball 4, R. Ward 5, H. Pailing (conductor) 6, A. Barratt 7, W. Perkins 8.

MR. HARRY HOSKINS.

The following appreciation of Mr. Harry Hoskins, whose death on June 19th appeared in our last issue, has been written by J. F. S.:

Harry Hoskins first saw the light of day on November 3rd, 1873, at Gravesend, and learned to ring at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, when he was 17 years of age. Before reaching his 19th birthday he had rung his first peal (Holt's Original) at the same church, under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths. One of his earliest ringing associates was the redoubtable Joseph Waghorn, jun., with whom, and also his father, Hoskins rang several peals. At the age of 24 he took part in the first peal of London Surprise in London by a London band, conducted by the late W. T. Cokerill at Bethnal Green. A year later he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques, which was at St. Paul's Cathedral, conducted by James Pettitt. Just prior to this he took part in the first peal of Superlative Surprise rung by the Middlesex Association at Southgate.

After being married he seems to have settled down to the more serious business of bringing up his family, for he rang comparatively few peals between 1904 and 1930. His family grown up, he then went in for a wide variety of Surprise methods, and rang as many as 31 peals during 1934, including several of Spliced Surprise. In 1939 he journeyed with the College Youths to Inverary, Scotland, and took part in a peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by H. G. Miles. He was a notable 'man of Kent,' and was described in this paper in 1939 as 'the versatile youngster from Greenwich,' being then 65 years of age.

In 1937 he received the great honour of being elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers, and it was four ringers associated with the Cathedral who rang the course of Stedman Triples on handbells over his grave, where several of his friends from the Ancient Society of College Youths, Kent County and Middlesex Associations gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung muffled to 'whole pull and stand' and three courses of Stedman Cinques by E. G. Fenn 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, R. W. Green 5, H. Belcher 6, R. Cousnis 7, J. Waugh 8, R. F. Deal 9, T. H. Taffender 10, A. B. Peck 11, J. Rumley and T. Langdon tenor. This muffled ringing was arranged as a last tribute of respect to Harry Hoskins and also in memory of Challis F. Winney and F. M. Butler, both members of the St. Paul's Guild, who passed away during the ban on ringing.

MR. HARRY WARE.

The oldest member of the Tiverton (St. Peter's) ringers, Mr. Harry Ware, died on June 26th, aged 78 years. He started his ringing career at the age of 12.

The funeral was on July 1st, interment being at Uplowman Churchyard. In the evening 500 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Peter's Church by Mrs. L. May 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden 4, W. Cockram 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GREASLEY A POPULAR MEETING.

Greasley, situated in open country, although only a few miles from Nottingham, earned a reputation as an ideal tower for a summer meeting during the life of the late Midland Counties Association. On July 6th the newly-formed Southwell Guild decided to see if it lived up to its reputation and were well repaid by an attendance of 50 members and friends.

The bells were raised promptly at 2.30, and anything and everything from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round to appease a mixed and enthusiastic gathering.

Tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. was arranged with the usual hospitality associated with Greasley, and, being a by-meeting, the only business dealt with was the election of new members, one non-resident life and eight practising members being added to the roll. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mr. W. Ratcliffe for his competent arrangement of tea and all details concluded the business when some repaired direct to the tower, while others remained in the room for handbell ringing. A gratifying point was the number of first touches in the method both on tower and handbells, together with some striking above the average meeting standard.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUNG RINGER.

Thirty-five ringers and friends attended the North and East District meeting, held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 22nd, the ringing consisting of touches in all classes of methods. The Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Edgill, Liverpool, was a welcome visitor, and for the business meeting took the chair at the invitation of Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Harry Hoskins, an old member of the association and late ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary's, Westminster.

The provisional elections of Messrs. D. Price (Hatfield) and F. Kirk (St. Albans) as non-resident life members and Mr. J. Crabb (St. John's, Pinner) as a ringing member were confirmed, and Mr. H. Smith (St. Mary's, Walthamstow) was elected a ringing member.

The hon. secretary gave an interesting and descriptive report on the proceedings of the Central Council at Norwich, on which there was a short discussion. It was announced that the Ancient Society of College Youths had been invited to participate in a joint meeting with the association at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, July 30th.

The hon. secretary offered congratulations to Master J. R. Mayne upon his splendid achievement in ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods within a few days of his 13th birthday, after having scored success in ringing peals in each of the four methods. It was hoped the association's records would show this accomplishment, which follows the success of the youngest band to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the year 1935.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector of Harrow Weald, the Rev. C. S. Durham, to Miss Fulton and Mr. Hart and other helpers who assured the success of the meeting.

PROGRESS AT STAINES.

A successful meeting was held at Staines on June 30th, about 30 members and friends attending from Benfield, Birmingham, Ealing (St. Stephen's), Egham, Epsom, Ewell, Hampstead, Hershams, Heston, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Holloway, Hounslow, Leatherhead, Oxhey, Ruislip, Staines (St. Mary's and St. Peter's), Twickenham and Willesden. St. Mary's bells were rung from 3 p.m. to 6.45 p.m., and St. Peter's from 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and after evensong till 8.30 p.m. Methods rung, under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), included Grandsire and Stedman Triples Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, with rounds for learners.

A short business meeting was held in St. Mary's ringing chamber, at which three new members were elected—Messrs. A. J. Mitchelson, sen. and jun., of St. Peter's, Staines, and Mr. R. J. Harling, of St. Mary's, Staines. It is pleasing to note that at both churches learners are making progress under Mr. Butler at St. Mary's and Mr. Parker at St. Peter's. Subject to confirmation, it was arranged to hold another evening meeting at Heston on Thursday, July 18th, and the next monthly meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 17th. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. E. W. Butler, of St. Mary's, and to Mr. W. C. Parker, of St. Peter's, and to the local church authorities, for the arrangements made.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

ARCHBISHOP VISITS TOWER.

On June 29th, the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild took place at St. David's. Although the weather was terrible, the attendance was fairly good. About 60 ringers and friends attended and the Cathedral bells were available from 2 p.m. in the afternoon. At 4 p.m. evensong was taken by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. W. Parry).

After service the ringers had a very nice tea at the Beehive Cafe and the meeting was held at the City Hall, where Canon Vincent Jones presided in the absence of the Archbishop of Wales, who sent an apology for his absence. The Archbishop attended the ringing tower during the afternoon and expressed his delight on the ringing of the bells and the number present.

Officers were elected for the forthcoming year and the hope was expressed that the officers would do their utmost to encourage learners and also bring the standard of change ringing to a higher standard in the diocese. It was regretted that in the diocese there were quite a number of peals of bells idle owing to the bells being unserviceable or the towers unsafe. It was hoped that these matters would receive attention in the near future.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and the bells were rung down in peal. A happy ending of a successful meeting on such a fine ring of bells as St. David's, which undoubtedly is the finest ring in the diocese.

SUFFOLK GUILD

On Saturday, June 29th, the Bury St. Edmunds District held a district meeting at West Stow, when ringers from Sudbury, Whepstead, Elveden, Chevington, Ingham, Newmarket, Great Saxham, Fornham St. Martin, Horringer and the local band were present. Some good ringing was enjoyed, and at the business meeting it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Great Barton on Oct. 5th.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, C. W. Philpotts 2, Miss E. Landon 3, F. G. Barron 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. A. Jurd 8.

— On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, F. W. Burnett 2, E. A. Jurd 3, C. W. Philpotts 4, H. A. Nobes 5, J. H. Hunt 6, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

BARNBY-LE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Hayes 1, S. G. Vessey 2, E. Willcocks 3, R. T. Vessey 4, J. C. Vessey 5, P. Holmes (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wilfred E. Box 1, Mrs. J. Cotterell 2, John Scott 3, George E. Fearn (conductor) 4, James F. Harvey 5, G. William Critchley 6, John S. Mason 7, William T. Froggatt 8.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINGS.—At the Church of St. Helen on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Martin Thorley 1, Frederick Hooper (conductor) 2, Harold Denman 3, Harry Barnes 4, Frank Reed 5, Leslie Squires 6.

BRISTOL.—On June 16th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, Miss A. Brown 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, L. C. C. Warren 4, T. Harris 5, B. D. Price 6, R. C. Seager (conductor) 7, A. L. Gale 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, A. G. Oliver 4, H. J. Smerdon 5, N. Hobden 6, D. N. Layton (conductor) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire: L. Battison 1, E. Robinson 2, P. Jones 3, G. Care 4, C. Barrick (conductor) 5.

BATH.—On June 21st at St. Michael's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Hayward 1, T. K. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, W. J. Prescott 4, S. J. T. Shielock 5, W. G. Brown 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, H. D. Taylor 8.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Summerwill 1, W. White 2, E. White 3, W. Tiley (conductor) 4, H. White 5, F. Pinnions (first quarter) 6.

BATTERSEA.—On June 23rd, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: R. Cropley 1, F. Bush 2, L. Brown 3, A. Williams 4, E. Dodds 5, R. Hart 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, G. Barber 8.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Noon 1, T. C. Belton 2, F. R. Deacon (conductor) 3, C. R. Belton 4, T. K. Deacon 5. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. A. M. Robinson).

CALNE, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Burry 1, H. Parsons 2, L.A.C. Ring (R.A.F.) 3, F. Walker 4, R. Saye 5, W. Hacker 6, R. Barry (conductor) 7, A. Saye 8.

EWELL.—On Saturday, June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. N. Layton 1, Winifred Adams 2, Jill Brittain 3, V. Bottomley 4, N. Hobden 5, A. G. Oliver 6, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 7, H. G. Smerdon 8.

FENITON, DEVON.—On June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. C. Turner (first quarter, age 12), 1, C. J. Turner (conductor) 2, W. Bird 3, C. Tolman 4, J. Arbury 5, F. Marks 6.

GORING, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Diserens 1, Miss P. N. Haines 2, J. Napper 3, H. Tull 4, G. Bromley 5, A. Diserens (conductor) 6, G. Wilson 7, W. Irving 8.

GRIMSBY.—On June 12th at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hadwick 1, C. Kennington 2, J. H. Parker 3, S. Bromfield 4, A. Swain 5, A. Pashley 6, J. E. Kennington (conductor) 7, W. M. Smith 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Ann Thomas (first quarter) 1, John Burlinson (first with a bob bell) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On June 16th, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Morris (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Lawrence 2, J. Lawrence 3, E. F. Cubberley 4, W. Halford 5, P. J. Farrant 6, C. J. Camm (conductor) 7, F. Fluck 8.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On June 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, P. Welham 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Clayton 8.

NORTH WEALD.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Aspinall 1, D. Blows 2, T. Laybourn 3, J. Armstrong 4, L. Bullock (conductor) 5, R. Funnell 6.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: J. D. Armitage 1, A. Wear 2, G. Dixon 3, M. Robson 4, H. M. Heaton 5, A. C. Walsh 6, J. McGlenn (conductor) 7, W. Dixon 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (540 Stedman and 720 Grandsire, ten different extents): D. Reed 1, J. Green 2, L. Harris (first quarter) 3, C. Reed 4, W. Cheater (conductor) 5, H. Kerley 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 15th, 1,440 of Minor: A. Fidler 1, D. L. Walton 2, G. S. Brewin 3, H. Turner 4, P. Taylor 5, G. R. Edwards (conductor) 6.

SOUTH NEWTON, SALISBURY.—On May 29th, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 1, L. Page 2, E. Smith 3, F. Munns 4, W. Theobald (conductor) 5, G. Smith 6.

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IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions for September quarter become due on
July 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on July 20th at Oxford
is momentous in the history of the Guild, as a new Master and a new
general secretary have to be elected. In the interest of true democracy
the attendance of as many members as possible is desired.

Mr. R. A. Fitch, of Sudbury, informs us that the Suffolk Guild
meeting fixed for July 13th at Haverill has been cancelled in view of
the Mildenhall district meeting at Newmarket on the same day. A
meeting will be held at Haverill at a later date.

The first quarter-peal rung in Northern Ireland since the lifting of
the ban on bellringing was rung on May 17th at SS. Philip and James',
Holywood. It was 1,260 Grandsire Triples by *T. Dunwoody 1, W.
Pratt 2, J. Rush 3, J. Edgar 4, J. Savage 5, *J. T. Dunwoody 6, H.
Brown (conductor) 7, *J. Savage 8. *First quarters.

Chichester Cathedral ringers wish to thank those ringers of Ames-
bury, Salisbury, Wilton and Romsey who helped to make their recent
tour such a resounding success. One pleasing feature was the coincid-
ing of the ringing at St. Thomas', Salisbury, with the assembling of
members of the British Legion for their festival.

Ringers have now their own collective noun like a *flock* of sheep or
swarm of bees. It is a *dangle* of ringers. We believe this is a North
Country inspiration. Any better efforts gratefully acknowledged.

Young ringers should note that 'The Ringing World,' as the mouth-
piece of the Central Council, is always ready to help them to solve
their difficulties. Queries received will be forwarded to the appro-
priate expert.

That well-known Lincolnshire ringer, Mr. William E. Clarke, has
celebrated his silver wedding. The occasion was honoured in true ring-
ing style by a peal of Stedman Caters last Saturday at St. Botolph's,
Boston, with Mr. Clarke on the tenor.

From Cornwall we hear that the first peal on Launceston bells has
been rung. The peal goes to the credit of the Ancient Society of
College Youths, in which four members of the Myers family par-
ticipated.

The 20 minutes broadcast in the School's programme on Tuesday was
a delightful feature. Produced by Hilary Pym, it gave that intro-
duction to ringing which would evoke the curiosity of any Fourth
Former. There was Fabian Stedman and his 'Campanologia,' and
Mr. Albert Hughes to represent the modern side of the Ancient
Society. Greatest of all characters were John, aged 15, who has rung
in 44 towers, and Michael, aged 12, with 31 towers to his credit. Their
identity was not disclosed, but they deserve our congratulations. The
ringing from St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, with Cecil on the tenor, was
enjoyable. The broadcast concluded with Bredon bells. We should like
to hear the comments of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Com-
mittee.

A QUINCENTENARY FROM CARDIFF CELEBRATED

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Last week we recorded a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, to commemorate the quincentenary of the church. The following historical notes on the church by Mr. L. Walter Prosser, who rang his first peal of ten 'inside' on that occasion, will be read with interest by those who know this fine ring of ten.

There were formerly two parish churches in Cardiff, St. Mary's, which was finally destroyed by the flooding of the River Taff, and St. John's, originally a chapel of ease to St. Mary's, which has been used for divine service for seven and a half centuries without interruption.

The date of foundation is uncertain, one of the pillars in the chancel on the south side suggests that there was a Norman structure on this site and the west doorway of the tower itself also suggests an earlier structure. This is borne out by existing documents. In the twelfth century Matilda de Soor notified the Bishop of Llandaff of a gift of land to Margam Abbey. This was witnessed by one Augustine of the chapel of St. John, Cardiff. Another proof of its existence before 1183 is a document of confirmation by Bishop Nicholas (1153-83) relating to tithes paid to the Abbey of Tewkesbury, which shows the Abbey held the parish of St. Mary and the chapels St. John, St. Thomas, Roath and several others.

The tower, which is undoubtedly the glory of the church, with its embattled parapet, delicate tracery and pinnacles of open work, is far superior to other work of mediæval character to be seen in the vicinity. It is said to have been built by one Hart in the year 1473 or thereabouts, who also erected the towers of Wrexham Church and St. Stephen's, Bristol.

Restoration to the tower was skilfully carried out during the time of the late Canon Thompson, who was also responsible, with great success, for improvements which resulted in the discarding of disfiguring galleries on the north, west and south sides erected to accommodate the increasing population of the town. In order to preserve and if possible to increase the number of seats, a north and south aisle were erected, and at the same time the roof of the chancel was raised.

The south aisle now contains the Chapel of St. George, which through the erection of a memorial window, screen and tablets to the memory of members of the Priory of Wales, has become associated with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The chief historical feature of interest next to the tower is the Herbert Chapel, sometimes called the Herbert Aisle. There is no actual evidence as to how the chapel came into the Herbert family's possession, but the Church of St. John in early days has always been associated with Cardiff Castle; indeed, as a chapel it was possibly within the castle precincts. When the castle was reduced to its present size the church was known as 'St. John outside the walls.' Upon the dissolution of the religious houses a large share of church possession was acquired by the Herbert family. The North-East



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF

Chapel (which was possibly originally a chantry) passed at that time into the possession of the Herberts.

The south chancel aisle, formerly known as the alderman's aisle, is now an organ chamber; the bailiffs and aldermen of the town having used it at one time, as also did the vicar and churchwardens. During the reconstruction of the aisles entrances to the rood loft on the south side of the nave were reopened.

It is a point of interest that the town fire engine was kept under the tower at the west end of the church.

Until recently the seventh bell was rung at eight o'clock every evening from October to March for the curfew, and at its close the day of the month was rung on the fourth bell. Upon notice being given to the sexton the passing bell was rung and if requested, for parishioners only, a funeral bell was tolled. There is an exceedingly fine ring of ten bells contained in the tower, the tenor, 27 cwt. in D, being one of the heaviest in Wales.

GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Mr. G. N. Sloan, Master and secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellingers, New Zealand, in a message of greetings to all ringers in England, conveyed in a letter to Mr. G. W. Fletcher, writes:—

'The Ringing World' is eagerly awaited for by us, as it is our only source of information in regard to ringing instruction and activities. We are the only ringing society in New Zealand.

At present our society is flourishing, as nine members who served overseas have returned and seven have come back to the society, so with the six young boys trained to ring during the war, we are able to ring all ten bells and have spare ringers. Two of our members who have returned had the opportunity to ring in England, one at Christ Church, Oxford, and the other at churches round Birmingham. Another rang in Melbourne, Australia, when returning from service in the Pacific Islands.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

AT BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

A highly successful and enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Burnham-on-Crouch on July 6th, ringers being present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Burnham-on-Crouch, Danbury, Galleywood, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield, Great Waltham and Stock.

At the business meeting after tea, Miss K. Hodge, of Maldon, was elected a ringing member, and H. Stebbings and S. W. Bigmore were re-elected ringing members. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Maldon on August 24th.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and ringing ranged from rounds for the beginners to London Surprise.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT RICHMOND.

Arranged as a compliment to Mr. Albert Morton, who recently completed 60 years as a ringer, the greater part of which was spent at Richmond, the Northern District visited Richmond St. Mary's on June 15th. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. MacPherson).

Some years ago Mr. Morton retired from the head postmastership of Richmond; he is a former Mayor of this ancient borough, a devout churchman and rings regularly. He hopes soon to celebrate his diamond wedding. It is pleasing to note that his grandson is also a ringer at Richmond. The ringers much appreciated Mr. Morton's hospitality in entertaining them to tea at The Fleece Hotel.

After tea the Rector spoke in appreciation of Mr. Morton's long and faithful service, his fellow ringers at Richmond presented him with a book and speeches of congratulation were made. Twenty new members were elected, including fifteen from Richmond tower.

Unfortunately, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of Mr. A. Morton's jubilee failed after some good ringing. An attempt for a peal in his honour is now being considered.

Capt. W. H. J. Hooton, who was present at the meeting, was successful in selling a considerable number of Central Council publications.

DUDLEY GUILD GAIN SIX MEMBERS

Six new members were elected when the Dudley Guild met at Enville on June 29th. In spite of transport difficulties, 36 members attended. The Rector, the Rev. J. Ward-Booth, welcomed the party and conducted the service. Wombourn was suggested as the venue for the next quarterly meeting on September 28th.

AT RANDOM FROM THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

PONTEFRACT BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have often thought of writing to you to see if you can solve a problem, interesting as far as bells go, and so I am writing at last. York Minster is generally considered as having the first ring of 12 bells—1657. On the cutting which I enclose it says that the old church of All Saints at Pontefract once had 12 bells.

It is said that there were originally 12 bells in the tower (which from its internal dimensions, 22ft. square inside, is perfectly possible), and that Col. Bright took all but one away to Badsworth. This solitary bell became suddenly cracked in 1863, when the Rev. Sir Thomas E. Blomefield, Bart., a late esteemed Vicar, held a bazaar for some urgent repairs of the church, and the old bell was sent to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, that its metal might be cast towards a new peal of six at the cost of £350.

The Rev. W. C. Lukis, of Wath, procured plaster casts of the bell, its letters and devices, and the Rev. J. T. Fowler published some notes on this bell in the "Yorkshire Archaeological Journal" for 1871. The date inscription round the mouth of the bell was 1598, which, supposing there to have been no mistake on the bell itself, or in the copies, shows that it was cast in the 41st year of Elizabeth—a reign in which great numbers of bells were cast.

The arms of Nottingham were upon it, and a series of heraldic devices, most of them badges of the Royal House of Tudor. The tone of this bell was very rich; it was called by Fothergill, in 1707, "a gallant, sweet bell." The badges were a conventional castle, a pomegranate slipped—this occurs twice—a shield bearing a cross raguly between three crowns, a Tudor rose, a Talbot hound, a portucullis. These badges would seem to show that the bell was given by one of the Talbots, and cast at the great Nottingham foundry, whose history has still to be written.

I wonder if All Saints' bells are mentioned in the Inventory of Church Goods (Edward VI.) at the Record Office. I will just give an account of the Pontefract bells:—

All Saints'.—1 and 2, cast 1905, J. Taylor; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, cast 1863, J. Taylor; 8, cast 1905, J. Taylor; tenor, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

St. Giles'.—No bells before 1707; ring of eight, 1778; recast 1835, J. Taylor; recast 1919, J. Taylor; 10 bells; tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb. in E.

Badsworth.—Treble, 34 inches, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb., A. Sharp (1525-1558, Heathcote ? George); second, 37 inches, 8 cwt. 19 lb., G. sharp, 1675 (S. S. Ebor); third, 41 5-8 inches, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., F. sharp, 1669 (George Oldfield); fourth, 44 1/2 inches, 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E, 1582 (Heathcote ? Ralph or Godfrey).

These bells have a full tone between each, are plaintive but grand. They are hung in an iron frame for six. The treble would have to be recast and I have heard the tenor is cracked. They have the Ella-combe chime.

I would like to see them recast, the treble replaced as a new third and two new trebles added and hang the old treble above (rigid) so as to retain the four bells to chime for communions, etc.

F. ATKINSON.

28, St. John Street, York.

CAMBRIDGE MINOR AT 80

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 27th at St. Margaret's, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (Bankes James): John Perkins (80 years) 1, Frank Nicholls (first quarter in method) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, Frank L. Harris 4, M. Ginn 5, G. L. Perkins 6. A birthday compliment to J. Perkins and M. Ginn.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Stanford-le-Hope proved to be an ideal peal for the Ladies' Guild when the London District held a meeting there on May 29th. Being a little off the beaten track, it was too far out for some of the members, but those who attended had a very enjoyable time.

Nine new members were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and for conducting the service. Also to Miss Chinnery, who had made all arrangements.

Beddington was decided on for the next meeting, to be held in September.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

The 135th ringing anniversary was held on June 22nd. Parishes represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Chevington, Groton, Hadleigh, Horringer, Ingham, Long Melford, Newmarket, Newton, Sudbury and Little Walsingham (Suffolk), Thorington and West Bergholt (Essex), Melbourn and Sawston (Cams.), and the local band.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative.

TWO SECTIONS OR TWO TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—I notice that the Victory Day ringing included 1,344 Bob Major at St. Ives, Hunts, which was said to have been 'rung in two sections.'

I wonder what is meant by this. Are we to understand that 1,344 true and complete changes were rung without interval? If so, to what does 'rung in two sections' refer? If not, the performance should be published as two touches.

The 'two sections' may, of course, very well refer to the composition, but in that case the words 'a two-part composition' would leave the reader in no doubt and would be preferable to the present ambiguity.

Our St. Ives friends may like to tell us what actually they did ring.

P. A. CORBY.

79, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

AN ESSEX RINGER IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The ringers at the Parish Church of Black Notley introduced me to the art in September, 1942, and I have now been a member of the Essex Association for three years. During the last year or so of the war my tutors managed, mainly on five and six bell towers, to shepherd me through a method or two. Having rung two peals, each of Bob Doubles and Minor, I believe that I might consider myself as being on the second step of the never ending ladder.

I was rather disheartened when, after being conscripted last November into H.M. Army, I learnt that I was destined for five months' training in Northern Ireland.

Though I made several inquiries, I found practically no news of any existence of ringing in that country. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when one Sunday morning the music of a peal of eight bells reached my ears. Still I was unable to discover their abode.

After leave in February, I managed to visit the small coastal town of Holywood (near Belfast in Co. Down) one evening, and to my delight some bells commenced ringing close at hand. I soon found the source and next Sunday attended the evening service ring. The method in which they were progressing was Grandsire Triples, and I have since been able to ring a few courses, due to tuition received. My main cause for writing, however, was the fact that during the last few weeks two broadcasts from that church have included bell-ringing. I have rung the treble on both occasions and the method each time was Grandsire Triples. (Stedman Triples is now being mastered by that band.)

The first occasion was Sunday evening service, 7.45 p.m. till 8.25 p.m. on May 26th to Northern Ireland listeners. Second occasion was V-Day, Saturday, June 8th. During the programme, which recorded celebrations from different parts of Britain after 11 p.m., the town to represent Northern Ireland was Lisburn. This was about 11.25 p.m. and our ringing rose from the background of those celebrations at 11.29 p.m. till 11.30 p.m.—1 minute exactly. (Time allotted for service ring—2 minutes.) I most certainly regard this as an honour, considering I was a visitor to that country.

I managed to attend the annual meeting of the Irish Association of Change Ringers on Easter Monday at Lurgan. Although the standard of ringing was hindered during these past six years, the ensuing rapid progress should soon compete with many of our English towers.

DERYCK A. TALBOT.

Florence Villa, Notley Road, Braintree, Essex.

P.S.—I have now heard that the Northern Ireland B.B.C. are hoping to make arrangements for regular monthly broadcast ringing from that church.—D.A.T.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

LYMPSTONE MEETING.

Aylesbeare Deanery Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, had a smaller attendance than usual at its Lymptone meeting on July 6th because the brilliant weather detained many members for hay-making, fruit picking and gardening. Consequently, instead of an expected muster of 60, the total was only 35. However, some good Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung on the handy six at the Parish Church, where service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. McIntyre).

The Rev. H. W. Christie (Honiton Clyst) presided over business proceedings, when thanks were extended to the Rector and the organist (Miss D. J. Jackson), and Honiton Clyst was chosen for the next gathering on October 12th. The Guild President (Prob. E. V. Cox) complimented the branch on the acquisition of many young members, which was fortunate because some losses were being sustained by removals and calling up for the Forces. Instruction was of prime importance and in this respect enthusiastic leadership possessed by the branch would be invaluable.

The Guild Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale) announced arrangements for a general practice at Broadclyst (eight bells) on August 3rd.

SUMMER FESTIVALS

BEDFORDSHIRE AT WOBURN.

The fine weather brought a good gathering of county ringers to Woburn on July 6th. The fine peal of eight were kept busy during the afternoon and evening to a large variety of methods from Bob Major to London Surprise. A service in the church was conducted by the curate-in-charge, the Rev. W. Gunner, about 40 ringers attending. The president of the association, Miss Eveyn Steel, entertained the ringers to tea at the Bedford Arms Hotel.

There was no business meeting, but at the suggestion of Mr. H. D. Harris a collection was taken at the tables, the money to go to the Bedford District Bell Fund to be earmarked for St. Peter's. The secretary thanked the curate for the use of the bells and for taking the service. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung before the ringers returned to the tower for the evening's ring.

SALISBURY GUILD AT STOURTON.

The summer meeting held at Stourton and favoured by delightful weather was attended by 30 members representing Stourton, Gillingham, Mere, Kington Magna, Buckhorn Weston, Hazelbury Bryan, Stoke Wake, Stoke Trister, Lytchett Matravers, North Cadbury, and there was a visitor from Norfolk. The Guild service was conducted by the secretary and the address given by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Russell). Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Russell, assisted by a number of other ladies of the village.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. The Rev. F. S. Jackson, D.D., was elected an honorary member. It was announced that a scheme had been inaugurated for repairing the bells at Mappowder and there was hope that Pulham would do the same.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for receiving the Guild and also to the ladies, who had provided an excellent tea. Towers were opened for ringing at Mere, Bourton and Zeals.

GUILDFORD AT EWELL.

The officers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild usually manage to avoid having to trouble members with business matters on the occasion of the Guild's summer festival meeting, but at this year's meeting, held at Ewell on Saturday, time was found after tea to vote a donation of £3 3s. to the Dunsfold Restoration Fund. One very generously disposed member attempted to persuade the meeting to make the gift up to £5 5s., but with the stern and intimidating eye of the chairman roving round the room, he failed to get a seconder. (The secretary had taken the precaution, as finance was the business of the day, to see that Mr. J. Corbett, the Guild's treasurer, was in the chair.)

A bright and cheerful service was held at Ewell, conducted by the Rev. K. Davies, of West Ewell, who is himself a sufficiently accomplished ringer to be an asset to any band.

The towers of St. Martin's and Christ Church were open as well as Ewell, and from the three towers throughout the afternoon and evening the melody of changes in the outcast, faircast and goodcast variations floated over suburban Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEETING AT TICKNALL.

A meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Ticknall on June 29th, when members and friends were present from Burton (St. Modwen's), Ashby, Measham, Netherseale, Overseale, Repton, Wolverhampton, Derby and the local company.

Tea was served in the Welfare Hall, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. H. Brittan presided in the absence of the chairman (Mr. B. G. Key), who was indisposed. Five honorary and one ringing member were elected.

Netherseale was chosen for next meeting on July 20th, and it was decided to accept the invitation to visit Hoar Cross on August 10th.

Methods rung during afternoon or evening included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with rounds for the younger members.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY

June 27th was the 323rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day at Saffron Walden, and, by permission of the Vicar, the festival was held on June 29th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.30 p.m. Tea was arranged in the Parish Room.

The usual service, which was choral, was held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m. The Rev. G. A. Jackson officiated and preached an interesting sermon.

Methods rung during the day included Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, London, Cambridge and Superlative Major, the day ending with a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal.

Among the visitors present included some from London, Southborough (Kent), Cambridge, St. Ives, Sawston, Bishop's Stortford, Stansted, Chelmsford, Elmdon, Sible Hedingham, Melbourne, Fulbourne and Great Bardfield.

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As called by Kenneth A. Roe at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, on June 8th, 1946.

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KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, St. James' Paisley (8), Saturday, July 27th, 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mrs L. M. H. Caldwell, 37 Mains Road, Castlehead, Paisley.

MONKS KIRBY bellringers are holding a social on Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. All ringers welcomed. For details write Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Wednesday, August 21st. An outing has been suggested to Symonds Yat for wives of members of the above. Will anyone interested please communicate with the undersigned?—Mrs. H. C. Spencer, 43, Holliday Road, Birmingham, 24.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—William Saunders' Memorial.—A fund to provide a suitable memorial has been opened, and all ringers, associations and friends are invited to send their donations to Mr. T. Belk (hon. treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (hon. sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is now 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cox 1, J. White 2, P. Cox (conductor) 3, A. Bown 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, H. Bown 6.

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LINCOLN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Haxey, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) (10), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing at St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), All Saints' (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting Cathedral Church House 5 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m., Cathedral and All Saints'.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, July 13th, St. Mary's, Wimbledon (8), near lawn tennis courts, 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Tea and business 4.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Facilities for tea very limited. Advise early Mr. H. Huntley, 5, South Row, Chiddingstone, Kent.—C. A. Bassett.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 13th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Ludlow (8), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. For tea, advise W. J. Beniams, Ben-all, Henley Road, Ludlow.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—W. C. Hughes.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Newmarket, July 13th. Bells available at 2 p.m. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6). Service All Saints' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m. A cordial invitation to all ringers and beginners.—R. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Algarkirk, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Eaton Socan (8), Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Horne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigot, July 13th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.

PEAK SOCIETY AND DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Matlock (8), July 13th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. No tea possible, bring food.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Lanivet (three miles west of Bodmin), Saturday, July 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s.). Bells: Lanivet (8), Lanhydrock (8), and Roche (8).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Hardington Maudeville, Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Liss, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 (St. Mary's and St. Peter's). Service 4.15. Tea 5, in St. Mary's Hall. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Desborough (8), July 13th. Cups of tea only available.—H. Baxter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Mid-week practice, Wednesday, July 17th, Burgess Hill. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobald's Road, Burgess Hill, by 14th inst.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Evening meeting, Heston, Thursday, July 18th. Bells available from 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—See East Bergholt bells rung! Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Bells rung 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Stratford St. Mary bells available after tea. Names for tea by July 15th to J. W. Jennings, 134, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—North District.—Thirsk, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, before July 17th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Lucan Cottages, Sharow, Ripon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—St. Chad's, Leeds, Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. All ringing friends cordially invited. Names before July 17th to Miss Bowling, 27, Ancaster Road, Leeds 6.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley, Hastings, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—St. John's, Redhill, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Parochial Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, latest, to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Meeting, Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets to reach me *not* later than July 13th. Ringing: Cathedral 10-11 a.m. for service, and later in the day; Colleges, Merton, Magdalen and New. City Churches, St. Giles' (8), St. Ebbes' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Thomas' (6), Holywell (6). Times of ringing will be given out at the luncheon. Will members please make a special effort to attend?—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone (6), July 20th. Tea. Numbers by July 16th to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Ringing till 9 p.m.—A. B. Peck and E. C. S. Turner.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Great Holland (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2 p.m., Kirby-le-Soken (8), after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Ship Inn 4.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea by July 17th to Mr. A. Marshall, 2, Church Lane, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District. Wheathampstead (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3.30 p.m. No tea arrangements, but cafe nearby. Sandridge bells (6) from 7 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for all who notify me by July 17th.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The bells (8), two trebles, recently added and dedicated, will be open to all ringers on Feast Saturday, July 20th, from 4 p.m.—B. A. Sollis.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Netherseale, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Ashbrittle (6) at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30. Notify for tea by July 15th.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Blackpool, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

CHESTER GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malpas, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30. No tea provided.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.—Madeley, Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea to J. Higginson, Moss Lane, Madeley, near Crewe, before July 16th. Buses from Newcastle at 2.30, 3, 3.20, 4 p.m.—Andrew Thompson.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Bordon (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Maypole Inn afterwards. Names not later than July 17th to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Long Ashton, Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Wilmslow, Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Harworth (6), Saturday, July 20th. No tea arrangements.—H. Denman.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Horsmonden, Kent, July 20th, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Bells from 2 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Riddell, Mill Lane, Yateley, by July 17th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Billingshurst (8), July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea, 4.30, to those notifying by July 18th.—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at North Petherton, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 16th.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Rich. D. Langford.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Linton (5), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Green Hill Cafe. Balsham bells (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Bowness-on-Windermere Parish Church, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, not later than Wednesday, July 18th.—N. M. Newby.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Loughborough, July 27th. Ringing, All Saints' and Bell Foundry. Tea, Fearon Hall, only for those who notify Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst School, Bridge Street, Loughborough, by first post July 23rd.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Maperton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Charlton Horethorne bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Shrewsbury, Saturday, July 27th. St. Mary's (10) 3 to 4 p.m. for service at 4.15. St. Chad's (12) 7 to 8 p.m. A number of good cafes in town. Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. D. Poole.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Heckington (8), July 27th. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Clark, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Tysoe Church (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27th. Please bring your own refreshments.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

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THE WEDDING

Two wedded from the portal stept:
The bells made happy carolings,
The air was soft as fanning wings,
White petals on the pathway slept.

Most of us are familiar with this picture, though few of us could have expressed the incident with that delicacy of touch which George Eliot commanded and introduced into her poem 'Two Lovers,' written nearly a hundred years ago. Weddings are occasions closely associated with our vocation as ringers attached to a Church. Last Saturday there was a wedding at our Church, and there was that 'happy caroling' with all the majesty of rhythm associated with the proper ringing of bells. Probably in a hundred towers in the land ringers were similarly engaged that Saturday afternoon.

To many ringers there is no glamour attached to attending weddings. With our tower there is an air of meticulous care associated with such ceremonies. A tradition has been built up behind this ringing and a consciousness of a special occasion. When the bride and bridegroom enter the vestry the conductor signals to the company to take their appointed places in the ringing chamber. Faintly from the church below is heard the strains of the opening bars of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and we take hold of our ropes with that air of expectancy. A little breathless from hurrying up the stairs arrives the conductor, who prefers to act himself as sentinel. Without moving his head he surveys the belfry and nods to the treble man. With years of practice he has synchronised the timing with the same skill as a B.B.C. programme organiser. Thus it happens that as 'two wedded from the portal stept,' the bells thunder out in rounds that warm, joyous, boisterous salutation.

In the selection of touches for weddings conductors invariably introduce those producing the best music. At some churches the touches are interspersed with firing the bells a number of times. When Mr. Winston Churchill was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1908 the bells were continuously fired to the great delight of the crowd and then reverted into rounds. Firing of bells at weddings seems to be traditional; many towers to-day, however, will not stand the strain, and in consequence this particularly joyous form of expression is being discontinued in certain areas.

Should the bells be rung when the bride arrives? In Surrey it is not customary, but in some counties this welcoming salutation is accorded the bride on her way to church. At one time ringers never felt they had fulfilled their obligations adequately at a wedding without ringing at the time of departure for the honeymoon, but of late years this has been discontinued. What is the record for wedding ringing? We were recently informed unofficially that at one of the Walthamstow churches it was no uncommon thing to ring for five separate weddings during an afternoon!

Weddings are occasions, and legitimately so, for professional ringing. Fees vary considerably, from 2s. 6d. to 15s. a rope. It is not a matter for Guilds or Associations to prescribe a scale because there is no common denominator of circumstances, or, as far as we know, no desire to interfere with business arrangements that exist in individual towers. This we would urge: endeavour at all times to provide ringers when required even if it entails individual sacrifice. Ringing at weddings is a custom going back centuries; it is part of the ritual of the bells and we must be prepared to assist in preserving such traditional usage. A new competition has arisen in the form of amplified gramophone records as a substitute for bells. One parish makes these available for weddings at a fee of 7s. 6d., bridal parties having a choice of records of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, or York Minster!

Pepys, who commented on most things of his day, gives an example of wedding bells, dated September 20th, 1695. The occasion was what was known as the Blue Coat marriage in connection with Christ's Hospital. Two wealthy citizens, lately deceased, had left their estates, the one to a Blue Coat boy and the other to a Blue Coat girl, and this had led to some of the magistrates bringing about a match between the two young persons. The wedding procession went along Cheapside to the Guildhall, where, in the Chapel, they were united in wedlock by the Dean of St. Paul's, the Lord Mayor giving away the bride. 'Bow bells,' writes Pepys, 'rang out a merry peal all the time.'

TEN BELL PEALS

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tues., July 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*J. HARRY TIPPETT ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
G. HARRY MYERS ... 2	SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 7
*WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN... ... 8
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	THOMAS G. MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

* First peal on ten bells.

BOSTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*JACK F. HODSON ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
JOHN WALDEN ... 5	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. W. E. Clarke.

WORSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD BENSON ... Treble	ARTHUR MAUDSLEY ... 6
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 2	FRED GRUNDY ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS ... 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... 9
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by F. GRUNDY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church. Also a birthday peal to the 2nd ringer.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*WALTER ROBINSON ... Treble	GEORGE CARE ... 6
BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... 7
*GEORGE TANNER ... 3	WILLIAM J. DOVE ... 8
WILLIAM HAMMONS ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
*ERIC NOBLES ... 5	WILLIAM G. FAREY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*A. M. HUMPHREY... Treble	GEORGE ADES ... 6
R. GORDON CROSS ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 8
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... 9
LEONARD STILWELL ... 5	HENRY STALHAM ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal on ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten Part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E.
CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... Treble	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 28 cwt.
MISS JILL POOLE ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
WALTER WHITE ... 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the late Capt. G. T. Francis, organist of the Cathedral since 1929.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WALTER GOWING, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
†CHARLES H. MOORE 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING 4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. RIDOUT. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK JONES 5
BOB GEDEN 2	ARCHIBALD REED 6
*REGINALD CHAPMAN 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7
†VIVIAN B. HUNT 4	*ROGER SAVORY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	VICTOR WOODARDS 5
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BERNARD S. NICOLS ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD H. JARVIS 5
FRANK SODEN 2	IVOR D. HARRIS 6
*FREDERICK W. SODEN 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON 7
†THOMAS STRATFORD 4	GEORGE R. MILES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICOLS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	FRANK H. HICKS 6
ALAN WHITE 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

JEAN DUNN <i>Treble</i>	BERNARD ALLSOP 5
ROBERT ALLSOP 2	*ROBERT EDDEN 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
HUGH W. GREGORY 4	ERNEST PAULSON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Gregory and for the occasion of the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edden (Southam, near Rugby).

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 14 lb.

*RONALD AIREY <i>Treble</i>	†THOMAS COOKE 5
ROLAND PARK 2	JAMES T. TITT 6
RICHARD BUSBY 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
GEORGE F. NEWTON 4	LUCIEN VENUS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thurs., July 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. FREDERICK MYERS ... <i>Treble</i>	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
A. WILLIAM MYERS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
G. HARRY MYERS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the recast bells.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PETER C. SAUNDERS ... <i>Treble</i>	†KENNETH A. GIRDLER... 5
ALBERT LAMBKIN 2	†ARTHUR E. HUNTER ... 6
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY 4	CHARLES A. B. GIRDLER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY RICHARDSON 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT 2	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 6
GEORGE W. JEFFS 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	*RONALD H. BULLEN 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

(Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

BASIL JONES <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
*ALAN A. POTTS 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
MARY ELKINS 4	JOHN WORTH <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. II. GROSS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal away from treble in method.

SIX BELL PEALS

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, York, Ipswich, Durham, Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	*CECIL WADE 4
CHARLES WOOD 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BERNARD MADELEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM TYLER 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in five methods.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES Treble	FREDERICK BROOKING ... 4
DEREK POCKETT 2	THOMAS PRICE 5
EDWARD PREEDY 3	CECIL HEWER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the Rev. M. C. Garner as Vicar of Haresfield.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PERCY JENKINS Treble	E. PETER ROCK 4
JOHN D. ROCK 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*VICTOR RAWLINGS 3	*ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Kearns.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS MARIE MUSKETT... Treble	GORDON LAWRENCE 4
†MISS NANCY M. EVANS ... 2	MISS D. C. OSBORN 5
†MRS. CECIL HOLDEN... .. 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS MARY E. DAVIS... Treble	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 4
BRUCE B. ROGERS 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
ANDREW I. PEARMAIN 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

HAVERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN M. ASPINALL ... Treble	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 4
*THOMAS A. LAYBOURN... .. 2	LEONARD W. BULLOCK... .. 5
*REGINALD J. FUNNELL... .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK, SEN... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK, SEN.

* First peal.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR FIDLER Treble	A. RAYMOND TONKS 4
WILLIAM T. GOADBY 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss E. Iris Rowley, daughter of the conductor, who is also a member of the local band of ringers.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE 4
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	*CECIL R. LONGHURST... .. 5
*RAYMOND P. WOOD 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	ARTHUR DAVIS 5-6
ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 3-4	BRUCE B. ROGERS 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ARTHUR DAVIS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 83, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*REGINALD RIPPINGALE... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 3-4
RONALD SUCKLING 5-6	

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal in three methods; in hand.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 33, HARTINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

*THOMAS W. HESKETH... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 5-6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT 3-4	FRANK VARTY 7-8

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on eight handbells.



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BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's on June 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: G. Brailhwaite 1, R. Owen 2, G. F.

Williams 3, T. Southwick 4, C. Glenn (conductor) 5, G. Dowling 6, A. E. Sellers 7, L. Doggitt 8, C. Barker 9, P. Brailhwaite 10.

BURFORD, OXON.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. W. Soden (conductor) 2, F. Soden 3, T. S. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, B. Cook 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

CHERTSEY.—On June 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss N. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Latlbury 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, W. Shepherd 4, W. Goldstone 5, R. Lathbury 6, J. Crocker 7, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 8. First quarter since the bells have been rebung.

CHESTER.—On June 23rd at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for the church anniversary, 1,232 Double Norwich Major: T. Griffiths 1, J. Hayes 2, J. S. Webb 3, J. Swindley 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, A. B. Close 6, P. Swindley 7, H. Pye (conductor) 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fowler (first quarter) 1, H. Belcher 2, P. Woodyer 3, M. V. Chilcott (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, G. C. Lawrence (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hayward 1, Miss V. Potter 2, H. Jones 3, Miss E. George 4, J. H. Hayward 5, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 6, F. Jones 7, F. Brownnett 8.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Martin 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, G. H. Head 3, A. Levett 4, W. Judd 5, H. Wingrove 6, T. J. Fowler 7, H. Aplin 8. First quarter on the bells since being augmented to eight.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On June 23rd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lemon 1, E. Barnett 2, J. Wheadon 3, F. Walker 4, H. Hoverd 5, F. A. Coley 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. Jenkins 8.

BYTHORNE, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: G. S. Joyce 1, W. Terry 2, C. Turner (conductor) 3, E. J. Walker 4, E. T. Ellender 5.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,248 Double Norwich: V. Tipton 1, L. Whitby 2, F. Whitby 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Springham 5, W. Horsnell 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. First in method for 2, 5 and 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Smith 1, W. Andrews 2, Miss O. B. Lambert 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. Boreham 6, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 7, L. Pryke 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—On June 23rd at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Yearsley 1, V. J. Benning 2, D. N. Layton (conductor) 3, A. Jones 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, A. M. Houghton 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

LONDON.—At Kilburn on June 23rd, 1,262 Bob Major: R. Gilbert 1, E. Lankester 2, A. Bone 3, Miss R. M. Davies 4, S. Pacey 5, A. Tozer 6, D. Birkinshaw 7, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 12th for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Buckingham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, T. Smith 3, W. Birmingham (conductor) 4, J. T. Lancaster 5, R. C. Noon 6, F. G. Groombridge 7, E. H. Preston 8.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Sharp 1, E. Shouler 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharp (conductor) 5.

SOPLY, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different extents): D. Broomfield 1, D. Reed 2, J. Hartless 3, C. Reed 4, W. Cheater (conductor) 5.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, E. L. Miles 4, C. Potheary 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, C. D. Nichols 7, R. Sanders 8.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, D. D. Coombes 3, I. D. Harris 4, R. Taplin 5, J. Jarvis 6, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 7, H. Francis 8.

TETBURY, GLOS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Townsend 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, W. H. Trueman 3, G. W. Townsend 4, C. J. Gardner 5, H. W. Bishop 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, T. Townsend 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On June 19th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Philpott 1, A. V. Wilsden 2, P. D. Wenham 3, C. C. Dilnot 4, B. E. Philpott (conductor) 5, A. F. Amos 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Tanner 1, G. Vicory 2, J. Button 3, L. Pullen 4, J. Weaden 5, E. J. Avery 6, G. Prescott (conductor) 7, H. Court 8.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Barker 1, B. A. Knights 2, W. Sharples (conductor) 3, Cpl. S. Tuson (first quarter in method) 4, J. Meadowcroft 5, A. Hatch 6, J. H. Gartside 7, F. G. Bradley 8.

WORCESTER.—On June 24th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Bentley 1, W. H. A. Compton (conductor) 2, W. Lewis 3, J. Woodyatt 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, T. W. Lewis 6, F. Giles 7, G. Colley 8.

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IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions for September quarter become due on
July 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A new first for Miss Jill Poole—the first lady ringer to score a peal
at Southwell Cathedral.

July 6th was a happy day at Havering, Sussex. Four of the six
ringers rang their first peal.

Two challenges to a 'dangle' of ringers—a 'crustling' and a
'dawdle.' See Editor's Post Bag.

West Grinstead ringers want their peal rung on July 7th to be re-
garded as a Victory peal. There was an attempt on June 8th. West
Grinstead was not the only failure on that day.

His many ringing friends will be glad to learn that Major J. H. B.
Hesse is now much better in health and was able to ring upon one of
the bells in his beloved tower at his home at Wrington, Somerset,
recently.

Relics of the Central Council's visit to Norwich are continuing to
come to light. Mr. Nolan Golden informs us that a propelling pencil
inscribed with the name of a well-known brand of toffee was found in
the ringing chamber of St. Michael Coslany. Will claimant please
write Mr. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich?

A footnote correction regarding the peal of Bob Major at Reden-
hall, Norfolk, on June 22nd. The peal was the first of Bob Major by
George W. Howlett and William J. Flatt and not the first of Major.
These two ringers have several peals of Major to their credit, including
Surprise methods, states the conductor. Our regrets.

Four of the participants in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Sha-
ford, Surrey, have recently been demobilised from H.M. Forces. With
their return, the local captain, Mr. Leslie C. W. Hunter, can look
forward with confidence to regular ringing and progress.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow has a progressive band under his tutelage. At
Banstead on June 30th 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major was rung by
Elizabeth Rayton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, Winifred
Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N.
Pitstow (conductor) 8. For the first six ringers it was the first quarter
in the method.

A product of the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth
Guild was the proposed winter rally and dinner at Bournemouth.
The event sounds very attractive and should prove a success. We and
others who were not at Bournemouth are wondering what else hap-
pened there on July 6th.

Tailpiece:—Just as we are going to press we hear that the Ladies'
Guild accomplished a fine peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the
'Stelfox Eight' of Leicester Cathedral Church on Sunday. Miss Hilda
G. Snowden conducted.

NOVEL BEQUEST FROM AUSTRALIA

RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT BLANDFORD.

Under the terms of the will of the late Mr. Samuel Francis Pond, formerly of Victoria, Australia, and a member of an old Blandford family, over 100 members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from churches all over the county took part in a bellringing festival—the first of its kind—at Blandford on June 29th.

Mr. Pond, who died in 1941, had been responsible for the payment of the ringing of the curfew bell at Blandford, and in his will he left £725 to Blandford Corporation to provide a trophy for annual competition in the borough by teams of bellringers from any part of Dorset, and also for a cash prize or trophies for the winning team.

When the terms of the will were made known, the Diocesan Guild of Ringers were not in favour of a competition, and it was ultimately decided that a bellringing festival open to any members of the Guild should be held and that they would afterwards be entertained to tea by the Corporation. If funds permitted the Council undertook also to contribute towards the travelling expenses of the ringers.

Among those present on Saturday were the master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna (hon. secretary of the Guild), and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers).

At a service in the Parish Church the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards gave the address, and later, at tea at Hicks' Cafe, the ringers were welcomed by the Mayor of Blandford (Mr. Dennis S. Cuff), who was accompanied by Mrs. Leslie Melville and the Rev. Hopkin Richards, members of the Council.

The Rev. Carew Cox thanked the Mayor and Corporation. Canon B. T. Rosson (Rector of Blandford) also spoke.

A demonstration of handbell ringing was given by members of the Guild, and later the Mayor accompanied members of the Guild back to the church tower.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

SOLIHULL—A POPULAR MEETING.

The summer quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on June 29th under ideal conditions at Solihull, an old world country 'village' of some 20,000 inhabitants situated in the heart of lovely country and yet only some seven miles on the south side of Birmingham. The fine Norman Parish Church is well worth a visit, whilst the peal of ten bells are a pleasure to ring.

The Guild service was conducted by the curate in the absence of the Vicar, and the help of the organist, Dr. R. Wassall, a former organist at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was greatly appreciated. Between 40 and 50 sat down to an excellent tea served at the British Restaurant.

The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presided at the business meeting, and apologies were received from Councillor Paddon Smith, Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master) and Mr. George Williams. In his letter Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Tom Miller, the oldest member, would enter on his 89th year on July 6th, and suggested that any peals rung during that week should be rung as a birthday compliment to him. The following new members were elected: Mr. Cyril Taberner, Dudley; Mr. John L. Gilbert, Sutton Coldfield; and the tower election of Mr. Alan R. Pink, Oxford, as a life member, was duly ratified. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Selly Oak, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Boldmere.

The Guild's form of service was criticised by Mr. W. C. Dowding, particularly the hymns, which he thought were out of date. After some discussion it was agreed that he should consult with the secretary regarding any revision and bring the matter before the next quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to Mr. Edgar Shepherd for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting, to the curate for conducting the service, and to Dr. Wassall, the organist, was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker.

During the evening several members visited Mr. Roland Bragg, the local Ringing Master, and found him in excellent spirits and good health, although unfortunately still confined to the house. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and some excellent touches of Major, Caters and Royal were brought round.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District, Kent County Association, was held at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, on July 13th.

Fine weather and a chance of a 'breath of the briny' brought some 57 members and friends to the town. In spite of the heat, the bells were kept going from 2 o'clock until 4.15, when in the cool of the old Parish Church the association's service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Brownhill), who also gave a short address.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the subsequent business meeting. Teynham was fixed for the district's next meeting, to be held on August 24th. Five new non-resident life members were elected, and thanks were expressed to those who had helped with the day's arrangements.

After the meeting a return was made to the tower, a few, however, preferring the somewhat more comfortable and at any rate cooler method of ringing by using handbells. Tunes and Grandsire Triples and Cinques were rung. The ten bells in the church were kept going until 8.30.

STAFFORD SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Lichfield on July 6th. About a hundred members and friends were present from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Bilston, Birmingham, Bloxwich, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Burton-on-Trent, Coventry, Erdington, Lichfield (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Powick (Worcs.), Stafford, Swindon, Tamworth, Tettenhall, Tipton, Trysull, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wellington, Willenhall and Wolverhampton (St. Luke's and St. Peter's).

The bells at the Cathedral, as well as those at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches, were available during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served at the Minster Cafe.

The Bishop of Stafford presided at the meeting, supported by the hon. secretaries. The report and statement of accounts were accepted and ordered to be printed. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Howell), who retired. Mr. A. D. Collins was elected his successor for the coming three years. Fourteen new members were enrolled.

The following places were fixed for meetings: Tamworth, September 14th; Christ Church, West Bromwich, January 19th; Brewood, April; and Lichfield (or Burton-on-Trent) for the annual, in June. Bi-quarterly meetings were decided upon, the first to take place at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, August 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop terminated the meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTON BRANCH NOT UP TO PRE-WAR LEVEL.

In the 12th century parish church of Chorley, the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association held its annual meeting on July 13th. It was from Chorley that Miles Standish went to America in the 'Mayflower,' his family having connections with both Chorley and Standish Churches.

The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m., and except for an interval for tea at the Y.W.O.A. Cafe (substantial for these times) and the meeting, were kept going in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major until 7.45 p.m.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. L. Walmsley) on holiday, Mr. F. G. Bradley presided at the business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Rigby), in a comprehensive report on the activities of the branch, stated that 13 meetings had been held as follows: Hoghton (first since before the war), Eccleston, Brindle, Penwortham, Preston Parish, Chorley St. Mary's, Broughton, Adlington, St. Annes (joint meeting with Fylde), Leyland Parish, Whittle (joint meeting with Blackburn Branch), Croston and Chorley Parish. The average attendance was from 25 to 30, and the standard of ringing was still behind pre-war level.

In regard to the number of branch peals rung, a lot of leeway needed to be made up to equal the peak years of the branch. Only two peals had been rung—Stedman at Whittle-le-Woods and Minor in ten methods at Penwortham. Those participating were congratulated.

In regard to membership, five new members had been elected and one non-member, also 14 past members had rejoined. Two members were lost through death—Mr. J. Bimson, of Preston (one of the oldest), and Mr. J. Holding, of Chorley Parish. To the relatives the branch extended its sympathy.

A cordial welcome back was voiced to those members who had served in his Majesty's Forces, and the hope was expressed that they would soon get back to their pre-war efficiency. Subscriptions had been paid by 76 members, but it was regretted that some were still outstanding.

The report was adopted, as was a report of the committee meeting at Liverpool. The meeting recorded its thanks to the secretary.

Following a letter read from the retiring branch chairman, two nominations were received for the office—Mr. W. Sharples and Mr. Bradley. A show of hands resulted in Mr. Bradley being elected to the post. In thanking the members for electing him as chairman, Mr. Bradley asked the branch to record its thanks to Mr. Walmsley for his services and help during his term of office. This was carried unanimously.

Tarleton was chosen as the place for the next meeting, with Goosnargh as an alternative, the date to be August 17th.

A vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so enjoyable and to the chairman for presiding concluded the business.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very enjoyable meeting of this society was held at Tadcaster on July 6th, when about 30 members and friends attended from Hemingbrough, Howden, Sherburn, Hull, Selby, Armley, Leeds, Rothwell, Handsworth, Ripon and the local company. It was a pleasure to welcome Lieut. Clement Glenn, R.N.V.R., a former general secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

During the business meeting following tea it was announced that a total of £2 16s. had been subscribed towards the Sprothorough appeal fund for recasting and relanging the peal of six bells.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Hall) for permission to hold the meeting and also to the local band for arrangements.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and ranged from standard methods to Superlative Surprise.

NEWS AND COMMENTS AS ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR

LAUNCESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I note that in to-day's 'Belfry Gossip' mention is made of the first peal having been rung on Launceston bells. This is not quite correct, as the first peal was rung there in 1901 by a band which was on tour and which was organised by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The method was Stedman Triples. Two trebles had been added to an old six in the same year, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the tenor then weighed 12 cwt. 1 qr. The entire peal was recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1938 and the tenor now weighs 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. The College Youths' peal is the first on the recast bells.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly was one of the touring band referred to (as also was Canon G. F. Coleridge), and 720 Bob Minor was rung on the bells of Kelly Church. What Maitland Kelly did for ringing in Devonshire is well known, and I recently came across some lines written on the day of his baptism by the Cornish poet, Robert Stephen Hawker, the well-known Vicar of Morwenstow, who was staying at Kelly House for the occasion. Here is the poem:—

A THOUGHT AT MATINS.

September 18th, 1842.

The sun fell fair on Kelly walls
On Maitland's christening-day,
And lighted up his father's halls
With autumn's loveliest ray:
The angel of his Baptism trod
A path bright from the home of God!

Shall it not be to us a sign—

A parable of joy—

That radiance from above will shine

Around our gentle boy?

Since such the sun that greets his gaze,

This first-born of his Christian-days!

A. S. ROBERTS.

The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

NOTE.—The peal footnote has been corrected.—Editor.

AMERICA CALLING!

Dear Sir.—Please send me 'The Ringing World', for which I am sending you one dollar.

I should be grateful if you have a picture of tower bell ringers standing at their ropes, which I am anxious to frame. I am organising a Guild of Handbell Ringers in the Methodist Church, Spencer, Mass., U.S.A., this being the fifth Guild I have organised. The people over here do not know what change bell ringing is. Don't forget the picture. It will be of sincere help to me. If you want any money let me know.—I am very sincerely yours,

J. WILLIAM COOPER.

6, Pope Street, Spencer, Mass., U.S.A.

NOTE.—I feel certain that this request will not be ignored by our readers. First interest on the American Loan!—Editor.

CHANGE RINGER'S MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I should be most grateful if you would help me with a small problem which has arisen in the following extract from a letter with which I have to deal.

'I would be pleased if you can tell me how I might obtain some change ringer's music, scales or changes.

I have enquired of a number of the most likely music publishers in the West of London and none seem to have any acquaintance with my requirements.

I have a carillon of bells (25) and change ringing is all I can hope to do.'

I have been asked to answer this letter, but am at a loss to know what to advise.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance.

JOSEPHINE DEMMING (Miss).

16, Sherwood Way, West Wickham, Kent.

NOTE.—We publish the letter as a typical example of the misconception in the public's mind of the art of change ringing. Who will write a model reply to such a query?—Editor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

A very successful though not a large meeting was held at St. Leonard's, Seaford, on June 29th. Members were present from ten towers and visitors from Rochester and Grappenhall (Cheshire).

Ringing commenced at 2.45. Through the illness of the Vicar the service had to be cancelled. Tea was followed by a short business meeting. Three new members from Seaford were elected, and Mr. C. Norris, of Rochester, as a non-resident member. Also the ratification of the election of Messrs. Eric Dench and Eric Hartley prior to commencing a peal at St. Peter's, Brighton. Newick was proposed for the next quarterly meeting on September 14th, Burgess Hill on Wednesday, July 17th, and Twineham on August 10th. A letter of sympathy is to be sent to the Vicar in his illness.

Methods rung ranged from Grandire to Cambridge.

WHY NOT A 'DAWDLER' OF RINGERS?

Dear Sir,—I was rather amused by the item in last week's 'Belfry Gossip,' which was inspired by the North Country term, 'A dangle of ringers.'

One day last year when meeting outside a tower where we hoped to accomplish a peal of Stedman Triples (and did), one of the band mentioned something about 'a dawdle of ringers.' This, to my mind, seems highly appropriate and should be included in our glossary of technical terms.

It is a very noticeable fact that ringers have their own sedate gait, which very frequently allows them to arrive at the tower for ringing considerably later than the appointed time. Yes, the term *dawdle* seems most appropriate except perhaps when ringing has gone on over its time and the 'local' has been open for at least five minutes.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

25, Second Avenue, Walthamstow, E.17.

'A CRUSTLING'

Dear Sir,—Re a 'dangle' of ringers in this week's Belfry Gossip. In our part of the country our slow walking at district meetings has been christened 'The Ringers' Crawl.'

The familiar crab, or crustacean, walks slowly, and while not wishing to call ringers 'crabs,' I think we could combine the crab's family name with that of ringing, and call a body of ringers a 'crustling.'

B. J. LUCK.

20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

WINTER RALLY AND DINNER AT BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Bournemouth on July 6th, the assembly gave its blessing to a proposal to hold a ringers' rally and dinner in Bournemouth during the coming winter.

We have already made some tentative enquiries, and, having discussed the matter, feel we might ask you to publish this letter giving an outline of the project to the Exercise.

January seems to be the most suitable month in many ways and the date will probably be the 18th or 25th. At this time of the year it will be easier to get accommodation for a day or so and we feel there may be some ringers who would like to make a week-end of it.

The event will be organised under the auspices of the two neighbouring Diocesan Guilds, and the undersigned committee of four has been formed to make all arrangements.

Nearer the date further details will be available; meanwhile we ask ringers to note the date (this will be definitely fixed in the next few weeks). We hope we may attract up to 200 ringers to the district where we have a twelve-bell peal, two rings of ten and several eights and sixes promised as available for the week-end.

A. F. Martin Stewart, Past Master, Salisbury Guild; Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Sec., Christchurch Branch, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild; Rev. C. A. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Guild; Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, District Representative, Christchurch Branch, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

BERGHOLT BELLS

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, July 20th, as can be seen in your notice columns, the Suffolk Guild has arranged a meeting at East Bergholt. This will be a unique opportunity of seeing and hearing these bells rung, as arrangements have been made for the local ringers to give a demonstration. After which, if anybody cares to take the risk, they will no doubt be at liberty to do so.

As is well known, these bells, a peal of five (tenor 25 cwt.) hang in the churchyard, in a cage which is a fine example of village craftsmanship. The tower was never completed; it stopped with the fall of Wolsey. They are hung for ringing, are rung 'up' and swung round by hand, the ringers standing on the frame. I have heard it stated that a 120 has been rung here, but have no confirmation.

East Bergholt is the birthplace of John Constable and is situated amidst those scenes of rural beauty which he loved to paint, the Vale of Dedham, Flatford Mill and Willy Lott's Cottage being close by.

After tea there is ringing at Stratford St. Mary with a good peal of six.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT IDLE.

The dismal June weather was forgotten when the Leeds and District Society met at Idle on June 29th. Members were present from Armley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn and Shipley.

There was ringing in the afternoon and evening. Mr. John McGlenn presided at a short business meeting, at which Mr. H. Lofthouse thanked the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for their help. The next meeting on July 27th will be at Drighlington. Handbell ringing followed, and further ringing on the tower bells was enjoyed.

OBITUARY

MR. F. L. BUMPSTEAD.

The death took place on Wednesday, July 3rd, of Francis Lawrence Bumpstead, of Colchester, in his 92nd year, he having been connected with St. Peter's Church for over 50 years and holding the office of steeplekeeper for 46 years.

An honorary life member of the Essex Association and a College Youth for about 60 years, Mr. Bumpstead was a well-known figure locally with his wooden leg, having used an artificial one for 80 years, surely a record.

As a mark of respect and esteem the bells were half-muffled for the Sunday morning service on July 7th.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 8th, at St. Peter's, the Rev. J. J. Hesketh taking the service. Handbells were rung as the cortege entered the church, and as the coffin left for the cemetery 720 Bob Minor and a touch of Triples were rung half-muffled. Local ringers were Messrs. G. Burch, W. Chalk, E. P. Duffield, H. T. Pye, V. Kerridge and G. Rashbrook. There were also present G. Moss (Mistley), G. Rouse (Kirby), R. Cadamy (Blotchley) and R. W. Stanuard (Barking, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths). The last two named were formerly members of the local band.

SIR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

We regret to record the death of Sir Percival Heywood, Bt., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., formerly in command of the Staffordshire Yeomanry and High Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1922.

He was the son of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, the first president of the Central Council.

MR. HENRY T. LANGFORD

The death occurred on July 8th of Mr. H. Langford, choirboy, choirman and parish clerk of All Saints', Worcester, for 70 years. Though not a change ringer, Mr. Langford has welcomed generations of ringers to the famous old ten-bell tower. The details and inscriptions of the bells are hung in the vestry in his beautiful handwriting. He will be greatly missed by Worcester ringers.

The Cathedral Guild and Claines ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on the evening of the funeral: D. R. Morris 1, S. T. Holt (conductor) 2, A. Morgan 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, W. Lewis 5, R. Woodyatt 6, J. W. Lewis 7, G. Ambler tenor.

LOSSES TO THE SALISBURY GUILD.

By the deaths of the Rev. R. H. Gundry, for many years Rector of Shroton, Dorset, and Master of the Guild from 1923 to 1940, and Walter Ingham, a well-known ringer in the Poole and Bournemouth district for many years, where he came from Chislehurst, Kent, the Guild has lost two of its older members.

As a last tribute the 'whole pull and stand' was rung half-muffled upon the bells of Poole Parish Church by members from Wareham, Lulworth, Wimborne and the local company. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples in slow time.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

FIRST FESTIVAL SINCE 1939.

Truro Diocesan Guild held its first ringing festival since 1939 at Lanivet on July 13th, by invitation of Canon Windsor, the Rector and a vice-president of the Guild. The towers available were Lanivet, Lanhydrock and Roche, each with a good ring of eight bells.

Those present included the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southeard), the secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella), the treasurer (Mr. H. Dunstan), the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts (vice-presidents). The president (Miss E. Symons) was unfortunately unable to attend, being away from the county.

There were ringers from the following towers: Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Mabe, St. Gluvias, Camborne, Tuckingmill, Helston, Lanivet, Towednack and Roche. More change ringing was done than usual, though chiefly call changes; this, however, shows an improvement in ringing, which is very satisfactory.

A service was held before the tea and was conducted by Canon Windsor and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, the sermon being preached by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Canon Rigg. It was altogether a most successful festival.

HAY-MAKING REDUCES ATTENDANCE

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Hardington Mandeville on July 13th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. Greaves.

The secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) announced that the chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders, was unable to attend because of the illness of Mrs. Saunders. The Rector took the chair and promised to send a message of sympathy from the meeting to Preb. Saunders. Many ringers were busy hay-making, consequently the attendance was not so large as usual.

Towers represented were Yeovil, Martock, Hardington, West Coker, Brayton, Stoke Wake and Hazelbury Bryan. A welcome visitor was Mr. H. Shire, of Welwyn Garden City. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were the methods rung.

SUMMER OUTINGS

ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH.

St. Margaret's ringers held their summer outing on July 13th, when with their friends they travelled by coach to Hollesley, Blaxhall, Tunstall and Ufford. Ringing at Hollesley was much enjoyed, and Double Norwich and touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. The light sixes of Blaxhall and Tunstall were made good use of for Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the musical eight at Ufford were rung on the way home. Ringing throughout the afternoon was under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. Ernest Blomfield, and the Deputy Master, Mr. Claude Woodward.

A splendid tea was provided at the Green Man Inn, Tunstall, where the party was joined by the churchwarden (Mr. Gould) and Mrs. Gould as guests at the tea table. Handbells were also made use of after tea.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

Leaving Crawley at 7.30 a.m. on June 29th, picking up a few friends en route, our first stop was at New Alresford, Hants. Here our stay was only too short, but before leaving one of the party injured a hand and had to receive first aid.

Going on through Winchester, we felt that a call should be made at the lovely little village of our namesake, Crawley, Hants. We were met by the Rector, who was delighted to hear his bells, which had not been rung for over six years (peal of five).

Then on to St. Thomas', Salisbury, and lunch. Due to leave here at 2 p.m., some of the male party were missing (buying safety pins, we understand), but we left at last for Stonehenge, where photos were taken. At Amesbury we arrived in time to ring for a wedding, and it was our privilege to ring the first course of Surprise on the bells since the two trebles have been added.

Our next call was at Highclere, Hants, where we were met by the Rector and local ringers. Justice was done to a wonderful tea provided by the local people which will long be remembered. Then to the lovely church and beautiful peal of bells.

One more stop, the now famous nine at Basingstoke. After many opinions had been expressed we started for home. There was a ha't at Farnham, Surrey, where some really good beer was found by one party, the story being that they had lived there and knew where to find it. We arrived home at midnight after a most enjoyable day.

F. E. W.

WIMBLEDON RINGERS IN THE LAND OF PLENTY

Members of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, Society visited the land of plenty both as regards food and good bells for their outing by motor-coach on July 6th.

The first stop was Newbury, where some good ringing on the charming bells was enjoyed, including musical touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. H. W. Curtis had provided lunch and a better meal could not have been provided elsewhere.

After lunch the party made for that good going ring of eight at Thatcham, which so well occupied the afternoon with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. For this thanks are due to Mr. A. Smith, of Thatcham, now 85 years of age, who took part so ably in ringing the treble to Grandsire Triples.

The next meal at Reading was arranged for by their hosts, Mr. A. Cullum and Mr. Foster, of St. Laurence's Church, and some thought it even surpassed that of lunch! At St. Laurence's Church the ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and two courses of Stedman Cinques. Several old friends of the local company joined the touring party and the time passed all too quickly. After ringing, both Mr. Cullum and Mr. Foster attended to their refreshment. Wimbledon was reached at 10.30 p.m.,

QUERY CORNER

What is the 'Barrabool' Peal that was rung at Campsall, Yorkshire, as reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World'?

—Harold A. May, Merrow, Surrey.
This composition of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, by the Rev. E. Bankes James takes its name from S.S. 'Barrabool,' the P. and O. liner which took the English ringers to Australia in 1934. It was composed while the 'Barrabool' was in the Mediterranean Sea and first rung on handbells in the Arabian Sea on October 3rd, 1934. Here are the figures:—

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—
32564	—	S	2
63524	—	—	3
26534	—	—	3
53264	—	—	—
43265	—	S	—
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
24356	—	—	S

The last three courses are repeated ten times, omitting the single in the fifth repetition.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—See East Bergholt bells rung! Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Bells rung 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Stratford St. Mary bells available after tea. Names for tea to J. W. Jennings, 134, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—North District.—Thirsk, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Lucan Cottages, Sharow, Ripon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Meeting, Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Ringing: Cathedral 10-11 a.m. for service, and later in the day; Colleges, Merton, Magdalen and New. City Churches, St. Giles' (8), St. Ebbes' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Thomas' (6), Holywell (6). Times of ringing will be given out at the luncheon. Will members please make a special effort to attend?—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone (6), July 20th. Tea. Numbers to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Ringing till 9 p.m.—A. B. Peck and E. C. S. Turner.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Great Holland (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2 p.m., Kirby-le-Soken (8), after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Ship Inn 4.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea to Mr. A. Marshall, 2, Church Lane, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District. Wheathampstead (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3.30 p.m. No tea arrangements, but cafe nearby. Sandridge bells (6) from 7 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The bells (8), two trebles, recently added and dedicated, will be open to all ringers on Feast Saturday, July 20th, from 4 p.m.—B. A. Sollis.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Netherseale, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Ashbrittle (6) at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Bordon (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Maypole Inn afterwards. Names to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Wilmslow, Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Bells from 2 o'clock.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Linton (5), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Green Hill Cafe. Balsham bells (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanbury (8), Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Short Notice.—Oxhey (8), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m.—S. Hoare, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Maperton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Charlton Horethorne bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Shrewsbury, Saturday, July 27th. St. Mary's (10) 3 to 4 p.m. for service at 4.15. St. Chad's (12) 7 to 8 p.m. A number of good cafes in town. Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. D. Poole.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Heckington (8), July 27th. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Clark, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Tysoe Church (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27th. Please bring your own refreshments.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, St. James', Paisley (8), Saturday, July 27th, 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mrs. L. M. H. Caldwell, 37, Mains Road, Castlehead, Paisley.

LINCOLN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint Meeting.—Grimsby District and Ladies' North Midland.—Bigby, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Numbers for tea by July 25th to Rev. H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby; A. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, at Heydour. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 23rd.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey, 2.30, July 27th. No tea available. Names for Loughborough outing by this day. — W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, nr. Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Willington (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 o'clock. Bring sandwiches. Cups of tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Wedmore, Saturday, July 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Loughborough, July 27th. Ringing, 2.30 p.m., All Saints' and Bell Foundry. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Fearon Hall, adjoining Church. Names not later than first post July 23rd to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst School, Bridge Street, Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch. —Moulton, Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food. — R. Slowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Saturday, July 27th. Tea provided, but bring bread and butter.—A. J. Martin.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Lyme Regis (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Please notify for tea Rev. C. Carew Cox, The Vicarage, Lyme Regis, by July 22nd.—C. H. Lathey.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cruwys Morchard (6), Saturday, July 27th. Tea provided, but members must bring own food. Ringing commences 2.30.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Beenham (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Refreshments 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Fowler, Stanford, Dingley, Reading, by July 23rd.—S. Davis.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Bristol Rural.—Olveston (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by July 22nd to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (if possible) following. Names by Wednesday, July 24th, to F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery. —Quarterly meeting, North Perrott, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Light refreshments 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Bengeo (8), Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Service, 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Names for tea by July 24th.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

NORWICH ASSN. — North Norfolk Branch. — Wymondham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 24th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over St. Chad's (8), July 27th. Please bring food. — Miss D. C. Osborn, 25, London Road, Northwich.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Littleport (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Hambledon (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, July 23rd.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Drighlington, Saturday, July 27th. Tea (approximately 2s.) will be arranged for those who notify Miss E. Mansbridge, 26, Hammond Crescent, Drighlington, near Bradford, by July 24th. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Next meeting, Dagenham (8), Saturday, July 27th. From 3.30 p.m., with short break for cups of tea 5 p.m. From plain hunting upwards. No request will be refused. Just come along and ask. Everybody welcome. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Cowden, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Service 4.30. No tea available. — T. Saunders, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea at the Duke's Head 5 p.m. Owing to restricted room, numbers for tea must be sent to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Aug. 1st.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Secs.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—Wm. Saunders Memorial.—A fund to provide a suitable memorial has been opened, and all ringers, associations and friends are invited to send their donations to Mr. T. Belk (hon. treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (hon. sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

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HARLOW COMMON. ESSEX.—On June 23rd at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, S. Clark 2, W. Alley 3, E. Larter 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, R. Springham (first quarter as conductor) 7, V. Tipton 8.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Freer (first quarter on eight bells) 1, L. Foster 2, T. Sparrow 3, S. Sparrow 4, S. W. Arbon 5, H. D. Lister 6, W. A. Lock 7, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss A. Sparrow, daughter of ringer of the 4th, to Mr. H. Turner.

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OXFORD

Watch the Oxford Guild! If it is flourishing then all is well with the Exercise; if it is in the doldrums then bell ringing generally is on the decline. The message from last Saturday's meeting at Oxford was that all is well with the Guild operating through its 15 districts. The area of the Oxford Guild may be taken as fairly typical of much of England. There are two industrial towns; a number of residential areas and scores of truly agricultural villages. From this area the record number of 229 new members was elected last year. With such an advent of new interest the future seems assured.

Saturday was the 69th annual meeting. A new era was started by the election of a new Master in the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg and a new secretary in Mr. W. Hibbert, who succeeds his late father. During this long period the Guild has only had three Masters — all of them clerics, in the Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. W. O. Jenkyn and G. F. Coleridge. All three of them were personal friends, and they rang their first peal together at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, on January 31st, 1900. Commenting on the peal in his book, 'Among the Bells,' the Rev. F. E. Robinson wrote: 'Of this band the yokels said "there was a terrible big parson (Mr. Coleridge), a very nice young gent (Mr. Jenkyn) and an old gent as took all his clothes off" (myself).' It was as far back as 1879 that Canon Coleridge rang his first peal with the Rev. F. E. Robinson at Kirtlington. This peal of Grandsire Triples was the first peal to be rung by University men. On Saturday one was conscious of bridging space and being in the hallowed company of the giants of the past.

But the tradition goes on. The year 1945 was notable, even in the annals of the Oxford Guild, for peal ringing. When the Peal Analysis is published we believe that Oxford's record of 86 peals rung during the year places it in the forefront of the Exercise. Special mention is made by the new Master in his report of the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, in which was introduced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative with 112 changes of method! Delve into memory and other occasions of ringing fame will be found. It was in August, 1900, that the Guild rang the first unconduted peal of Stedman, the company including J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Canon Coleridge.

Rarely has a tribute from the pulpit been delivered of a ringer as that accorded to the late secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, by Canon Coleridge in the festival sermon on Saturday. He died on March 31st, having been secretary of the Guild from 1917 until the day of his death. He had great peals to his credit, including 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922. The one that captures imagination was that in 1896 of 5,184 London Surprise Major at Merton College, Oxford. This was a peal for men of nerves. Here the ringing chamber is a square of 26½ feet. The ringers stand two on each side of a stone gallery only three feet wide with a balustrade round it. The opening in the centre looks down into the chapel 60 feet below. The only illuminant on this occasion was candles and these began to flicker out. To enable the peal to be completed fresh candles had to be brought, and to place them in position the steeplekeeper had to squeeze past Mr. Hibbert, who was ringing the sixth and the Rev. F. E. Robinson on the fifth. Those were the days! And what a tradition for the 229 new members to follow.

TEN BELL PEAL

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS G. FOX Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 8
*JOHN G. SAUNDERS ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	*JOHN D. A. CLEAVER ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT, 6
FRANCIS KIRK 3	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON, N.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's No. 1.

MRS. J. THOMAS Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
ISAAC ATWATER 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
VICTOR WOODARDS 4	FRANK BYE Tenor

Conducted by E. MORRIS.

* First peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER Treble	LESLIE G. BRFIT 5
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 2	*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
*MRS. C. W. PIPE ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
* 100th peal together.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
*JOHN FREEMAN 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 75). Conducted by J. FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES D. RICHARD ... Treble	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 5
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
VERNON J. BENNING ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal at first attempt.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
HARRY G. WAYNE 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6060 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
JOHN D. A. CLEAVER ... 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 12, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY 6
WILLIAM BARTON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
GORDON BENFIELD 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.



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BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEO. W. DEBENHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
*MISS PAT HOLMES ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*MISS MARY PEMBERTON 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*E. DENNIS POOLE ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER LEE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC NOBLES ... <i>Treble</i>	MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 5
*GORDON LAWRENCE ... 2	FREDK. C. STUTON ... 6
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... 7
REGINALD W. WORRAL 4	CECIL RADDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN S. MASON ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 6
EDWARD B. SMITH ... 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW... <i>Treble</i>	† DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 5
*PETER J. EVES ... 2	FRANK V. GANT ... 6
†TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 3	JOHN SITCH ... 7
HARRY TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM BARRATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 13, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST A. THORPE 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 3	*G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.
* 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sun., July 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. On the Stelfox eight.

MRS. L. M. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. E. DEAL ... 5
MISS JILL POOLE ... 2	MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 6
MRS. P. POOLE ... 3	MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 7
MRS. A. K. MATTHEWS... 4	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MISS H. G. SNOWDEN.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Mon., July 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... <i>Treble</i>	*W. KENNETH MARTIN ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, JUN. 2	T. WATSON ... 6
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 3	KENNETH HALL ... 7
FRED HOWARTH ... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten varied callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS BETTY MORTON ... <i>Treble</i>	GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
HARRY PARKER ... 2	WILLIAM HORNBY ... 5
ERIC NOBLES ... 3	MISS D. C. OSBORN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. NOBLES.

* First peal.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford,
St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HILDRED S. WICKENS ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 4
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Conducted by E. NOBLES.

HARRY PARKE Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 4
*JOHN ORME 2	*MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 5
*GORDON LAWRENCE ... 3	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by E. NOBLES.

* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. H. Parker's 150th peal.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's (Morris) and twenty-two 120's. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT H. DRAYTON ... Treble	REGINALD WELCH 4
REGINALD BEALE 2	HENRY A. GUMMER 5
FREDK. WELCH 3	*KENNETH WELCH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY A. GUMMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT BROAD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVF BROYD 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	REG. RIPPINGALE 7-8

Composed by C. MARTIN. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 1, 1946, in One Hour and Thirty Minutes,
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*PETER NIX 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
†RALPH HARDY 5-6	

Conducted by PETER NIX.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

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

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 9-10

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

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
*G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'in hand.'

EXETER DISTRICT ON DARTMOOR

FACTS AND FANCIES OF THREE INTERESTING VILLAGES.

A tour by motor-coaches was made by Exeter District, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, in fine weather on July 13th in lieu of the customary single centre meeting. The party, with friends from Mid-Devon and Aylesbeare Deanery branches, totalled nearly 40.

Notes prepared by Mr. A. W. Searle, chairman, Exeter District, conveyed the information that the tower of the 15th century church at Ashburton (the first stop) is 90ft. high, that once a boy fell from the top, yet was able to walk home, and, according to the registers, lived to a good old age. The ring of eight, tenor 22 cwt., is built upon six that were originally given by Sir William Yonge and Mr. John Harris, of Hayne, in 1740. They were Members of Parliament for the borough, which was disfranchised in 1868. Those were the days when M.P.'s not only made gifts, but paid for votes and provided prodigious hospitality during elections. And they required no salaries!

At Buckland-in-the-Moor (the second stop) there is another 15th century church with one of the lightest rings of eight in the county, the tenor being 8 cwt. The dial of the tower clock is inscribed, 'My dear mother,' the letters beginning with 'M' at 9, taking the places of the usual numerals. The clock and the augmentation of the bells from five to eight are a memorial to Mrs. Whitley by her son, Mr. Whitley, who founded Paignton Zoo. Besides a Norman font, the church possesses an ancient screen, which, in addition to conventional paintings of saints on the front, has an extraordinary series of large grotesques on the inner portion.

Widcombe-in-the-Moor (the final stop) has an impressive tower, 120 feet high, containing a good ring of six, with 16 cwt. tenor. The third bell bears the inscription, 'Robeart Hamlyn, sonne of John Hamlyn, Chittleford, gathered of the young men and mayds fyftene.' There is, or used to be, a bell at Fording-bridge, Hants, with the inscription, 'Young man and mayds made me, 1655.' The church at Widcombe was struck by lightning during service in 1638; four people were killed and 62 injured. Boards in the base of the tower give a vivid description of the incident written in verse by the schoolmaster of the time. Beside the church is a 500-year-old church house, which has been used as a poor house and then a school and is now a church house again.

The village has been made famous by the Devon folk song about the borrowing of Tom Pearce's mare so that 'Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney, Peter Davy, Dan'l Whiddon, Harry Hawk, old Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all' could ride from some undefined place to Widcombe Fair. Why there should have been any borrowing at all has never been explained. Uncle Tom Cobleigh, the chief character in the song, is known to have been a well-to-do yeoman at Spreyton, which is a good dozen miles from Widcombe as the crow flies and much more by road. If any quadruped had to make such a journey with Bill Brewer and Co. it would be justified in leaving them in the lurch like Tom Pearce's mare, which 'took sick and died.' An impersonator of Uncle Tom Cobleigh rides about the village during the tripping season, and there are many ponies on the moor, but they are far too lively to be mistaken for the ghost of Tom Pearce's mare which the song says appears 'gashly white' when 'the wind whistles cold on the moor of a night.'

Tea was taken at Ashburton and the date of the autumn meeting altered from September 14th to October 5th.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

TWO BISHOPS AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Brecon was the venue for the 17th annual meeting of the Guild, and despite inconvenient access, there was a good attendance. There is only one tower (eight bells) in the town, but members also visited St. David's, Llanfais, just outside Brecon, and bells in both towns were well used.

The annual service was held at the Cathedral. The Bishop of Llandaff, in an address to the ringers, dwelt on the opportunities the ringers had as ministers of the bells for developing churchmanship.

Tea was served at the old factory, at the invitation of the president, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon; after tea the president invited members to the garden at Ely Towers for the annual meeting, when his lordship took the chair. Also present was the Bishop of Llandaff, who was very glad of the opportunity of meeting members of the Guild.

The accounts were presented by the treasurer, a balance in hand of £49 being reported.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, the only change being Mr. D. H. Bennett, of Bronllys, who was elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year. The general secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams, read an appeal from the Rector of Llanfihangel, Talyllun, for assistance to restore the bells at that parish; it was decided to send a donation of £10.

Mr. E. Stitch proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for his kind hospitality and stated how pleased the members were that two Bishops gave their valuable time in attending the festival at Brecon. This was supported by Mr. A. Hoare.

The annual competition 1946 will be held at Bronllys, when it is hoped that all towers will send a band. Mr. J. Pitman has again been invited to adjudicate.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Williams 1, D. Gardner 2, C. R. Harding 3, H. J. Robins 4, F. Skidmore (conductor) 5, V. E. Wills 6, G. Cape-well 7, W. J. Cook 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. H. R. R. Radcliffe Cox as Vicar.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lawson 1, C. Castleman 2, P. Smith 3, R. Swann 4, A. Skinner 5, H. Bowley 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, E. Bass 8.

BISLEY, GLOS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. C. Thain 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Thain 5, T. C. Witts (conductor) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

BATH.—On July 5th, at St. Michael's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hallett 1, T. K. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, W. G. Brown 4, S. J. T. Shellock 5, W. H. Hurford 6, R. Fry, jun. 7, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Kent Major for ringers of 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral on June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Stilwell 1, P. R. Blackman 2, P. N. Bond 3, Miss Joyce Humphrey 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

CHESTER.—On June 18th at St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Swindley (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, J. S. Webb 3, J. E. Bibbey 4, J. Swindley 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, E. F. Bennett 7, H. Pye 8. First quarter-peat in the method for ringers of 3, 6, 7 and 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Cook 1, D. Coombes 2, J. Keyte 3, F. Perry 4, I. Harris 5, J. Jarvis 6, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 7, H. Francis 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 4th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Philpott 1, C. Buesdon 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 4, Miss B. Philpott 5, D. P. Jones, R.A.M.C. 6, G. Swaffer 7, J. Stockbridge 8.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas', on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Walls 1, E. Pilley 2, F. Wreford 3, R. Truman 4, A. G. Newman 5, C. Hosgood 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, W. Fairchild 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Begrie (first quarter-peat) 1, E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, R. Charge 4, R. Begrie 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dunwoody 1, W. Pratt 2, J. Rush 3, J. Edgar 4, John Savage 5, J. T. Dunwoody 6, H. Brown (conductor) 7, Joseph Savage 8. First quarter-peat in tower since resumption of change ringing.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. C. Turner (first quarter of Triples, age 12 years) 1, C. J. Turner 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, J. Salway 4, J. Arbury (conductor) 5, E. Retter 6, A. Holway 7, G. Retter 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cox (first quarter) 1, A. Heywood 2, D. Cox 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. G. Jones 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Croft 1, W. E. Symonds 2, H. W. Else 3, F. Croft 4, E. Winters 5, D. C. Mears (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, A. E. Symonds 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Markham (first quarter) 1, T. J. Lock 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, J. G. Boomsma 4, A. White 5, G. A. Parsons 6, L. J. Fox (conductor) 7, D. C. Price 8.

MERTON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's on July 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Joyce Edwards (first quarter) 1, Audrey Castle 2, E. W. Gibbons 3, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 4, W. Conning 5.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Percival Harding (conductor) 1, Jean Burton 2, Ron Harding 3, Eric Hitchins 4, Donald Lee 5, Lawrence Hitchins 6.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Carvell 1, Miss J. Webster 2, Miss M. Webster 3, G. Ledsham 4, R. Edgar 5, E. Gilbert 6, L. L. Gray 7, R. G. Edwards (conductor) 8. First quarter-peat of Major for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, E. A. Jurd 3, H. A. Nobes 4, W. Tate 5, R. E. Turner (conductor) 6, J. H. Hunt 7, A. Lawrey 8.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Minnion 1, W. Soar (conductor) 2, J. Brittan 3, J. Stennitt 4, S. Jones 5, W. Minor 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Trevor Cross 1, Basil Edwards 2, Eric Naylor 3, S. B. A. William Court 4, Francis J. Cheal 5, William J. Walker 6, George A. Naylor (conductor) 7, William Hollands 8. First quarter of Oxford Bob Triples for ringers of the treble, 2, 3 and 4.

TWICKENHAM.—On July 3rd, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Croft 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. F. Thirst 3, A. M. Houghton 4, H. W. Rogers 5, E. Morris 6, H. G. Andrews 7, T. W. Taffender 8.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Bayles (conductor) 1, Miss J. Gaymer 2, W. E. Robinson 3, Miss M. Fidell 4, T. W. Crowe 5, G. Lusk 6, J. Hedley 7, W. J. Davidson 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A century of towers—Mr. P. A. Corby's peal at Cubitt Town.
Perseverance has been rewarded. A first peal of Stedman recorded
this week was scored after over 20 attempts.

Sheffield and District have had to rearrange their Bank Holiday
programme. Norton bells are not available and the meeting will take
place at Whiston.

An amendment of the time of the peal of Bob Minor at Havering,
Essex, on July 6th, to two hours and 58 minutes and not three hours
and 54 minutes as originally published has been forwarded by the
conductor, Mr. L. W. Bullock.

Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'Bells of All Nations,' is now in the
press. The Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association,
has written a small text book on ringing, 'Elementary Change Ring-
ing,' which should be on sale at an early date.

A ringer at Christ Church, Mitcham, for nearly 50 years, Mr.
Pidwell is shortly retiring and is going to live at Eastcote. As secre-
tary he made arrangements with Mr. W. H. Joiner for the combined
outing of Mitcham and Streatham ringers to Hastings on July 13th.
Mr. Miller (the Mitcham captain) is convalescing after his recent
operation. He is not yet able to ring.

More national publicity! 'The Daily Mirror' had an article, 'Ring
o' Bells,' in their issue of July 22nd written by the Rev. George
Braithwaite. We trust the picture of the two ringers was a caricature.
It certainly was not drawn by an artist who had been inside a belfry.
This is how the author explains the process: 'The ringers in a few
rounds get the feel of their bells, and then the changes begin. The
conductor shouts occasional directions, more as a precaution than any-
thing else, for everything actually depends on the memory and con-
centration of the ringers.' Conductors, please note!

A correspondent reminds us that the peal rung at Sible Hedingham,
Essex, on June 22nd, was by a Sunday service band and is the first
for 25 years by the local company. We don't want to wait a quarter
of a century for the next!

We like the story of the Twineham, Sussex, ringers, who, on their
outing, so enchanted their coach driver by ringing 720 Bob Minor on
handbells that he took the wrong turning and landed the party at
the gates of a mental hospital! Ringing took place at Laughton,
Hailsham, Hellingly and Chiddingfold.

Ten boys of Felsted School have constituted themselves into a Guild
of Change Ringers. They began to ring in the tower of the Parish
Church a few weeks ago and they rang rounds open for the first time
on July 9th. The band is being trained by Mr. A. C. Telfer, Mr.
W. T. Farrow and Mr. H. Ebert.

Another attractive new body is the Roving Ringers of Cheltenham,
whose leader, Michael Clifford, is just under 15 and has called several
quarter-peals. Nearly all the members are now up to Kent and
Oxford Treble Bob standard. This band had their summer outing to
Tredington, Glos., on July 20th, where the bells had not been rung
for about 10 years. The Roving Ringers plan fortnightly practices at
Bishop's Cleeve on Saturdays during the winter for Minor methods,

OXFORD GUILD'S NEW LEADERS

MASTER ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THREE VOTES RECORD NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS
SON SUCCEEDS FATHER AS GUILD SECRETARY CANON COLERIDGE AND UNITY

The 69th diocesan festival of the Oxford Guild on Saturday was memorable for two things. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who has been Master since 1933 and has a connection with the Guild since its first year, laid down the reins of office. His successor, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the Deputy Master, was elected by a majority of three votes.

The new hon. secretary is Mr. W. Hibbert, who succeeds his father. The deep affection with which the late Mr. R. Tom Hibbert was held by the Guild was voiced by Canon Coleridge when he preached at the festival service at Christ Church Cathedral. The lesson was read by the Bishop of Dorchester, a vice-president of the Guild.

Canon Coleridge selected for his text Exodus xl., verse 15: 'Speak that they go forward.' He said it would not be fitting if he did not refer to the deep sense of loss caused by the death of their old and well tried friend, Tom Hibbert, who for many years of devoted work had proved to the full what a secretary should be.

After mentioning Mr. Hibbert's work in reporting on the condition in bell chambers, the Canon said apart from his secretarial work, honest Tom was a prince among men and among ringers. He was no peal snatcher, though he had not a few to his credit and good ones which brought him a sense of joy and satisfaction. He never snatched at peal ringing, but what he did snatch at was opportunities to get hold of some young ringers, and by explaining to them with infinite care brought them to the mastery of a bell to ring perfect rounds and then changes.

To-day at the outset of their business they had to choose a new Master and a new secretary, and it was their duty to select the best candidate for the office. Many a promising band of ringers had fallen to pieces through lack of determination to cultivate certain things, and the most important of these was a spirit of unity. They wanted unity in every tower, in every branch, and in every guild. Without that spirit of unity their ringing could not be pleasing to God Who had called them to praise Him in their art.

Canon G. F. Coleridge presided at the start of the annual meeting, which was held in the Chapter House. He was supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. W. Hibbert (acting hon. secretary). Arising from the minutes, Mr. A. D. Cullum moved that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Hibbert for his work during the interim since his father's death.

POINTS FROM REPORTS.

The Master's report contained a personal note stating that he had been warned by the doctor not to walk a yard further than he could help and nothing was left except to ask the Bishop to allow him to resign the living of Crowthorne; other resignations in many quarters of necessity follow—including the Mastership of the Guild. A far younger man was needed than one now in his 89th year. He acknowledged the unfailing help rendered by the members—especially the secretaries of branches.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Deputy Master, reported that he found the general level of keenness very high in the Guild. An encouraging feature in some branches had been the large number of young ringers who had joined the Guild. For example, at one tower in the North Berkshire branch a band of girls under the tuition of Miss M. R. Cross had advanced in a short time to the point of being able to ring Bob Minor without outside help. He asked branch secretaries to send in notes on the progress made in their own districts each year. Several notable peals had been rung during the year, including one of Spliced Surprise Major at Oxford. It was a cause for congratulation that the Guild could now muster an entirely local band capable of ringing Cambridge Maximus at the Cathedral.

The secretary's report stated that 86 peals had been rung during the year. Congratulations were extended to Mr. W. F. Judge on his ability and energy as conductor of many of the peals and Mr. George Gilbert for his usual go.

The hon. treasurer reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £422 14s. 9d., of which £345 was in the Restoration Fund. The report and accounts were adopted.

NEW OFFICERS.

Announcing his resignation, the Master said it had been a proud time for him to have been their Master. He was not leaving the Guild and his interests would remain with them.

Mr. A. D. Barker assured Canon Coleridge that the Guild had been more than satisfied with his chairmanship. The least they could do was to make him a vice-president. Mr. W. J. Paice seconded and this was unanimously agreed to.

There were two nominations for the Mastership—the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, proposed by Mr. E. C. Hughes and seconded by Mr. H. Blunt, and Capt. A. R. Poyntz, R.N., proposed by Mr. W. Hibbert and seconded by Mr. A. D. Cullum.

Capt. Poyntz announced that he was still at the orders of the Admiralty and he might be called away. He would like someone more active. The voting resulted as follows:—

The Rev. C. E. Wigg ... 68 Capt. A. R. Poyntz 65

The new Master promised to do his best for the Guild in his own way. He said he was a busy man with two parishes to look after.

Capt. A. R. Poyntz received a unanimous vote for the position of Deputy Master. He warned the meeting, however, that he would not be able to get round very much owing to the Admiralty and the stinginess of the Government as regarded petrol.

Mr. A. D. Barker was the only nominee for the treasurership and Mr. W. Hibbert was a popular choice for a successor to his late father as hon. secretary.

HIS FATHER'S WISH.

Thanking the members, Mr. Hibbert said his father in the last few months asked him to thank the Guild for the happy time they had given him. He thought it was in his father's heart that he should undertake that job.

When Miss Marie R. Cross was re-elected hon. librarian she reported that up to yesterday there were 35 books in the Guild Library. That day she received a complete set of 'Ringing Worlds' and 'Bell News' from Canon Coleridge. She was granted a sum of £5 to buy a book case and to arrange for binding four volumes of 'Ringing Worlds.'

To the committee Messrs. G. Caudwell, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins, W. F. Judge, R. A. Post were re-elected, and Messrs. J. T. Fowler, W. Dixon, C. J. Hibbert, G. Holfield and Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher appointed to fill vacancies. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Miss V. Robinson from the committee as she was shortly leaving the diocese.

PEAL RESTORATIONS.

The General Committee made recommendations that grants of 10 gns. for restoration of bells be made to Great Horwood, Cookham, Bray and Compton.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that Bray had dropped their scheme in favour of a ych gate and Cookham had obtained the money required.

Capt. Poyntz moved as an amendment that the 40 gns. should be divided between the two towers. Ten gns. out of £375 seemed a very small sum to vote. Mr. J. T. Fowler seconded.

The representative from Compton said between £500 and £600 had been collected and the job would cost about £800.

Mr. Evans, the foreman of Great Horwood, said their fund was started by the ringers themselves and £588 had been raised. The ringers had collected £450 by means of whist drives and dances during the war. The job would cost £677. Nothing had been done to the bells for 100 years.

The amendment was carried. The hon. treasurer announced that the money would not be paid until the work was completed.

The meeting confirmed the election during the year of 229 new members (a record), compared with 174 last year.

The Bishop of Dorchester, who presided at the latter part of the meeting, congratulated it on its progressive and live membership. He thought the way the Guild came through the war with its enthusiasm undimmed was a very fine prospect for the future.

It was decided to hold next year's festival at Oxford.

Mr. Keyte said that now 'The Ringing World' was run by the Central Council the Guild should take up the question of its attitude towards the younger members. In a recent issue it was stated that quarter-peals were to be restricted to 26 an issue. There were a number of them who were trying to teach young ringers and it would encourage them if quarter-peals were published.

The new Master and Mr. Barker both replied that they believed care would be exercised in the publication of quarter-peals so as to publish those which would encourage young ringers.

THE LUNCHEON.

There was a company of 194 at the luncheon, which was held at Christ Church Dining Hall, the new Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, presiding.

The toast of 'The Oxford Guild' was proposed by Mr. T. W. White, who brought greetings from the Guildford Guild and 'The Ringing World' to the new officers.

Canon Coleridge, in his reply, reiterated his appeal for continued unity.

Capt. A. R. Poyntz, in proposing 'The Visitors,' welcomed a contingent of 26 from Croydon, who were visiting Oxford for their annual outing.

Gratitude to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for permitting the festival to be held in the Cathedral Church and also the use of the Dining Hall was expressed by the Master.

The Bishop of Dorchester replied that it was an annual pleasure to welcome the Guild and they would be delighted to see them next year.

The afternoon and evening was devoted to ringing.

THE BASINGSTOKE 'PEAL'

Recorded as a Miscellaneous Performance

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH WANT RULE AMENDED:

More than ordinary interest was attached to the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Bournemouth on July 6th, when the Basingstoke 'peal' figured prominently on the agenda. The Guild decide to record it as a 'miscellaneous performance,' but to press for an amendment of Central Council rules.

The meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) and the Vicar of St. Peter's. Apologies were received for non-attendance from several members.

In presenting the accounts, the treasurer thanked the various districts for their support during the year, but made comment on the fact that Rule 13 should be amended in the light of present-day conditions to allow district secretaries to make their full quota to the central fund. It was unanimously decided to instruct a sub-committee to enquire into the form of amendment to be proposed.

The Guild officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Winter; peals recorder, Mr. A. V. Davis; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Smith.

An addition to Rule 6, paragraph 3, specifically defining the position of non-resident ringers attached to affiliated towers, was proposed by Mr. A. V. Davis, and after some discussion was agreed upon by 21 votes to three.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the two districts concerned, to transfer the tower of Buriton from the Portsmouth District to the Alton and Petersfield District.

LOYALTY TO COUNCIL.

Mr. G. Pullinger gave a report on the meeting of the Central Council at Norwich and touched on the points which concerned members. Arising from this report was the question of how the 'peal' of Caters rung on nine bells at Basingstoke was to be dealt with, seeing that the Council had rejected it as a peal. Mr. Pullinger moved that the 'peal' be printed in the next annual report as a 'miscellaneous performance' with a footnote explaining the position.

Mr. C. Kippin (conductor of the 'peal') agreed that as the Council would not recognise it the Guild could not do so, because they would be breaking their own rule. The motion was carried unanimously.

A resolution concerning rules of the Central Council, sent by post to the general secretary from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (a member of the Council), found no seconder, because members felt that it cut across the well-established principles of the Exercise.

Mr. C. H. Kippin proposed that 'The Guild, having pledged itself to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, has no option but to recognise the decision of the Council in refusing to admit the Basingstoke "peal." It feels, however, that to recognise peals on five and seven bells without a cover, even to the extent of recognising a five-bell peal in a 12-bell tower, yet not to admit a nine-bell peal in a nine-bell tower, is unjust and inequitable. The Guild feels that if the Council expects to command respect of its rulings, the rules should be recognised, or none at all.'

Mr. J. Hill (Andover) seconded and considerable discussion took place. The Master pointed out that this resolution raised big issues and there was not time that day to go into the question thoroughly.

Mr. W. Cheater (Ringwood) moved an amendment 'That this matter be left to the Executive Committee to go into the question, to draw up proposed alterations to rules of Central Council, and to instruct their representatives to bring this before the next meeting of the Council.' This was seconded by Mr. R. Reed (Bishopstoke).

Mr. Kippin withdrew his motion and the amendment was carried nem con.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 5th, 1947.

A grant of 5 guineas was approved to the scheme for the restoration of Tichborne bells.

ANNUAL DINNER FAVOURED.

A scheme for a proposed annual dinner at Bournemouth in the autumn was placed before the meeting by Mr. A. V. Davis. He said that he had been approached on the matter, and provided the Guild would give the project its approval, he would go ahead with the arrangements. The committee of the Salisbury Guild were in favour and no financial responsibility would fall on either Guild, because the dinner ticket would cover all expenses. A local committee would be formed, with representatives from both Guilds. It was unanimously agreed that the Guild would support Mr. Davis in the venture.

Votes of thanks were accorded the incumbents for the use of the various peals of bells during the day and to all concerned who had assisted, particularly to Mr. Davis.

The Guild service was held in St. Peter's Church, after which tea was served in St. Peter's Hall. The bells of St. Peter's and St. John's as well as the ring of twelve at Christchurch were available, and many took advantage of the opportunity to have a pull on these excellent bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD

37 NEW MEMBERS ELECTED AT LEICESTER.

One of the most successful annual meetings ever held since the formation of the Guild in 1912 took place in Leicester on July 15th, when a record number of 53 members attended from Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Dorset, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, London, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northampton, Nottingham, Somerset, Sussex, Surrey, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

A short service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, who extended a warm welcome to the Guild. Members and friends were afterwards entertained to tea by the president, Miss E. Steel, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed by those present.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the president, 37 new members were elected. The president and hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected. The treasurer presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £49 11s. 10d.

The secretary reported that meetings were again being held in most districts, but some had not yet commenced to function since the war. A letter had been received from a member suggesting that the Guild had had its day, and no longer served any useful purpose. She was proud enough of the work the Ladies' Guild had done to want to see it come to an honoured end and not to fade out almost imperceptibly, as seemed to be happening in more than one part of the country. The members present most strongly disagreed with this view. The attendance of members from such long distances proved that the Guild was by no means dead, or even dying.

Mrs. Richardson reported on the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Norwich.

A long discussion took place regarding alterations to districts, and the formation of new ones, but it was decided to make no definite change in the existing districts, but to authorise three members to arrange meetings in parts of the country which have previously not been well served. These were as follows: Miss J. Poole to take charge of Leicester and district: Miss Mary Elkins, Cheshire and Lancashire; and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Sussex and part of Kent. It was decided to hold next year's meeting at Oxford.

Some of the members spent an enjoyable week-end in Leicester, and wish to express their very grateful thanks to Mr., Mrs. and Miss Poole for making all the arrangements, and other ringers who helped to entertain the visitors. A ladies' peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

IRISH ASSOCIATION NORTHERN BRANCH.

Following the decision at the annual meeting of the branch on Easter Monday to resume quarterly meetings, the first of these was held on July 13th at St. Patrick's, Coleraine. There was a good attendance of members representing Coleraine, Londonderry, Holywood, Ros-trevor and St. Thomas', Belfast.

Lunch was held in the Corporation Arms Hotel and was followed by a short business meeting, at which Mr. J. Dixon, Coleraine (vice-president), presided. After lunch mixed teams from the various towers took part in the ringing of St. Patrick's Church bells, and touches of Grandire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung by members of Holywood and St. Thomas' Societies.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bangor in October, 1946.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FIRST VISIT TO NORTON SUBCOURSE.

The first meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Norton Subcourse was held on July 6th and was attended by 48 members. The new Vicar (the Rev. Owen Morris) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president of the association), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master) and Mr. J. Harwood (hon. secretary).

Thirteen new members were elected, including the Rev. Morris as an honorary member. Lowestoft was selected for the next meeting on August 17th. An appeal by Mr. Nolan Golden for a collection towards a belfry restoration fund resulted in £2 6s. being contributed. The votes of thanks included a special one to the ladies for providing such a fine tea. A joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on September 28th or October 5th will be advertised later.

Members attended from Beccles, Gorleston, Haddiscoe, Kessingland, Mulbarton, Norton, Reedham, Gillingham, Somerleyton, Norwich, Forncebt, Great Yarmouth, Woodton and Hales.

AN EX-SERVICE GUILD ?

Dear Sir,—I think that the ex-Service ringers would welcome the chance of forming an Ex-Service Man's Guild. It would keep alive the brotherhood of Service life, and also form a link between various guilds and associations. The only requirement of a prospective member need be that he has served either in His Majesty's Forces or in the Merchant Navy.

I leave it to readers to decide whether the idea is workable or not.—

Yours fraternally,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

NEWS AND COMMENTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

THE BASINGSTOKE 'PEAL'

POINTS FOR THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I hesitate to prolong an already well-worn discussion and whilst I agree that the Central Council was bound by its rules to reject the paradoxical Basingstoke 'peal,' which, in any case, will doubtless be well recognised by campanological posterity, the one fact which, in my opinion, does emerge is that these somewhat ancient and very inconsistent rules create such an extremely unsatisfactory position as to warrant their early amendment.

The chairman of the Council is reported as saying, 'On the question of five they form a very fine musical peal,' but surely seven, nine and eleven bells have an equally good, if not similar, musical relationship to five, as eight, ten and twelve have to six?

No, sir, however unorthodox, unusual, unfamiliar and perhaps in many respects undesirable peals on seven, nine and eleven bells may be, if well struck on bells in the diatonic scale, they are, as far as ringing goes, certainly not unmusical, neither are they by any means less difficult to accomplish.

With the latter statement few ringers will disagree, but the *average* ringer does subscribe to the fallacy that such ringing is (to quote Mr. Pulling) 'an awful row,' principally because, being unnecessary, he does not hear it often enough to become accustomed to its sound or familiar with its peculiar beat.—

Man thinketh it sedition
Which he does not understand,
Until by repetition
It proveth truly grand.

Long ago I discovered that non-ringers, both musical and otherwise, cherish no such illusions or prejudices, and, when their unprompted opinions were sought, I found they would often surprisingly and readily prefer some 'odd-bell' to 'even-bell' ringing, especially when the tenor was rung 'behind' in the former and 'inside' in the latter. The greatest mistake of all, and I write with a fairly considerable, if enforced, experience of 'odd-bell' ringing, is when bands ring an odd number of bells which are not in the correct *diatonic* scale such as by depleting an ordinary ring of eight of the second, a bell which, incidentally, from a musical standpoint, is one of the most indispensable in an octave.

Some years ago I had the almost physically painful experience of taking part in a peal on each of two rings of eight, neither of which was in the correct diatonic or even chromatic scale and both of which sounded hideous. Because of their availability, accessibility, 'go,' etc., at that time many peals were rung on both these rings by various bands comprising well-known ringers, yet each of these exceedingly and miserably unmusical performances was recognised by the Central Council of the day without question.

If, as it would appear from the Basingstoke 'peal' debate, the Council assumes the task of deciding what is musical or unmusical in ringing and it pursues this matter logically, it has mountains of work (and difficulties) ahead! Several complete but out-of-tune rings will, no doubt, be banned for peal ringing purposes, in addition to Basingstoke, and I venture to suggest that there are also one or two frequently rung methods which should certainly not escape 'the axe'!

There is yet another serious and, to my mind, far more important aspect of this matter. I could quote several sets of circumstances which have obtained in certain towers from time to time, where had conductors been undiplomatic in the matter of leaving out 'the odd man' for a long length, there would have occurred serious disruption in bands, grievances amongst ringers and incumbents, loss of 'coming' ringers to the Exercise and in one eight-bell tower (where the 'odd man' was the local, 'stone' towerkeeper who could only cover) a company of six would speedily have found itself without a tower to ring in.

However rare, exceptional and isolated such instances are and however blissfully unaware of them the Council may be. I feel confident that its members, many of whom, so to speak, had their initial ringing 'brought to their own back doors,' have no desire to unduly handicap or impede the progress of such bands by unnecessary hard and fast rules.

To be constructive, I suggest that the Council ends all this inconsistency and periodical controversy by recognising all *true* peals on 5, 7, 9 and 11 bells even while (if it wishes) expressing strong disapproval of same.

If, as is unlikely, there is a resultant glut of such peals, the Council will then know that such ringing is popular with a section of the Exercise it serves, but if, as formerly, only a very occasional 'odd-bell' peal is rung, no harm will be caused and it will be justified in not troubling unduly about the matter anyhow. After all, the Central Council has plenty of other work to do (or it should have!).

T. R. BUTLER.

27, Lynwood Gardens, Orrell Park, Liverpool, 9.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH.—On July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. V. Chilcott (first quarter in method) 1. H. Langdon (conductor) 2. J. E. Chilcott 3. W. H. Hewett 4. J. H. Rumley 5. W. S. Langdon 6. R. F. Deal 7. H. R. Newton 8.

RECORDS OF OLD PEAL BOARDS

Sir,—In your editorial of July 5th, on the question of archives, you make the point that the search of the country for old records will only be accomplished by a process of decentralisation, with key men ready to co-operate in the area of each guild or association.

In their report to the Central Council at Norwich (see 'The Ringing World' for June 21st, 1946) the Peal Boards Committee of the Council asked for offers of help from people who were willing to be associated with the committee and their work, so far as particular areas of the country were concerned. The committee are charged with the work of compiling details of all peal records contained on tablets and boards in the church towers of the country and of dates up to 1825, but it is manifestly impossible for the members of the committee personally to visit every tower. We, therefore, depend upon ringers to help us with the preliminary collection of details.

We would like a district representative in the area of each of the territorial associations and we ask for volunteers for this work. We shall also be glad to receive details of old peal boards from any member of the Exercise who, while not able to spare the time to participate more fully in our work, can send us particulars from his own or neighbouring towers.

Details should be sent to the undersigned, and should include the type of board, its condition and the exact wording thereon. We shall be glad if association and district secretaries would mention this appeal at their next meetings.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON,

Convener of the Peal Boards Committee.

28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex.

SCHOOL BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Your entirely admirable paragraph in Belfry Gossip on the school broadcast of July 9th leaves little for the Literature and Broadcasting Committee to say. I do not know whether the other members of the committee had the opportunity of listening in, but for my own part I arranged for four quite little boys, who are learning to ring handbells, to come to my house in time for the broadcast, and the five of us listened to it with keen enjoyment. I thought it in every way perfect. The introduction of the two young boys was an especially felicitous feature, and Mr. Hughes is to be heartily congratulated on his part in the proceedings. It remains only to add that the representative of the B.B.C. responsible for arranging the broadcast did, in fact, act on advice given by a member of the committee.

F. L. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

JOINT MEETINGS

Sir,—It is, indeed, a very fine movement to hold joint ringing meetings between two associations. Ringers get to know each other and good fellowship is engendered.

There is, unfortunately, another side to the picture as soon as the rope end is reached. The 'internationals' get together, and except for an occasional thought the average standard ringer is compelled to look on for the major part of the ringing practice. Such meetings to the smaller fry are not very helpful.

At joint meetings one person should take complete control in the ringing room and see that every person present gets a fair share of ringing. When that is done some of these joint meetings will be far more helpful than they are at present.

R. NEWMAN, R.A.N.

132, Stroud Green Road, N.4.

LAUNCESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—As the individual who conducted the first peal on Launceston bells on October 9th, 1901, I was somewhat interested in the Rev. A. S. Roberts' letter in your last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the wording of which is not exactly correct. The fourth line should read, 'was organised by the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, Kelly House, Devon,' not 'the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.' This being the first of my many ringing tours in the West brings to mind many happy times spent on these tours. At other towers on this occasion we rang first peals on the bells (viz., Holesworthy and Stratton) and firsts of Major or a new method at the others.

It was on this occasion I saw Exeter Cathedral bells practically unringable, but during the following year they were completely restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the following October, 1902, I had the honour to conduct the first peal on them to the great delight of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, who remarked, 'I never expected to live to hear this.'

Very interesting reports were given in 'Bell News' of these tours by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (as he was then), page 298, October 19th, 1901, and 340, October 25th, 1902.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.

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LINCOLN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, at Heydour. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 26th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Willington (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 o'clock. Bring sandwiches. Cups of tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Iyme Regis (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—C. H. Lathey.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cruwys Morchard (6), Saturday, July 27th. Tea provided, but members must bring own food. Ringing commences 2.30.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Beenham (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Refreshments 5 p.m.—S. Davis.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (if possible) following.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery. —Quarterly meeting, North Perrott, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Light refreshments 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Bengeo (8), Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Service, 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.

NORWICH ASSN. — North Norfolk Branch. — Wymondham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Littleport (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Hambledon (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Cowden, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Service 4.30. No tea available. — T. Saunders, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Next meeting, Dagenham (8), Saturday, July 27th. From 3.30 p.m., with short break for cups of tea 5 p.m. From plain hunting upwards. No request will be refused. Just come along and ask. Everybody welcome. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting, Aug. 3rd. All Saints', City (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Business to follow.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Rainford, Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper, 3 p.m., Aug. 3rd. Unable to provide tea.—G. T. Jennings, Crawley.

DEVON GUILD. — Practice, Broadclyst, Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 3 p.m. Stedman and Major. Tea. — F. C. Smale.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Preston Capes (6), Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Please bring food. Cup of tea provided. — Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea at the Duke's Head 5 p.m. Owing to restricted room, numbers for tea must be sent to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Aug. 1st.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Whiston (8), on Monday, Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d.) must notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands Broom, Rotherham, by Aug. 1st.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

SALISBURY and WINCHESTER GUILDS. — East Tytherley, Hants, August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) from 11 a.m. Lockerley (6) after 2 p.m. Bring food and sugar. Cups of tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. — W. Theobald, G. Pullinger.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Coventry, Rugby and Nuneaton Districts. — Joint district monthly meeting, Monks Kirby, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. This meeting is in conjunction with the Ringers' Day at Monks Kirby. Will Coventry Guild members for tea please notify me by Aug. 3rd certain? — Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec., 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSN.—A General Committee meeting to be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Will members please keep this date clear? — Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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DEATH

COLES.—On July 19th, 1946, Beatrice May, dearly loved wife of S. G. Coles, of 3, Holly Terrace, Staple-grove, Taunton.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENTS INTEREST.**

Encouraging interest in new directions was reported at the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association at Caldicott on July 13th, attended by 20 members. The Vicar took the service which was followed by a sumptuous tea.

At the business meeting Mr. J. W. Jones gave a full report of the Central Council meeting at Norwich, for which he was heartily thanked. A long discussion took place on the question of instructors, several towers being mentioned as being in need of help. Mr. J. W. Jones volunteered to go to Marshfield if it could be arranged. It was learned with satisfaction that efforts were being made to get Chepstow bells ringing again, and three new members from that tower were elected.

The Merthyr Educational Settlements project to form a society to study the art of change ringing was discussed, and the ringers from Ebbw Vale reported having gone to two of their meetings.

The hon. secretary read a notice of motion to divide the association into districts. This was voted to lie on the table. It was proposed to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Ebbw Vale. The next meeting will be at Cowbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**MEETING AT LEIGH-ON-SEA.**

A meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea, on July 13th, and supported by 35 members and friends from Prittlewell, Brentwood, Leytonstone, Romford, Wanstead, Fobbing, Hornchurch, Springfield, Maldon and Newmarket. Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Stuart King), and collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. 3d.

Tea, kindly provided by the local company, was served in the Church Hall. Mr. C. Willis presided and was supported by the Master (Mr. J. Chalk). Five honorary members, including Messrs. C. Willis and S. D. Cotgrove, churchwardens of St. Clement's, and three ringing members were elected. Stanford-le-Hope was chosen as the next place of meeting on September 28th.

Mr. G. L. Joyce, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and local company, remarked that the thing which had struck him most was the enthusiasm and interest displayed by the clergy and churchwardens of St. Clement's in this gathering of ringers. Mr. Willis replied by hoping the day was not too distant when another meeting could be arranged at Leigh. Mr. F. Lufkin reported on the proposed installations and restorations of bells in the Southend district.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from call changes to Surprise Minor.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Representatives from the following towers attended the July meeting at Felkirk on the 14th inst.: Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darfield, Eastwood, Earlsheaton, Sandal, South Kirkby and the local company.

The bells were rung during the afternoon; tea was served in the old schoolroom, and at the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Barlow) presided. Thanks were given to the Vicar for his interest and the use of the bells. The next meeting will be held at Horbury on August 10th.

Ringing in a variety of methods followed.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**NEW TREBLE AT BROUGHTON ASTLEY.**

On July 13th, the Hinckley District held a district meeting at Broughton Astley, when over 50 ringers and friends attended from Burbage, Coventry, Croft, Desford, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Leicester (Cathedral and St. Margaret's), Lutterworth, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Rugby, Wigston (South and Magna), together with the local band. Methods rung under the supervision of Mr. A. Ballard, Ringing Master, ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, with rounds for the learners.

Tea was arranged by the ladies in the Social Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. H. Bird, district chairman, presided and spoke of the significance of the meeting owing to the recent re-tuning of the bells and the adding of a new treble augmenting the peal to six bells. He thanked all who had helped towards this achievement.

The Rector (the Rev. C. A. Turner), in a speech of welcome, supported the chairman's thanks for the help given towards the bells and dwelt upon the opportunities that ringers had for developing churchmanship.

Mr. Ernest Morris, vice-president of the Guild and member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee, spoke of the revelation that had taken place. Instead of the old wooden frame with heavy going bells, they were now hung in an iron frame for eight bells on steel girders. The new treble was a perfect splice and it was a job well done. They now had a fine peal of which all might be justly proud.

A welcome guest and an honorary member, Mr. N. L. Hewitt, in a witty speech, said he knew nothing about the practical side of ringing, but he was very pleased to know of the progress made by the local learners (three of whom were made members that day). When watching them ringing recently, however, he was much impressed by the number of times 'Bob' was shouted at and he was, therefore, afraid that Bob was not making such rapid progress as the others!

The meeting stood in silence as a last token of respect for the late Albert E. Clayfield, of Higham-on-the-Hill. On the proposition of Mr. C. H. Webb, a vote of thanks was carried to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the admirable arrangements for tea. A social evening followed.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.**

A very enjoyable district meeting was held at Liss on July 13th. Among those present were Canon E. A. Berrisford (district chairman) and the Rev. E. Curtis (St. Mary's, Portsea). Towers represented were Bramshott, Blackmoor, East Meon, Liss, Petersfield and Steep.

The Rev. H. N. Wrigley (Rector) conducted the Guild's service in St. Mary's Church, and tea and the business meeting followed. The Rector of Liss was elected an hon. member and five ringing members were elected from Petersfield. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for October 12th at Bramshott.

The bells of St. Mary's and those of the old Church of St. Peter were rung to various of the standard methods, and several young ringers had the opportunity of a 'first' plain course.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**BATH BRANCH AT SWAINSWICK.**

At the quarterly meeting held at Swainswick on July 13th, the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Brooksbanks, assisted by the branch chairman, Preb. Barnett, the lesson being read by the branch secretary, Mr. S. S. Woodburn. Tea was served by lady parishioners to 50 ringers and friends.

Preb. Barnett presided at the meeting, when thanks were expressed to the Rector, the choir and organist. The Rectory garden was visited, and Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on handbells on the lawn.

Visitors were present from Bristol, Clifton, Failand, Mangotsfield and Stoke Poldington. The ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

QUARTER PEALS

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe on July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Slingsby 1, F. Orris 2, A. Kedwell 3, W. Coe 4, J. Willis 5, T. Anderson (conductor) 6, T. Farley 7, C. Pidcock 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of the Rector, the Rev. D. V. Bickingham, who was buried on that day.

PORTSMOUTH.—On July 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, E. A. Jurd 3, J. H. Hunt 4, W. Tate 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Reginald Woodland 1, Bertram Rideout 2, Benjamin Rideout 3, William G. Damen (conductor) 4, George W. Dennis 5, Donald R. Harvey 6.

WALKDEN, LANCs. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Scott (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Potter 2, R. Collier 3, James Denner 4, J. Potter (conductor) 5, A. Burton 6, J. V. Cheetham 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung as a farewell to R. Scott, who joined the Army the following day.

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Hundreds of ringers have rung their bells in connection with visits of royalty. Civic welcomes on such occasions would be lacking of an integral component if the traditional greetings of the bells were not forthcoming. High in the tower or steeple, hidden from sight, are the ringers, taking their part in the festivities. Bells have their individuality and no two peals are alike; it is the bells that remain in the mind of the general public; never a thought is given to the individual at the rope end producing the music. And why should it not be so? Bells are not of one generation or another; their message rings out for centuries. This distant apartness from the individual seems to have been captured by the German poet Schiller in his 'Song of the Bell':—

As hourly calmly on she swings,
Fanned by the fleeting wings of Time,
No pulse, no heart, no feeling hers,
She lends the warning voice to Fate.

To transcend from the impersonal to the human took place at Chester recently when their Majesties, the King and the Queen, visited the Cathedral. There were, of course, the welcoming touches rung on the Cathedral bells with their 35 cwt. tenor. Chester Cathedral was included in their Majesties' itinerary where they were received by the Bishop and the Dean, members of the Chapter, and the cassocked choir. With that friendliness which makes all walks in Society feel at home in their company, the King and Queen had a chat with each section. Through the friendly foresight of the Dean of Chester, arrangements were made for the bellringers of the Cathedral to stand along the Royal route from the Cathedral to the Chapter House. A greater surprise, however, was in store for the ringers when their Majesties stopped and conversed with them. Those who captured the picture were two young lady ringers of the Cathedral band—Miss Hazel Close, aged 17, and Miss Norah Bibby. Of them the Queen asked a number of questions, and their Majesties both stated that they were unaware that there were lady ringers. The King's questions to Mr. P. Swindley were those that are frequently asked: How are bells fired? Is ringing difficult to learn and is it dangerous?

This Royal recognition was not only memorable to Chester, but to the whole Exercise. There have been times in the past when ringers, through the Central Council, have expressed their loyalty to the Crown. We

recall the last occasion at the Central Council meeting, Birmingham, when 'loyal felicitations on the victorious conclusion of hostilities in Europe' were sent by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president. In the past royal visits to foundries have figured in the news, but of a number of ringers we have consulted none can remember similar circumstances where the ringers have been singled out for such recognition by Church Authorities to meet their Majesties. It is not that ringers in any sense are held in less esteem than other walks of life, but because invariably when presentations are made they are busily engaged in their particular vocation. We congratulate Chester ringers on the honour that has been conferred upon them.

The relationship between the Dean and his Chapter with the ringers is no new topic. We believe in most of our Cathedrals the relationship generally is of the happiest. The most striking example is Leicester, where Mr. Harold J. Poole has the honour of being a lay member of the Chapter, and is thus enabled to bring to the notice of his colleagues on the Chapter matters concerning the bells. The point was made at the Oxford Diocesan Guild meeting of the importance of ringers having their own representative on each Parochial Church Council. In some towers there has been a reticence on the part of ringers to come forward and accept office. The importance of the closest co-operation cannot be too strongly impressed upon each Church tower. Unfortunately in many parishes ringers are just taken for granted!

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS 2	FRANK WEST 7
ARTHUR JONES 3	*ARTHUR NEWTON 8
RALPH COLES 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
PERCY NEWTON 5	EDWARD CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6011 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JILL POOLE Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
PETER STANFORTH 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
HARRY G. WAYNE 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
SIDNEY HARRISON 5	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.
First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 8
*GEOFFREY DODDS 4	JAMES BILLOCK 9
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON... 5	SQUIRE CROFT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	*JOHN S. MASON 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 6
*WALTER F. JUDGE 2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
*MARIE R. CROSS 3	*LEONARD TREVOR 8
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
JOHN S. MASON 5	*ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. P. BILLINGTON ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by L. TREVOR.

Rung half-muffled for Mr. Douglas H. Argyle, the local captain, who was interred the same day.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*GEOFFREY HOWELL ... Treble	JAMES FEARNLEY 5
ALAN A. POTTS 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 6
†BASIL JONES 3	J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Cheshire.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... Treble	CECIL NICE 5
ERNEST J. KING 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	*GEOGE W. HUGHES 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

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

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since being recast and rehung in 1936.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MALCOLM H. LAWRENCE <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. HUNT 5
ERNEST A. JURD 2	HAROLD A. NOBES 6
†PETER N. BOND 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... 7
JOHN S. WALTON 4	WILLIAM SCAIFE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. The first peal in the method on the bells for 25 years.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	*BRIAN D. PRICE 5
*ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	EDWARD BARKER 6
†FRED WIGMORE 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

SILDON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*SAMUEL BRYANT <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN A. BROWN 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2	*DENIS A. BAYLES 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	†KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	H. LESLIE PASK 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	HAROLD MARCON 7
†KENNETH W. MAYER 4	†JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 150th peal. † First peal in the method.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY PARKER 5
ERIC NOBLES 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
REGINALD HOUGHTON 3	MANSFIELD GINN 7
HERBERT FIELDS 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT MORLEY 5
JOHN BROWN 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*JAMES BARNES 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. GORDON CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY 2	*FRANK HOWE 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	FREDK. PAGE 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 4	†ALFRED HOBDEN Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
GEORGE W. JEFFS 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT... 3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 7
HARRY RICHARDSON 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal on eight bells, aged 13 years.

GRAYSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 2	GEORGE L. GROVER 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	*WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... <i>Treble</i>	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., July 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Plain Bob, one each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
†NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 2	*CYRIL WARD 5
†JACK F. HODSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At the Church of All Saints on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Robert Ellis (first quarter) 1, William D. Peart 2, J. Cooper 3, Ernest Parish 4, William A. Partidge 5, Albert Mills 6, Maurice G. Turner (conductor) 7, Walter Reynolds 8.



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**HORSELL, WOKING.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*A. KINGSTON *Treble* | D. SLEET 4
*H. KINGSTON 2 | *P. UNDERWOOD 5
*F. UNWIN 3 | *A. BOYLETT *Tenor*
Conducted by D. SLEET.

* First peal.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Macclesfield Branch.)**

*On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Sutton,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JOHN W. L. SLACK ... *Treble* | *MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
*ALAN A. POTTS 2 | JOHN WORTH 5
*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3 | *JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... *Tenor*
Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)**

*On Mon., July 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 720 each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.
*MISS MARY PEMBERTON *Treble* | CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 4
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 2 | *MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 5
*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT 3 | GEORGE GILBERT ... *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in six methods. First post-war peal of Minor by the St. Peter's Society.

**HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,**

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
MARY E. DAVIS *Treble* | ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 4
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2 | BRUCE B. ROGERS 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS *Tenor*
Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

**HOVE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., July 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 18, SECOND AVENUE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
ALBERT W. BOND 1-2 | R. GORDON CROSS 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4 | MRS. R. G. CROSS 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

**CAMBRIDGE
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Fri., July 19, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-One Minutes,
In Trinity College,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
*E. J. LINDLEY 1-2 | R. F. B. SPEED 3-4
S. E. DARMON 5-6
Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

* First handbell peal. Rung for the Sir Isaac Newton tercentenary celebrations.

**LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal away from the tenors. A birthday peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION
AND THEY ALL REPLIED FOR ASHBITTLE.**

One of the most pleasing features of the Taunton Deanery Branch meeting at Ashbittle on July 20th was that all towers had replied to invitations to attend, which, states the hon. secretary, simplified the arrangements. The meeting was most successful.

The Rector (the Rev. R. Bowman) extended a hearty welcome to all members and visitors, both at the service in the church and at the tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. About 50 attended and enjoyed ringing on the tower bells, and some took part in handbell ringing, which was much appreciated.

Visitors from the Devon Guild were especially welcomed, also some from the Dunster Deanery and Wrington, Somerset. Most of the local towers were represented. Norton Fitzwarren was selected for the next meeting on October 5th.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor, and rounds for the youngsters.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MEETING AT LINTON.**

A meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Linton on Saturday, July 20th. Members and friends were present from Bromham (Beds), Cambridge, Epsom, Exning, Harston, Linton, Newmarket, Sawston, Fulbourn and the Cambridge University Guild.

The service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Swan Perkins, was followed by an excellent meat tea at the Green Hill Cafe. Mr. R. F. Ingle of Cambridge, and Mr. J. B. Wrenbury, of Seaford, were elected members, and the belfry election on June 8th of Miss M. M. Lyon, of Leamington Spa, was ratified.

After tea the neighbouring tower of Balsham was visited. Various Doubles methods up to Stedman and Spliced were rung.

Next meeting at Sawston on August 17th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT GREAT HOLLAND.

Some 26 ringers were present at the Essex Association meeting at Great Holland on July 20th, representing the following towers: Shimpling, Clacton-on-Sea, Thorington, Great Holland, Mistley, Hatfield, Herts, Tendring, Kirby, Ardleigh, Colchester, Thorpe-le-Soken and Harwich. The peal of eight at Kirby-le-Soken was made good use of after tea, as also were the bells of Thorpe-le-Soken (6). A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Theobald).

Before the commencement of the business meeting members stood in silence in memory of Mr. F. L. Bumpstead and Mr. Timpson as an ex-hon. member. The Master had a very warm welcome to a distinguished visitor in the person of Mr. A. Lawrence, president of the Hertfordshire Association, and to a Mr. S. Davey, of Ardleigh, now demobbed from the Forces.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 12th. Members must on future occasions bring their own 'eats' with them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BORDEN.

There was a very good attendance—about 75 in all—representing most parts of the district, at the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Borden on July 20th.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address on the theme of team spirit, urging ringers to adopt this spirit not only in their ringing, but also in the workday world as we find it at the present time. Mr. Ted Allen (Frindsbury) played the organ.

Following tea routine matters were dealt with at the business meeting, including the election of three new members of the Frindsbury band, fixing Rochester for the place of the annual district meeting to be held in October and combined major practices on the last Saturdays of August and September at St. Margaret's, Rochester, and St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, respectively.

On returning to the tower ringing went on practically continuously until 8 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT HAMBLEDON.

A meeting was held at Hambledon on July 27th, attended by 46 ringers and friends from Alverstoke, Alton, Bishopstoke, Fareham, Hambledon, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Soberton, Titchfield, North Stoneham, and visitors from Chichester, Cheltenham and Shrewton, Wilts. Bells were available from 2.30 until 4.30, when ringers attended the service, conducted by the Rev. C. Wilson.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall. At the business meeting the Rev. C. Wilson presided, and a telegram was read from the Vicar of Hambledon wishing the meeting success. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Soberton on October 26th. Four new members were elected, two from Droxford and two from Hambledon.

Methods: Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, C. W. Philpotts 2, Miss E. Lendon 3, W. Thompsonett 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

BATH.—At the Church of St. Michael, on June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Prescott 1, T. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, J. M. Stallard 4, G. Hawkins 5, W. Hurford 6, S. Shellock (conductor) 7, T. Hayward 8.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merrett 1, T. King 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, S. Shellock 4, T. Hayward 5, G. Hawkins 6, R. Fry, jun. (conductor, first quarter of Triples) 7, K. Medway 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—At SS. Peter and Paul's on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Eldridge (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss B. Cowlin (first quarter) 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover 4, F. Smeaton 5, J. A. W. Downing (conductor) 6, D. Birkinshaw 7, S. Bailey 8.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Saturday, July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Cyril Hewson 1, Frank Taylor (conductor) 2, Edgar Squibb 3, Richard Ward 4, Percival Long 5, Arthur Drake 6, William Upton 7, Harry Flower 8. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Humphrey 1, G. Kyte 2, G. James 3, A. Purdom 4, J. Lyddiard 5, I. Emery 6, P. J. Spice (conductor) 7, E. Bishop (first quarter) 8. Wedding anniversary for ringer of treble.

GOSBERTON, LINCS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Plain Bob on July 21st: H. E. Brooks, sen. (first quarter) 1, W. Worthington (first quarter) 2, N. Hutcheson (first quarter) 3, Fred Payne 4, Frank Payne 5, H. Bennett (conductor) 6, Rung to commemorate the 71st birthday of treble ringer.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On July 7th, at the Church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. S. Childs 1, F. Corke 2, A. Twin 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, G. Mitchell 5, F. Blondell 6, P. Jones 7, J. W. Crabb 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, E. Easton 10.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On July 14th, on the occasion of the Lord Bishop's visit, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, H. W. Barrett 3, S. Goodswen 4, S. Copling 5, S. Fenn 6, G. Walpole 7, E. R. Goate (conductor) 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Brighton 1, G. Dawson 2, E. W. Furbank 3, E. J. Butler 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY.—New South Wales Association.—On July 29th, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), tenor 10 cwt.: Lyndon Kent 1, G. Williamson 2, W. Harry Short (first quarter inside) 3, William M. Rowe (conductor) 4, Bruce Dunbar (first quarter) 5, T. Howell 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—For the 850th patronal festival of St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Cross 1, Mrs. G. A. Naylor 2, F. G. Southgate 3, E. Naylor 4, F. J. Cheal (conductor) 5, G. A. Naylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. Hollands 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, L. W. Fisher 2, G. W. Massey 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, J. Parish 5, F. L. Harris 6, John Perkins 7, M. Ginn 8.—On July 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, G. Manser (first quarter of Major) 5, B. D. Price 6, F. L. Harris 7, M. Ginn 8.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's Church on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Potter 1, L. Page 2, F. E. Manns (conductor) 3, S. Macey 4, R. Turner 5, F. Yule 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On July 14th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. F. Dixon (first quarter in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, E. L. Miles 4, J. W. Chapman 5, C. Potheary 6, H. G. Andrews 7, S. Howard 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,344 Ashted Surprise Major: Marie R. Cross 1, Margaret C. Cossar 2, A. R. Pink 3, N. I. Allnatt 4, W. C. Porter 5, H. P. Burton 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, W. F. Judge (conductor) 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffin 2, B. Latham 3, F. Garland 4, G. Latham (conductor) 5, R. J. Thain 6.

WESTMINSTER.—On July 14th at St. Margaret's Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Nudds 1, Michael V. Chilcott 2, W. H. Hewett 3, John E. Chilcott 4, R. W. Stannard 5, Major D. Satow (first quarter-peal) 6, E. A. Reeves 7, C. J. Matthews 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, R. Sanders 10.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, L. H. Bowler 3, M. Hodgson (conductor) 4, H. Kilby 5, J. H. Botham 6.—Also on July 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. F. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, Pat Barton 4, M. Hodgson 5, H. Kilby 6, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 7, A. Cutler 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. E. Brooks, sen., of Gosberton, celebrated his 71st birthday
by ringing his first quarter. Happy birthday from us all!

Five firsts of Cambridge Minor at Macclesfield is the message of
Mr. John Worth.

Six firsts of Yorkshire Royal at Banbury and four firsts in six
Minor methods at Hitcham.—Good old Oxford.

Welcome to the ranks of conductors—Mr. E. E. Speake, of Blaken-
hall, Wolverhampton.

To be featured in our next issue is the analysis of peals rung during
1945. They totalled 1,304, of which 1,126 were on tower bells and 178
on handbells.

Our old friend Mr. Ernest Morris contributes to this issue another
instalment of 'Bells—uses and abuses,' which deals mainly with
Tudor days.

A half-page has been allocated this week to ringers' outings. This
by no means exhausts the sundry adventures in strange towers. The
serial will be continued.

Ringers will extend their congratulations to the Rev. J. P. Pelloe
upon his appointment as Vicar of Wisbech. A safe ringer and an
excellent striker, his anathema is the slovenly ringer.

More greetings from the New South Wales Association and another
quarter-peal from Parramatta, Sydney. Our congratulations to all
concerned.

The model branch—Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Associa-
tion. Every tower replied to the secretary's invitation to a meeting
at Ashbrittle.

Congratulations to Mr. D. Sleet, of Ottershaw, who shepherded five
ringers through their first peal of Grandsire Doubles at Horsell,
Woking.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. John's Church, Leicester, called
by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, was Mr. F. W. Parker's short course
composition No. 15 and is believed to have been rung for the first time.

The peal of Superlative at Harmston, Lincolnshire, on July 20th,
was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Raymond F. Smith, a mem-
ber of the Lincoln Cathedral company, and Miss Doreen M. Barr.
Two members of the company, Messrs. J. L. Millhouse and H. Marcon,
have now 'circled' Harmston tower.

Purely by coincidence the peal of Bob Royal at Isleworth last
Saturday was rung within two days of the tenth anniversary of the
only other peal of Bob Royal on the bells. It was the same composi-
tion as the previous peal, had the same conductor (Mr. T. H.
Taffender) and was rung for the same association. Mrs. Olive L.
Rogers rang in both peals.

TAILPIECE.—Just an August holiday task for detective readers.
Who hid the Cardinal's ring behind the belfry door and when he
repented what was his ultimate reward?

THEIR MAJESTIES MEET CHESTER RINGERS

KING'S INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

The visit of the King and Queen to Chester was a memorable occasion to members of the Cathedral band of ringers. Their Majesties visited the Cathedral, where the Queen commented on the 'warmness' of the stone-work of the buildings, and was impressed by the peace and quiet of St. Erasmus Chapel.

On the way to the Chapter House their Majesties conversed with a group of ringers who had been ringing welcoming touches. Among them were Miss Hazel Close, of Saltney, and Miss Norah Bibby, of Frodsham. Both the King and Queen confessed that they were unaware that there were lady bellringers. The Queen asked Miss Close a number of questions and evinced a keen interest in their ringing activities.

Miss Close, who is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. A. B. Close, manager of the Park Cinema, Saltney, comes from a family of ringers. Both are bellringers at the Cathedral, and Hazel has been ringing since she was 14. Recently she rang in a peal.

In honour of the visit a peal was rung at St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, on July 17th, details of which appear in this issue.

RINGERS' APPRECIATION.

In a letter to the Editor, Mr. P. Swindley writes: 'On Wednesday last, the King and Queen visited Chester, and through the great kindness of the Dean of Chester, the Cathedral ringers were presented to their Majesties. This, after ringing, came as a great surprise and honour to us as we had no idea that this was to take place. As you know, ringers as a rule are left completely out of the picture, but this time we had the honour not only of talking to their Majesties, but also of seeing the little private ceremony that took place in the Cathedral Chapter House. The King and Queen were very interested in the ringing and asked a number of questions. The firing of the bells seemed to please the King most. He wanted to know how we did this, was ringing difficult to learn and was it dangerous. It was very nice and should do ringers and ringing a lot of good. Is this the first time a band of ringers have been presented to their Majesties?'

LINCOLN RINGERS GO TO JAIL

MEMBERS OF CATHEDRAL AND ST. GILES' BANDS.

On Wednesday, July 24th, 1946, as the evening mists were thinking of creeping up from the marshes, Messrs. J. A. Freeman, Croft, Chambers, Marcon, Mayer, Millhouse and Walden were escorted through the forbidding entrance of Lincoln Jail.

Having been introduced to the Governor, they were ushered into the Prison Chapel, where Mr. Freeman opened his case for the defence of Change Ringing before an audience of some 200 residents.

He created a favourable impression by calling upon his partners in crime for a demonstration course of Grandsire Caters, which, when concluded, brought forth tumultuous applause!

Mr. Freeman then gave a talk on the mysteries and intricacies of the art of change ringing, and this was concluded by 352 Bob Major by J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 1-2, K. S. B. Ctoft 3-4, H. Marcon 5-6, K. W. Mayer 7-8, to the obvious delight of the audience.

At question time, the cast iron defence of the ringers was tested, somewhat to their surprise, over the weight of a famous bell, but the Governor, summing up, in a vote of thanks to Mr. Freeman and his colleagues, acquitted the party en bloc. This acquittal brought with it their immediate release, and so, after about an hour in custody, they were again on the right side of the gates, cigarettes alight, and well satisfied that their adventure had been a success.

Owing to the dearth of competent resident ringers, the report that Lincoln Prison is to have a campanile was categorically refuted at the Cathedral practice the following evening!

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE. ON THE MOOR.

A PEAL OF INSIDE SURPRISE MAJOR, in 3 HOURS.

R. UNNINE <i>Treble</i>	C. ORTOUT 5
*MISS T. AKE 2	IMA. LIFEER 6
MISS F. ORTUNE 3	O. L. D'LAG 7
I. M. SNAFFLED 4	A. R. D. LABOUR <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MISS F. ORTUNE.

* First offence. Rung to celebrate the return from civilian life of R. Unnine.

LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT LEEDS.

The first post-war meeting of the Northern District, Ladies' Guild, took place at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on July 20th. Some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before a short service, which was conducted by Canon C. C. Marshall.

Ringers and their friends were then entertained to tea by Miss L. K. Bowling. Votes of thanks were given to Canon C. C. Marshall, Miss Bowling and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

At the business meeting the statement of accounts showed a balance of £2 2s. 10d. It was the custom to send surplus money to the general fund, but it was decided to keep this sum in hand until subscriptions become regular again. Four new members were elected.

The next meeting is to be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet in September and the annual meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, in June.

THE REV. J. P. PELLOE

APPOINTED VICAR OF WISBECH.

The Rev. J. P. Pelloe, M.A., domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Ely, has been appointed Vicar of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, in succession to Canon H. K. Stallard, M.A. He expects to take up his new appointment towards the end of October.

Mr. Pelloe, who is the son of the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, retired, of Bournemouth, and formerly of Hershham and Chiddingfold in the Guildford Diocese, was educated at Charterhouse and Queen's College, Oxford, taking his B.A. degree in 1935 and his M.A. in 1942.

He was in business for 10 years before being ordained in Durham Cathedral in 1936. After three years, 1936-1939, as assistant curate at St. Columbia's, Sunderland, he held a similar office at St. Culbert's, Kensington, from 1939-1942, since when he has been domestic chaplain to the Bishop.

Last year Mr. Pelloe married Mrs. Kathleen Jeffery, widow of the late Mr. Richard Jeffery, of Fordham, who has two children of the first marriage.

Mr. Pelloe is an accomplished ringer and has taken part in a variety of peals up to Spliced Surprise. His early ringing was in the Guildford district and one of his first handbell lessons was at the point of Mr. A. H. Pulling's umbrella. The effectiveness of this implement as an aid to instruction has subsequently become very evident! Mr. Pelloe has called a few peals, among them Holt's Original.

His duties since his ordination have not left much time for ringing, but he has made good use of his limited opportunities and has rung peals in each of the districts in which he has worked. Organised ringing in the Ely Diocese has not been on a very firm basis of recent years and Mr. Pelloe has given enthusiastic support to the efforts which are being made to resuscitate the Diocesan Association.

Wisbech Parish Church has a good peal of ten bells with a 21½ cwt. tenor. They have been restored in recent years by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The local band will find their new Vicar a most useful addition to their strength.

OBITUARY

MR. D. H. ARGYLE.

We regret to record the sudden death on July 11th of Mr. Douglas Harold Argyle, captain of Nuneaton Parish Church belfry, at the early age of 49.

He was a well-known parish church worker, being a member of the Church Council and a sidesman as well as a bellringer. He was also a staunch supporter of the Coventry Diocesan Guild meetings and was their Central Council representative from 1936-1939.

An accomplished ringer and conductor, Mr. Argyle had rung peals in a variety of methods. He rang his hundredth peal three weeks prior to his death, Cambridge Major on June 20th. He began ringing at the age of 10 and rang his first peal at the age of 14 and his first as conductor at 15 with peals of Double Norwich and Superlative before his 16th birthday.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 15th, a service in church being conducted by the Vicar of Nuneaton (the Rev. F. S. Herbert, a vice-president of the Guild). The bearers were four fellow ringers, Messrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. Moreton and L. Trevor (Chilvers Cotou) and G. Stoneley (Nuneaton). Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, from the St. Nicholas' band of bellringers, Nuneaton, and from the ringers of All Saints' Church, Chilvers Cotou.

A peal of Bob Major was rung with half-muffled clappers on the bells of the Parish Church following the interment by fellow Guild members.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD.

A member of a noted ringing family, which did much pioneer work in introducing change ringing into Devonshire, died on July 22nd in the person of Mr. Edwin Shepherd. He was confined to his bed for three days and he passed away at the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Born on July 11th, 1862, he and his three brothers, Ferris, Frank and Alfred, did a vast amount of work for change ringing in Devonshire. Edwin survived his brother Ferris, who died at the age of 64. Thus ends the last link with a generation whose work will ever be remembered in the Guild's history.

Edwin Shepherd joined the Devon Guild in June, 1897, at the age of 17, and had been a member of the College Youths for 66 years.

MR. ARTHUR G. TAYLOR.

The death occurred on Thursday, July 18th, of Mr. Arthur G. Taylor, of Bedworth, Warwickshire, in his 69th year. He had been a ringer at All Saints' Parish Church for nearly 50 years. Although not a change ringer, he was an excellent tenor man and had been a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild since its foundation.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 22nd. In the evening, as a tribute of respect and esteem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church with the bells half-muffled by the following members of the Guild: G. Gardner 1, O. J. Hunt 2, J. H. W. White 3, H. G. Summers 4, F. W. Perrens 5, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 6, C. A. Aylett 7, R. Lydster 8.

EXTRACTS FROM THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

WEDDING RINGING

Sir,—Referring to the leading article in your issue of July 19th, after having had forty years' experience of Walthamstow ringing, I am in a position to state that neither the bells of St. Saviour's nor St. Mary's have been rung for the number of weddings you state during any afternoon. Seldom have either peal been rung for more than one wedding.

I shall be glad if you will publish this letter, to avoid disappointment to any ringers who may be anticipating joining our band, with a view to participating in the wealth they may think we are accumulating.

The bells of St. Mary's have recently been condemned as unsafe, so all ringing has been suspended until further notice. It is hoped that repairs will be put in hand during the next few months.—Yours truly, for the St. Mary Society of Change Ringers,

Walthamstow, E.17.

H. RUMENS, Deputy Master.

P.S.—It is some months now since either peal was rung for a wedding.—H.R.

P.P.S.—The bells of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, were rung for four weddings during a Saturday afternoon. This might possibly be a record.—H.R.

UNCONDUCTED STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out that the first peal of 'Unconducted Stedman' was rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on November 20th, 1886, by the St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, branch of the Midland Counties Association.

Charles Hy. Hattersley	... Treble
John Carter	... 2nd
Henry Bastable	... 3rd
Joseph Griffin	... 4th
Samuel Reeves	... 5th
William Wakley	... 6th
John Jagger	... 7th
Alfred Thomas	... Tenor

In the presence of the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, and Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, the latter marking off each course as it was rung.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. WAKLEY.

Paignton, Devon.

SUNDAY RINGERS

Sir,—Re a correspondent reminding us that it is 25 years since a peal was rung by a local company at Sible Hedingham, perhaps the correspondent had not seen the Essex Association annual report, 1931. A peal of Kent Treble Bob (5,088 changes) was rung by eight local Sunday service ringers all residing within a quarter-mile of the church.—Yours truly,

A. CATTERWELL.

Sible Hedingham, Essex.

WHITHER SHALL WE WANDER? SOME OF THE OUTINGS

NORTH STAFFS MEMBERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH

Organised by members of Bucknall tower of the North Staffordshire Association with members from Stoke and Porton, an interesting and enjoyable outing was spent by 40 ringers and friends on July 13th. A private coach took the main party, which was preceded by the Rev. G. E. Bottomley, who acted as pilot in his car via Derby to Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough.

Here Mr. J. P. Fidler and the works manager each took a party on an instructive tour through the works, where several halts were made to describe the casting and all the work to the final tuning and hanging of the bells, after which a ring on the foundry peal of ten and a halt for lunch was made.

Then on to a fine ring of eight at Quorn while the non-ringers had an hour's break, mostly spent in consuming ice-cream. A visit to the six-bell tower of Old Woodhouse, where one of the ringers celebrated visiting his fiftieth tower by breaking a rope. However, thanks to Mr. Fidler, this was soon repaired and a touch of 'Bucknall,' almost perfectly struck, followed, the bells being dropped in peal. Outside a quartet were trying hard to ring Grandsire Triples on handbells though overpowered by the noise of the tower bells.

Back in the coach and on to Woodhouse Faves for tea, after which ringing in methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise was indulged in. Here 79-year-old Mr. J. E. Wheeldon and his brother, Mr. W. Wheeldon, successfully climbed the vertical iron ladder, which younger ringers avowed was a 'bit difficult.' These two incidentally were members of the band who rang the first silent Surprise peal in seven Minor methods.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Fidler, who arranged the tower and refreshment facilities, and to Messrs. C. Rowen and R. Preston, who organised the trip, and then back to North Staffs with happy memories of a campanological red letter day.

EX-SERVICE GUILD WOULD MAKE CLIQUES

Dear Sir,—I feel that I am intruding in making comment on the idea of the formation of an Ex-Service Men's Guild, as apart from the Home Guard. I could not claim to be eligible for membership if such a Guild was formed.

I would, however, like to point out that the only and presumably prime condition of membership of the proposed Guild is in no way connected with the art of bellringing.

No doubt bellringers with another common interest, or who are members of some other body, derive great pleasure in meeting together for an occasional peal or outing, but to go beyond this, and form societies or guilds of an exclusive nature, with membership of the Central Council, would eventually reduce that body to a farce if carried too far.

The formation of non-territorial societies or guilds, with conditions of membership in no way connected with ringing, can only tend to split the Exercise into cliques, which are undesirable, and are quite contrary to the spirit of fellowship and brotherhood which generally exists among ringers.

J. E. BAILEY.

20, Swaisland Road, Dartford.

CHANGE RINGERS' MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Miss Josephine Demming in a recent letter asks how to obtain 'some change ringers' music, scales or changes.' If you purchase any or all of the Jasper Snowden series of books on change ringing advertised in 'The Ringing World' you will find all the changes you will require. Moreover, if they are properly perused they will give you a clear conception of that which you are seeking.

Music publishers will certainly know nothing of change ringing, as it does not conform to the usual notation of music or of tonic sol-fa at all.

The performance of change ringing is unsuitable in any other way than on peals of six, eight, ten or twelve bells, and so, therefore, if you have a carillon of 25 bells, your equipment is unsuitable for change ringing.

Again I would recommend, read 'Ropesight' and get a grasp on what you are doing.

JAMES E. BURLLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

OUR REAL DESIGNATION

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on the question of a title for a group of bellringers leads me to ask what is our real designation?

According to the caption on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' we are Church Bellringers, whilst at the head of the Editorial Notes on page 334 (July 19th issue) we are described as Church Bell Ringers. There is also the alternative title of Churchbell Ringers to be considered. Some of us might even go so far as to call ourselves Church Churchbellringers!—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

60, Bearford Drive, Glasgow, S.W.2.

ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL

The above Guild and friends held their annual outing (the first since 1939) on July 20th, comprising a half-day motor-coach trip to Westbury (Wilts), Shepton Mallet and Wrington (Somerset). The coach was ready to start at 1.30 p.m., but owing to a delay (caused by the clerics, who accompanied us), we were on our way at 1.45 p.m. Not too bad, eh!

After a very pleasant drive via Bath, Bradford-on-Avon and Trowbridge, Westbury was reached at 3 p.m., where the local ringers were awaiting us. Ringing (on the glorious eight) was the order of the Guild for one hour, whilst the non-ringers set off to seek tea and ice-cream, much to the envy of the ringers, who had to go dry until reaching Shepton Mallet. There we were met by Miss Norman (a member of the local band), and further ringing was indulged in, after which the much wanted tea (kindly arranged by Miss Norman) was enjoyed.

At 6.50 p.m. we said good-bye to Shepton Mallet, en route for Wrington (via the well-known Cheddar Valley and Wells), where we arrived according to plan at 8 p.m., to be welcomed by Major J. H. B. Hesse, who, we are pleased to say, is recovering from his illness. We proceeded to the tower (a really fine example of Somerset's Perpendicular style, containing a most lovely peal of ten), where Mr. Herbert Knight had everything ready, and further touches were enjoyed until 9 p.m., when the party retired to the well-known Golden Lion to enjoy a really fine supper. We were delighted to have as our guests at supper Major Hesse and Mr. and Mrs. Knight. After the usual speech-making, a move was made on the last stage of our journey (home) at 10.15 p.m., which was reached and everybody safely housed by 11 p.m. We would like to thank the incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation, which was greatly appreciated.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES

ST. JAMES' DAY RINGING REJOICINGS AT ACCESSION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH
ALL NIGHT RINGING

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 251.)

Entries are frequently found in churchwardens' accounts from 1588 to 1624 for ringing on St. James' Day, but these peals had no reference to the Saint. For some years they were rung as part of the rejoicings and in thankfulness for the destruction of the Spanish Armada. Afterwards they were rung in honour of King James, who was crowned that day. At Bishop's Stortford is shown:—'1588.

Pd for ringing upon S. James daye in rejoysing of Victory . . . xvs.

Pd for ringing upon the connacion daye in rejoysing of the Queen's prosperous Raigne in meate and drinck . . . xjs. viijd.

Pd. for Ringing the tewsdaye after and for jli candell in rejoysing of our delyverance from the Spaynyardes . . . viij xd.'

At Rotherham and elsewhere:—

'1611 Item for ringing on St. James' day 0. 5s. 4d.'

The accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne on November 17th, 1558, was hailed with almost thankfulness, and the joy of the people found expression, as usual, in many peals on church bells. Chester has two significant entries:—

'1558-9 Paid to the Bellman for proclayming the obsequies of Queen Mary 12th Decr. . . . ijd.

Paid at the Proclamation of our Lady the Queen Elizabeth in gratulation on the happy augury of her prosperous reign, and for potations thereupon . . . xijs. ijd.'

Many parishes have entries similar to the following from St. Martin, Leicester:—

'1558-9 Pd for ale to the Ryngers when the queenes grace was p'claymd . . . viijd.'

On the anniversary of the accession the bells were constantly rung. In 1573-4 at Ludlow the churchwardens charged:—

'Item paid (Thomas Higges) for ringinge the XVIIth daie of November, being the firste daye of the queenes Majesties raigne . . . vjd.'

The 17th November being St. Hugh's Day, that day, in accordance with ancient custom, was frequently quoted as a date, instead of the day of the month. Thus the churchwardens of Bishop Stortford, Herts., charge:—

'1575 Pd for bred, drinck, and cheese for Ringing of St. Hewes daye in rejoysing of the queenes prosperous Range . . . ijs. viijd.'

This ringing was increased for years subsequently:—

'1579 Pd to the Ringers the same daye beinge St. Hewes day xjs. whereof we gathered xjs. iijd. and so we laied out more than we gathered . . . iiijs. ixd.'

The ringing apparently kept pace with the Queen's popularity, so the churchwardens at Market Deeping charge:—

'1588 Pd for bread and drinke of St. Hughes daye and the two dayes followynge . . . xvjd.'

There are many entries relating to this day in the books of the churchwardens at Leverton, Lincs. In later years

the ringers were regaled with 'bread, drinck and cheeze' and for the 'drinck' a strike of 'Mawlt' was brewed. Thus the charge for 1602 was:—

'It' pd for a strick mawlt for the Ringers against St. Hughe day . . . ijs. iiijd.

It' pd for thre pecke of wheat and one of rye then and grindinge them . . . ijs. viijd.

It' for thre stone of Beif and white bread that day expended . . . vjs.

It' pd for greise and candle then . . . vijd.'

The ringing went on at night as well as day, as is shown by the purchase of candles. Thus also at St. John Baptist, Stamford, they expended:—

'1595-6 Itm gyven to ye Ringers on Sanct hewyghes day . . . xiijd.

Itm for candle on St. hewyhe night . . . ijd.

The four parishes of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in common with others, commemorated Queen Elizabeth's accession yearly on November 17th. In 1593 we read in the municipal accounts of half a crown being 'paide to the Clarke of Sainte Nicholas Church for ringing their bells for ioie of our Majesties reign.' All Hallows paid 1s. 8d.; St. John's and St. Andrew's each 1s. 4d. This day seems to have been first publicly celebrated about the year 1570, and became known as the Queen's Day. It is so called in the parish book of All Saints, Stamford:—

'1591 Ap. 5. It is accorded that hereafter for the ringers on the Queene's daye the allowance shall be but vs.'

And the churchwardens at Market Deeping charge:—

'1592. Itm for nine men to ringe on ye Queene's daye ivs. vjd.

1593. Itm for bread and ale griese and candle on ye Queene's daye ijs. viijd.'

The celebration of the day was long kept in many places by lighting of bonfires as well as ringing of bells. The ringers at Bowder Magna, Leicester, still receive one shilling annually left them by Richard Kestin, under his will, August 7th, 1674: 'for their pains in ringing on the 17th of November for ever, in thankful remembrance of restoring the Gospels and removing Popish Idolatory, and bringing in Queen Elizabeth.' The 17th November is—or was until recently—kept as a holiday at the Exchequer and at Westminster and Merchant Taylors' Schools.

The martyrdom of King Charles the First was, until recent years, commemorated at Newcastle-on-Tyne by ringing a muffled peal on the anniversary of his execution (30th January, 1648-9). Brand, in 'Popular Antiquities,' suggests that this unusual custom may be accounted for by the singular loyalty of the King's town of Newcastle. An extract from the churchwardens' accounts at Colne for 1710 states:—'Paid for ringing on ye martyrdom of King Charles 1s.'

There was formerly much ringing on the Vigil of All Saints, the bells being kept going all through the night. Entries are frequently found in church accounts for repairs to the bells and their fittings preparatory to so

much use. In Nichols' churchwardens' accounts (p. 154) parish of Heybridge, near Maldon, Essex, 1517, are the following items:—

Imprimis, payed for frankyncense agense Hallowmasse . . . 1d.

Item. payed to Andrew Elyott of Maldon for newe mending of the third bell Knappell agenste Hallowmass . . . 1s. 8d.

Item payed to John Gidney of Maldon for a new bell rope agenste Hallowmasse . . . 8d.

At Leverton, Lincs., we see:—

'1524 Itm payd to Wylla' Josson Carpenter for helpyng of ye bellfray agayns halomese . . . vd.

1526 Pd. to Rodlay ye Wryght for me'dyng of ye bells agayns halomes . . . iiijd.'

At Bishop Stortford a similar payment, thus:—

'1546 Itm to Roger Trenham for makying of a bell wheele agenst All haluntyde . . . iiijjs.

(To be continued)

SUFFOLK GUILD

UNDERGRADUATES AT NEWMARKET.

A meeting of the Mildenhall and District branch of the Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on July 13th. Members from the surrounding district, together with a company of undergraduates from Cambridge University, joined the local bands and rang touches of various methods in the towers of All Saints' and St. Mary's Churches.

The Rev. R. S. Wingfield Digby conducted a short service at All Saints' Church. At a meeting which followed it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Brandon in September.

GRUNDISBURGH RESTORATION SCHEME.

A general meeting was held at Grundisburgh on July 6th, when the bells were rung from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

At the business meeting the general secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe) spoke on the proposed restoration of the tower and bells and said £1,000 was required from this not too well off parish, which was also in the middle of raising £500 for the Bishop's Million Shillings Fund and £500 for a new church heating apparatus. He appealed to ringers to support the Grundisburgh effort and asked for £25 from the Guild funds towards this purpose.

The proposal was discussed, and it was decided that a Bell Restoration Fund be opened with the £40 War Bonds held to the Guild's credit. This proposal would again be placed before a general meeting later in the year, probably at Stowmarket, when members would have the opportunity of voting for or against the scheme.

In thanking members for their support, Mr. Pipe said they must bear in mind that they, the ringers themselves, would benefit chiefly if Grundisburgh bells were recast, retuned or rebung or made into a ten bell peal. The parish was central and easy to get to, and could be a real ringers' Paradise. He assured the meeting that only a first-class job would be considered, and looked to the day when Grundisburgh would have one of the most musical peals in the county.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An evening meeting of the South and West District was held at Heston on Thursday, July 18th, and though the very wet weather restricted the attendance somewhat it was a quite a success.

About 20 members and friends attended from Ealing (Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Hainpsstead, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Hounslow, Isleworth, Putney, Twickenham and Willesden. Some good ringing was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, also Oxford Bob Triples and a non-conducted touch of Stedman Triples. There were also plenty of rounds for learners.

On the proposition of Mr. H. C. Chandler, seconded by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Miss Nora Curtis, of Heston, was elected a ringing member. The best thanks of the association were accorded to Mr. H. C. Chandler and the local company for the arrangements made, and to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Craggs, who greeted members as the meeting closed.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark 1, F. Benfield 2, J. Dunkley 3, H. Parker 4, G. Parker 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

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KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Cowden, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Service 4.30. No tea available. — T. Saunders, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper, 3 p.m., Aug. 3rd. Unable to provide tea.—G. T. Jennings, Crawley.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea at the Duke's Head 5 p.m. —A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Whiston (8), on Monday, Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d.) must notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands Broom, Rotherham.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

SALISBURY and WINCHESTER GUILDS.—East Tytherley, Hants, August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) from 11 a.m. Lockerley (6) after 2 p.m. Bring food and sugar. Cups of tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. — W. Theobald, G. Pullinger.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry, Rugby and Nuneaton Districts. — Joint district monthly meeting, Monks Kirby, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. This meeting is in conjunction with the Ringers' Day at Monks Kirby. Will Coventry Guild members for tea please notify me by Aug. 3rd certain? — Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec., 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Hamerton Vicarage 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Horbury, near Wakefield, Aug. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Aug. 7th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Shepton Mallet bells (8) 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Northill and Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Old Warden at 6 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Bottesford (8), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and business, Rutland Cafe, 5 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, by Aug. 7th.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Cups of tea only.—H. Denman.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Summer meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 4.45 p.m. Take own food. Bus leaves Burton (New Street) 1.5 p.m. and Lichfield 2.5 p.m. Names for a special bus from Burton at 3 p.m. to be sent at once to J. H. Brittan, 81, Blackpool Street, Burton-on-Trent, or to the undersigned, J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST DERBY and NOTTS AND DERBY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS (Derby District). — Joint meeting. Crich, Aug. 10th. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Blackburn Branch. — Clitheroe, Aug. 10th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting, Rochdale Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Nominations for branch president to secretary.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Turners Hill (8), Aug. 10th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Waltham, St. Lawrence, on Saturday, Aug. 10th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

MONKS KIRBY.—Ringers' Social, Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea only provided. Bring own food.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. —A. B. Peck.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 3.30. Service 5, tea following. Names by Aug. 7th to Mr. W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, Herts. — W. C. Hughes, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Twineham (5) on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. G. Packham, 2, Council Cottages, Twineham, by 7th inst.—E. L. Harris, Hon. Div. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke Branch), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). —A joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5.15. All who require tea notify C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot, by Tuesday, 13th.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. No. 342 bus from Potters Bar Garage.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Ringing meeting at Lowestoft (8) on Saturday, Aug. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Make own arrangement for tea. — J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The usual monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will not be held during August.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Preliminary Notice.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Details later. Please send names for tea as early as possible to Mr. O. G. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket, in order to facilitate catering arrangements. —Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

Only four branch members, representing Shroton and Stoke Wake, and a visitor from Lytchett Matravers attended a five-bell practice meeting held at Pimperne on July 27th. Ringing eventually commenced at 3.40, followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rector, and tea at the Anvil Tea Rooms. The bells were rung again after tea till 6.20, when the party adjourned to Spetisbury, where ringing continued till 8.30. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT MORPETH.

One of the most successful meetings of the Northern District in recent years was held at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on July 20th, when over 30 ringers attended from Fenham, Newcastle Cathedral, Benwell, Whitley Bay, Cramlington, Whickham, Benfieldside, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street and the local tower. The gathering was graced by the presence of the president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland.

Although the bells of this secular tower have little to recommend them and some trouble was caused by the tenor rope casting the wheel (until Mr. James Gofton made himself its master), several fair touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung. An interesting feature was the ringing of the curfew at 8 p.m., when a pause in the meeting was made to allow this historical event to have its traditional place.

A business meeting was held following the tea, with Mr. K. Arthur, vice-president, in the chair. A welcome was extended to the president, who, in reply, thanked the Mayor and Town Council for the use of the bells, but expressed his opinion that the ancient borough of Morpeth deserved a finer peal and recommended that a bell founder be brought in to give advice. Mr. Michael Anderson thanked Miss Armstrong and the local members for all the arrangements that had been made.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in conjunction with the Western District at Hexham Abbey on August 17th. One new member, Mr. J. E. Plane, late of Northampton, was elected. An apology for absence was received from Mr. W. E. Robinson, the district secretary, who was prevented from attending through pressure of work.

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THE ANALYSIS

How vainly men themselves amaze
To win the palm, the oak or bays.

—Andrew Marvell.

This week we publish the analysis of peals rung in 1945, and for those in a contemplative frame of mind these columns of figures can be translated into a tangible story. It is an indication of prowess and accomplishment on the pastime side of the Exercise and proves that the intervention of war has in no sense lessened the fascination of peal ringing. While it cannot be said that 1945 was a normal year, for ringing activities were hampered in the early months by the nation's war effort and the absence of the younger ringers, yet an examination of the table proves conclusively that in no sense could the art of change ringing be regarded as on the decline.

It would be unfair to make a comparison with 1944 when many ringers purposely refrained from peal ringing. As a point of interest, peals rung in the two years showed an increase of over 50 per cent. The relative figures were 1,304 (178 in hand) in 1945 and 619 (155 in hand) in 1944. Two special occasions for ringing made the year memorable; these were the general rejoicings at the termination of hostilities in Europe and Japan, and no peals were more welcomed by the public with a greater thankfulness of heart. The 1,126 tower peals were divided as follows:—12 bells 33, ten bells 109, eight bells 691, six and five bells 293.

Another noteworthy comment was the relatively high number of peals on ten and twelve bells. Eleven associations had twelve bell peals to their credit. In the forefront of these was the St. Martin's Guild with two of Maximus and ten of Cinques, and their distinction was appropriate with the visit of the Central Council to Birmingham. Ten-bell ringing was more widespread and 28 associations recorded this class of peal, with the Oxford Diocesan Guild making a prominent showing with 15 peals.

Surprise ringing took a big step forward, and while there were no new methods introduced into the table, the inference can be safely drawn that the number of Surprise ringers has advanced. Cambridge held the leading place among Surprise methods with 57 major peals apart from 15 with more than eight bells. Superlative was brought round successfully on 35 occasions and Yorkshire proved to be more popular than London with

18 peals against 13. Guilds with meritorious records of Surprise ringing were Yorkshire, Midland Counties and Oxford Diocesan.

Adherents to Double Norwich form a considerable section of the Major ringing. With 94 peals of Double Norwich against 129 Plain Bob leads one to suggest that the Exercise has a very vigorous middle section of ringers. Is Plain Bob going into disfavour? Kent, Oxford and Norwich Associations had each of them more than 10 peals of Double Norwich to their credit. In regard to Triples ringing, this music makes a strong appeal to the Guildford and Lancashire Guilds, and practically none to Yorkshire, the champion county for tower bell peals.

Pride of position among the associations was held by Midland Counties with 93 peals (12 in hand), followed by Yorkshire 90 (1), Kent 88 (4), Oxford Diocesan 86 (1), Middlesex 71 (39), Essex 67 (14), Lancashire 65 (nil), St. Martin's 53 (5), Chester 52 (5), Guildford 52 (nil). The last analysis gave the order of associations very differently. The leaders were Middlesex with 84 (74 in hand), Midland Counties 72 (14), Oxford Diocesan 45 (1), Yorkshire 39 (4), Lancashire 31 (2), Worcester and District 28, Kent 26 (7). Middlesex still hold the palm regarding handbell ringing with 39 peals, followed by Oxford University with 24, Essex 14, Winchester and Portsmouth 13, Hertford and Midland Counties 12 each. Probably the outstanding peal of the year goes to the credit of Oxford University Society with 21 spliced major methods in hand, which was rung in January, 1945.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 3	REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE 9
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
LEONARD TUFFREY 6	JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON... .. 6
ARTHUR BOTTERILL 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 8
HAROLD SMITH 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 6
ARTHUR BOTTERILL 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW... 3	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 8
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JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
JAMES A. MILNER 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS Treble	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	†WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
*GEOFFREY DODDS 3	†HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 8
*HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 4	†STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL 9
*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 5	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. Fiftieth peal for ringer of treble.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

*JOHN KNIGHT Treble	ARTHUR DAY 6
THOMAS A. BLOW 2	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7
*LESLIE HANSELL 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... 8
DONALD C. PRICE 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 9
ALAN WHITE 5	*REGINALD F. EWER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*G. CHURCH Treble	*F. HOWE 5
*M. THOMAS 2	*R. CHALLEN 6
*H. GEARING 3	H. STALHAM 7
F. PAGE 4	*F. COX Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.
* First peal.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	FRANK VARTY 7
†ERIC J. GILBERT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* 250th peal. † First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON Treble	*HUBERT SUMMERS 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 7
*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH 4	JAMES F. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
* First peal in the method.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

LESLIE A. TREMEER ... Treble	FREDK. W. BURNETT 5
MRS. P. LEWINGTON 2	JOHN H. HUNT 6
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*M. R. D. HARFORD ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
CHARLES W. COOK 2	STANLEY E. DARMON 6
*JOHN F. MOOR 3	ERNEST G. HIBBENS 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 4	HARRY L. MARTIN Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by S. E. DARMON.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4	JOHN E. TURLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. E. CAWSEY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	FREDERICK STAGER 6
GEORGE ROBINSON 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	ALFRED SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* 100th peal. First peal of Superlative on the bells. Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbard.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRID 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	STANLEY FENN 6
GODFREY WALPOLE 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
ARTHUR W. BIRD 4	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.
Arranged and rung for the wedding of the daughter of Mr. A. Crowe, the Master of the local company.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	*ALAN E. BROWN 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY 6
MAURICE SMITHER 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
GEORGE L. GROVER 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*MISS S. M. WICKENS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK PAGE 2	FRANK HOWE 6
*PETER R. BLACKMAN 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	†ERNEST F. PACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WM. H. B. WILKINS... Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... .. 6
*GEORGE H. SPICE 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE 7
BETTY SPICE 4	JOHN E. SPICE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY J. MILLATT 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOTHAM Treble	REGINALD C. KEARSEY 5
ERNEST H. KILBY 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
RUSSELL G. SPEARS 4	*LEONARD H. BOWLER... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by L. H. BOWLER.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner and Miss Winifred Walker, whose marriage took place that day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.
*MISS BETTY MORTON ... Treble | THOMAS WILKINSON ... 4
*ERIC HORNEY ... 2 | A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 5
*DAVID GODFREY ... 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Bob Minor. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 each of Oxford Bob and Stedman, 720 each of St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

*THOMAS W. BOND ... Treble | *CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 3
*HARRY P. FLOYD ... 2 | REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG 4
*ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*BARBARA CLEVELAND ... Treble | LAWRENCE HITCHINS ... 4
MRS. F. PENN ... 2 | FRANK PENN ... 5
PERCIVAL HARDING ... 3 | FRED SLATFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED SLATFORD.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Two Hours,
AT 35, WOODSTOCK ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, London, Double Oxford, Herward, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in D flat.

* First attempt for a handbell peal, first peal of Minor and first in more than one method.

*H. P. RAYNOR (St. John's) 1-2 | BETTY SPICE (Somerville) ... 3-4
J. E. SPICE (New College) 5-6
Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

KALYAN, INDIA.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT NO. 4, MEIKILA CAMP,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Stedman, 4 of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor size 17 in A.

*REV. A. F. SARGENT, C.F. 1-2 | CAPT. W. F. MORETON ... 3-4
*CAPT. JOHN F. BANKS ... 5-6
Conducted by W. E. MORETON.

* First peal of Doubles and in three methods.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 83, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RALPH BIRD ... 1-2 | RONALD SUCKLING ... 5-6
THOMAS BIRD ... 3-4 | REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 20, SWAISLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15.
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2 | ALAN G. HALL ... 5-6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 3-4 | JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

OBITUARY

MR. A. E. COLES

The death took place on Friday, July 19th, of Mr. A. E. Coles, of The Gables, Bridgwater, Somerset, in his 83rd year.

Mr. Coles' interest in change ringing was lifelong. He became a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association soon after its foundation in 1890, and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in the early years of this century. He was for 14 years hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and on his retirement from this office was made an honorary life member.

He rang the bells of more than 400 church towers throughout the country. In 1937, when the bells of Goathurst Church were repaired and rehung, he instructed a band of young ringers there, and as late as the autumn of 1945 was still taking an active interest in their progress.

On Monday, July 22nd, the evening before his funeral, a band of ringers from Bridgwater and neighbourhood rang the bells of St. Mary's half-muffled, in tribute to a man who had all his life loved the sound of bells, 'the music highest bordering upon heaven,' and delighted in the science of change ringing.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD

A MEMOIR.

The passing of Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter, at the age of 84, brings to an end the last stage of work undertaken by the four brothers Shepherd some 70 years ago.

These brothers—Francis, Alfred, Ferris and Edwin—were not content with call-change ringing in Devon and their aim was to cultivate method ringing in the county, a very difficult and uphill task to undertake. The Devon Guild was established on March 21st, 1874, and it was the first of its kind to be formed, but to establish method ringing in the towers was a problem which only a few could face. Most bands contented themselves with rounds and call-changes, and would not only set their faces against half-pull, but also adopted opposition tactics of all kinds. For years they were up against difficulties and handicaps, and though some of the few enthusiastic ringers became discouraged the four brothers carried on steadily.

Edwin was the youngest of the four and was born on July 11th, 1862. He joined the Devon Guild on June 6th, 1879, and the following year he rang his first peal and also joined the College Youths. The two youngest, Ferris and Edwin, were not content to remain in Exeter for the struggle, they bearded the non-method bands in their own towers, and slowly but surely came the growth of method ringing in the Devon Guild. Instruction in town and village was undertaken, advice was given regarding augmentation, rehanging, tuning and other matters, and it would take many columns to record the splendid work of these two well-known brothers.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd was a fine leader and conductor and he called the first peal on Exeter Cathedral bells by Devonshire men. His peals number 120, and of these he rang 116 of them for his County Guild. This is not a great number compared with other ringers, but it must be remembered that peals in a county like Devonshire were for many years a rare luxury.

Sixty-seven years' membership of the Devon Guild, 66 years a College Youth, churchwarden under four rectors, he was given the title of Churchwarden Emeritus in April last, the first time such an honour has been conferred in the Diocese of Exeter. For 40 years he was a member of the Peoffees. In 1942 St. Sidwell's Church was ruined by bombs, and nine of the famous peal of ten are now at Loughborough, while the 24 cwt. tenor is still awaiting rescue from the ruins. Mr. Shepherd had not been idle regarding restoration, and the bells will be restored when conditions become more favourable. He lived to see the fund reach £213 without any special appeal being made.

Mr. Shepherd was a retired master builder. A vice-president of the Devon Guild, he was also for many years chairman of the Exeter District. The Central Council knew him as a representative of his County Guild, and when the history, growth and cultivating of method ringing comes to be written for the West of England, two names must surely be outstanding, Ferris and Edwin Shepherd. W.S.

MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN

Ringers from a wide area will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Joseph Waghorn on July 21st at 7, Westcliff Gardens, Westbrook, Margate, at the age of 77 years.

A London ringer with associations at Tottenham, Mr. Waghorn came to Margate about 11 years ago and was a keen member of the band of St. John the Baptist. He proved to be a good friend and tutor to the local company, and it was mainly through his enthusiasm and hard work that the company rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1936. This was the first peal that had been rung in the church tower for 35 years. A second peal, Oxford Bob Triples, was rung in 1938. The deepest sympathy of his fellow ringers is extended to the widow in her bereavement.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, L. P. Cook 3, E. A. Jurd 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 3, Miss M. Goodship 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Levett 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung in honour of granddaughter to the conductor.

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Rogers 1, S. C. Driver 2, A. V. Good 3, J. Downing 4, W. C. Hughes 5, S. G. Smith 6, F. H. Hicks 7, L. Trevor (conductor) 8.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On July 28th at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, F. Leggett 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, H. Harper 5, S. Jessop 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, J. Petch 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bishop (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, G. E. Plater 3, R. Oakshett 4, G. James 5, A. Purdom 6, J. E. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, C. Cullen 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On July 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: O. Bowen 1, F. W. Grocott, sen. 2, R. V. Preston 3, P. Jeffries (first quarter) 4, W. Fradley 5, F. Grocott, jun. (conductor and first quarter) 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. Soden 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. S. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, B. Cook 6, W. J. Dixon (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Latham 1, E. Trueman 2, S. Wiltshire 3, B. Latham 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. O. Witts (conductor) 6, R. J. Thain 7, R. Sharpe 8.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary on July 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Suckling 1, D. N. Jennings 2, D. C. Jennings 3, W. Goldstone 4, W. Piper 5, F. Roper 6, G. Piper 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ainger 1, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 2, A. Hall's 3, Percy Green 4, Harry Carter 5, Harry Bradley 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Frank Payne 8.

HEREFORD.—On July 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Stickle 1, W. H. Symonds 2, G. Davis 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. W. Humphries 5, C. Craithwaite (conductor) 6, G. T. Cousins 7, A. W. Davis 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second on his 81st birthday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' on July 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. R. Squires 2, R. Biggs 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, A. Newton 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, R. Coles 7, E. Croxford 8, 10.

LEYTONSTONE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on July 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Prior 1, F. W. Housden 2, A. W. Brighton 3, Mrs. F. W. Housden 4, R. W. Stannard 5, E. W. Furbank 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (conductor) 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On July 21st, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Madeley 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. H. Tyler 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, H. Baker (first of Kent inside) 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, A. M. Hickman 8.

OXFORD.—On July 28th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Bennett 1, H. Miles 2, J. Higgins (conductor) 3, W. Collett 4, R. Chaundy 5, R. Higgins 6, K. Walker 7, W. Allen 8. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving shortly for Banbury.

OVER, CAMBS.—On July 7th at St. Mary's, 1,340 Bob Major: J. Parish 1, W. Bavin 2, F. Nicholls 3, D. Adams 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, M. Ginn 6, G. L. Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Turner 1, Philip Sadler 2, Donald Coombs 3, F. W. Richardson 4, Richard Dixon 5, Roy Brown 6, John Fowler (conductor) 7, Frank B. Lufkin 8.—On July 21st, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Peter King 1, Philip Sadler 2, William Perry 3, Roy Brown 4, Thomas Loxton 5, Frederick Souter 6, John Fowler 7, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) 8.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On July 26th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Swindley (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, J. S. Webb 3, J. W. Best (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. Swindley 5, J. E. Bibby 6, E. F. Bennett 7, J. W. Griffiths 8.

SOUTH CROYDON.—On July 28th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Vowles (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss V. F. Potter 2, Miss E. M. George 3, J. H. Hayward 4, P. M. Gray 5, W. J. Perrott 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, W. G. Brownett 8.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: T. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, E. R. Rapley (conductor) 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, C. H. Wood 6. After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—For the children's festival on July 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: Charles Moore 1, Thomas C. Francis 2, Robert J. Fisher 3, George T. Peggall 4, Thomas E. Spight 5, Philip J. Fryer 6, Russell Curson 7, Henry Tooke (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Graysbott peal, reported in our last issue, was rung for the
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Two first centuries of peals this week: Mr. W. Norman Park and
Mr. John J. L. Gilbert. Both peals were Surprise.

They have been studying Kent Treble Bob at North Bradley, Wilts.
The whole company rang their first in the method on July 27th.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Chiddingfold on July 27th was the
500th for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

'Bring own food.' A last minute call from Mr. Daniel Smith, hon.
secretary of Barnsley Society, to those ringers going to Horbury on
August 10th.

The Scottish Association will be in the peal analysis next year. A
peal was rung at Kalyan, India, on behalf of this association, con-
ducted by Capt. W. F. Moreton.

A new band of peal ringers has made its appearance at Shoreham-
by-Sea. Six firsts in a peal of Grandsire is a matter for congratula-
tion to the conductor, Mr. H. Stalham.

It was 50 years ago last August Band Holiday that the Winchester
Diocesan Guild rang the first Surprise peal (Superlative) in the Isle
of Wight at Ryde. This was the first peal of Major on the bells. The
composition was G. Lindoff's 5,088 in 29 courses, published in 'The
Bell News' September 30th, 1895, and the first in 29 courses in this
number of changes. The ringers as they stood were I. G. Shade, H.
White, R. S. Cherriman, J. Bennett, Henry Dains, G. Williams
(conductor) and W. W. Gifford.

Veteran of the Hereford Cathedral band is W. H. Symonds, who
celebrated his 81st birthday by ringing a quarter of Plain Bob Major
on July 24th. An attempt for a peal of Triples on the back eight in
the following week, in which he stood for over three hours, was un-
fortunately lost in the last few courses.

The peal at Romsey Abbey of Cambridge Surprise Major was
specially arranged for Mrs. Lewington, of Reading, who was in the
district on holiday. Ringers from seven different towers took part,
viz., New Alresford, Reading, Salisbury, Wonston, Portsmouth, North
Stoneham and St. Michael's, Southampton.

A broadcast exchange between Birmingham, England, and Birming-
ham, Alabama, takes place to-day (Friday). The English programme
will be ushered in by the ringing of the bells of St. Philip's Cathed-
ral and the chimes of 'Big Brum' (the Council House clock). Un-
fortunately very few English listeners will be able to hear the
Birmingham, England, programme, as it is being broadcast from
station WAPI, Alabama. The American broadcast will be heard on
the Midland Home Service to-night at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. William C. Parker, the popular steeple-
keeper at St. Peter's Church, Staines. Mr. Parker reaches his 80th
birthday to-day (August 9th) and is standing in a birthday peal to-
morrow arranged specially for the event. Mr. Parker was appointed
when the bells were installed in 1902, and since the bells have not
needed attention by bellhangers. They are still in good condition and
the ringing chamber is a pattern for others to copy.

'RINGING WORLD' READERS' OPEN FORUM

ORIGIN OF A DAWDLE

Dear Sir,—Some years before the war, after 'vetting' a tower in Kent, the late Mr. A. R. Powys took my wife and myself to tea with some friends of his. Our hostess, a keen motorist, referred to a 'wobble' of cyclists, comparing the phrase to a 'pride' of lions, a 'gaggie' of geese and a 'nye' of pheasants. While motoring home we thought of a 'dawdle' of ringers. At the next Central Council meeting I referred to the incident and the phrase in order to emphasise the request that members be back in their places promptly after the luncheon interval. As far as I know this was the first public use of the phrase and I claim the position.—I am, yours, etc.,
Dum a Bhuilg, Achnamara, Argyll. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

ADVOCATE OF EX-SERVICE GUILD

Dear Sir,—The suggestion by E. V. Williams, published in 'The Ringing World' of July 26th, seems to be not only a workable idea, but a very good one.

There are probably also many ringers who will be serving in H.M. Forces for many years to come. As one of them, I suggest that if this proposed guild is formed, it may also include such ringers, thus keeping alive the comradeship not only among those who have been 'demobbed,' but also between them and ringers who are still serving, both at home and overseas.—Yours faithfully,
Parsons Barracks, Aldershot. PETER D. WENHAM, R.E.M.E.

PEALS BEFORE MEETINGS?

Dear Sir,—At a recent district meeting of my Guild (held incidentally at a six-bell tower) an apology for absence was received from our general secretary, who airily announced that he was going peal ringing.

Now I will not say that his peal attempt had much effect on the attendance at the district meeting, as it took place at a tower (eight bells, of course) at the opposite side of our territory to that at which the district meeting was held and I don't suppose that any of the peal band, other than the before mentioned official, would, had there been no peal attempt, have attended our meeting and I don't think I have any particular grouse on that point, but it does occur to me to ask two somewhat pertinent questions:—

(1) Should Guild officers, particularly secretaries and masters, put private peal arrangements in front of Guild fixtures?

(2) Should active executive or administrative officers be members of a peal ringing clique?

It would be interesting to hear the views of some of your readers on these two points.—Yours, etc.,
S. TRUGGLER.

THE BASINGSTOKE 'PEAL'

Dear Sir,—Although I have had something to do with the 'defence' of the Basingstoke 'peal,' I have so far refrained from writing to 'The Ringing World' about it. However, I feel that I must now most heartily endorse the letter from Mr. Butler on the subject. In different words, his points are just the ones I put before the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (in writing, because unfortunately I was away when the meeting was held, and I was unable to be present).

I maintained that the fundamental necessity of a peal was its truth as to the changes and not whether it were musical or not—that is the second consideration. Is it not an absurd position when 5,000 true changes are not counted because the rules and regulations did not contemplate them being obtained in the manner used? Of course, the Council had no alternative really in not recognising the peal—we knew that from the start, but the peal will have served its purpose if it produces some logical rules which cater for all possibilities.

Perhaps some of your readers will be interested in the terms of the resolution I sent to our annual meeting, which (as you reported) found no seconder (much to my surprise, I confess, because I didn't think it cut across any very valuable principles of the Exercise, only those with which we are now finding fault): 'All peals on an odd number of bells of any tower shall have one tenor only covering, except the tower possess only this odd number of bells in the diatonic scale (apart from a five which may be in a minor scale).'

In a brief compass I think that would be a logical rule, as it brings in the 'musical' consideration, and it rules out other undesirable items which have been recently criticised in some peals. Loopholes may be found in it for other unsatisfactory features, and I should be very grateful if anyone would point out these possibilities to me. I hope that by this means a rule can be framed which really would be one that all would willingly observe because of its fundamental justice to all possibilities whilst retaining the necessary principles on which the Exercise has been founded.—Yours faithfully,
St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

'BEHIND THE BELFRY DOOR'

Mr. W. R. Melville, of Kingsworthy, Hants, by return of post gave us the answer to last week's tailpiece. The character was the Jackdaw of Rheims, and Mr. Melville also provided the concluding couplet:—

It's the custom at Rome new names to bestow,
So they canonised him by the name of Jim Crow.

MEETINGS, MASTERS AND MEN

BY 'A CRUSADER.'

A letter, published on July 26th from Mr. R. Newman, raises a point which has interested me for years—help for the 'small fry.' I can agree with him that joint meetings are to the good, and very much so. I wish more were arranged. I agree that the so-called 'internationals' do seem to get together, but in most cases it is due to lack of thought, and is quite unintentional. It can be remedied. All that is wanted is organisation—of the right type. Look around and you will find that, generally speaking, ringers simply will not 'organise' things.

I cannot agree that the cure lies 'in one person taking complete control of the ringing room.' So much depends upon the 'one person' elected to the job. I would unhesitatingly lay blame upon the orthodox masters of the day for the disappointments which, time and again, come to the smaller (and shy) fry. As a rule the master is a nice, friendly chap, who knows a good deal about ringing, conducting and the abilities of many in the tower; but, generally, he is woefully lacking in imagination, and, sometimes, in fact. He looks around and says: 'Stedman, please; you ring the second, Mr. So and So.' Now Mr. So and So badly wants to try Double Norwich, but is too shy to argue (and, if he did, he is likely to be snubbed, so ingrained is the orthodox in most of us). When D.N. eventually comes along, he finds the ropes speedily occupied; there are many others who want it as well. The important mistake made is that D.N. is followed by something else. Much later, up comes D.N. again, and our friend, having patiently waited, again finds the ropes gone, some occupied by folk who were in the previous touch! You don't believe it?

Well, I have observed it, again and again. I have made a study of it! I tackled a Middlesex Association meeting on the very subject before the war. When challenged, I gave chapter and verse. I was Mr. So and So, and I named an 'international' who was in both touches, spread widely apart, of a method 'put on' specially for that meeting. Good fellow that he was, he took it in good part; he apologised profusely; had he known, etc., etc. Of course they are all good fellows and only too willing to stand down if they know. But they don't stand down, do they?

What is the remedy? For the orthodox master, a little more imagination, and this: 'Before we go on to something else, is there anyone else who wants Double Norwich?' I will offer a personal guarantee that nobody will 'grab' a rope twice running in the same method. You probably will nearly always have more than one touch of the popular methods, but the orthodox demands that they be spread apart. And the 'internationals' don't really want them anyway. They get plenty.

But there is a better way for the 'smaller fry,' and we of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association believe that we have the answer; that of 'co-operative mastership' at meetings, provided: that the right type of man organises the job; that the right type is the nominal Master; and that the right men support the organisation. We have proved its success in the monthly 'crusade meetings' we have held. The 'Crusaders' guarantee full support at meetings of the co-operative efforts of the hand. Although there is an organiser of a defined policy toward whom all look, no one 'masters' in the orthodox way. One or other will 'book' a touch of something for somebody, and it comes on in turn. When it does, the question is asked: 'Is there anyone else who wants to try this? Now is the time. Does anyone want to call it? Now is your chance.' The important point is that there are sufficient skilled men in the tower to make up a full band. Some ring to strengthen the touch, others watch the not-so-skilled, each to his man, and the touch comes home. The ringing is as good, if not better than the average 'meeting stuff.'

There are about two dozen pledged supporters, and the average attendance has been 15, catering for the needs of a varying number of visitors per meeting. And what the S.W. Division can do we hope the whole of Essex will be doing, in time. What Essex can do, other associations can do. All that is required is proper organisation of a well thought out policy; unselfish co-operative support and avoidance of the limelight by all; straight up 'call-a-spade-a-spade' handling of the ringing. And you will fill your towers to overflowing with the small (and not-so-small) fry, who will depart satisfied that effort has been made to help, even if their particular need was crowded out. Ask them!

Are the right men available? Everywhere, perhaps not. But have you tried to get such support? Yes, such support! Ask and see. It is amazing how folk will rally round when they realise that their effort is part of one whole. And is it wanted? Only the 'Mr. Newmans' can answer this. We have had crowded houses, and those not-so-crowded in these bad-weather, ration-bound mealless days; and in this connection I would add a word to the 'smaller fry.'

I have no patience for the old-timer who asserts that the youngster must find for himself; must sit and watch; must be bored to tears! I am all for 'taking it' to the beginner; but the beginner must 'back up.' As an 'international' (in the sense of Mr. Newman's letter only, please; I should not be a 'Crusader' otherwise) I, too, want something out of the effort: I am pledged to be there. The smaller fry comes or stays away at his pleasure. But we want 'full houses,' enthusiasm, and just a little thanks!

NORTH STAFFS RINGER'S FINE RECORD

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. E. WHEELDON.

After completing 46 years as leader of the ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Norton-in-the-Moors, Mr. J. E. Wheeldon has resigned his position. Mr. Wheeldon, who still enjoys fairly good health, has completed almost 60 years as a ringer, and his resignation coincides with his 78th birthday and his anniversary of coming to Norton.

Commencing his ringing career at St. Mary's, Bucknall, Mr. Wheeldon soon became one of a band of notable peal ringers in the North Staffs Association, and whilst at Bucknall was one of the hand who took part in the first non-conducted peal of Minor in England. He, along with his brother, Mr. W. Wheeldon, are the only two surviving members of the band.

It was in 1900 that Mr. Wheeldon was invited to take over the leadership at Norton, and he quickly displayed his natural abilities as a leader; during the whole of his career he has shown exemplary leadership: his patience, cheerfulness and sensible disciplinary methods in the tower have earned the love and affection, not only of his own ringers, but of all ringers in the association with whom he came in contact. He was Ringing Master for six-bell towers in the association for a number of years.

Favoured with good health during his 46 years, absence from the tower was very rare, in spite of his having to walk two miles each way to the belfry.

A presentation from the local band was made to Mr. Wheeldon on July 14th by Mr. W. C. Lawrence, who has now taken over the leadership. In making the presentation, Mr. Lawrence, who has served under Mr. Wheeldon for 43 years, referred to the good fellowship that had existed in the belfry mainly through the influence of Mr. Wheeldon, and while they all regretted his resignation they still hoped that for some years Mr. Wheeldon would be spared to come to the belfry.

Mr. J. Walley, senior ringer, added his tribute to the career of Mr. Wheeldon and referred to his loyalty and affection. The seven other ringers present, all of whom had been trained by Mr. Wheeldon, had an aggregate of almost 200 years' service, which speaks volumes for the influence Mr. Wheeldon has exerted in the tower.

In reply, Mr. Wheeldon thanked the ringers for the presentation—umbrella, pipes and tobacco and cheque—and thanked them also for their loyalty during the whole of his leadership. He was leaving Mr. Lawrence with an excellent band of ringers and he saw no reason why the work in Norton should not continue. It was his intention to still come to the belfry.

The Rector, the Rev. E. B. McKenzie, M.A., added his tribute, and in thanking Mr. Wheeldon for his loyalty to the church, said that the Parochial Church Council had decided to honour the long and notable record of Mr. Wheeldon's, and the Council had opened up a subscription list and it was hoped that a suitable presentation would be made from the parish at a later day. Mr. C. S. Ryles, 5, Fairfield Avenue, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent, was appointed treasurer.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT DRIGHLINGTON.

The society's July meeting was held at Drighlington on July 27th. Owing to the uncertain weather and holidays, members were slow in arriving. The bells were rung up at 3.30 p.m., and except for the usual breaks continued in a variety of methods until 8.30 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. F. Hutchinson presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Pudsey, Liversedge and Sherburn.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. T. Hill and seconded by Miss P. Hawley.

The next meeting will be at Calverley. The date will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

AT THE PRETTIEST VILLAGE IN ENGLAND.

The old world village of Chiddingstone, stated by our correspondent to be the prettiest in England, was visited by the East Grinstead Guild on July 13th. Although the bells went well, they could not be heard distinctly owing to the dominance of the seventh bell. Methods did not rise above Kent Treble Bob Major.

After tea on the lawn of the Castle Inn, a short business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. E. J. Oliver taking the chair. Further meetings were arranged for Turner's Hill in August and Shipbourne for September.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Isleworth, on their way to Hastings, and Mr. C. Parks (Croydon).

Members came from Ashurst, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Leigh, Penshurst, Wadhurst, Uckfield and the local company, with a young ringer from Leatherhead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Wymondham was held on July 27th and was attended by 33 members and friends from Attleborough, Dereham, Fornsett, Hethersett, Norwich, North Elmham, Redenhall, Watton, Wighton, Horringer (Suffolk), Rotherham (Yorkshire) and the local company. The Rev. C. L. S. Linnell (curate) conducted the service.

The next meeting is at East Dereham on Saturday, October 12th.

MARRIAGE OF MR. E. C. S. TURNER

The Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. Ernest Cecil Seymour Turner, secretary of the Middlesex County Association and a member of the Central Council, and Miss Winifred Doris Walker on the occasion of their marriage at St. Matthew's, Ealing, on Aug. 1st.

After service ringing at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Sunday, July 28th, the opportunity was taken to offer congratulations and good wishes to Mr. E. C. S. Turner. The ringers of Willesden and of Christ Church and St. Stephen's, Ealing, and other friends presented Mr. Turner with a cheque as a token of their regard, and ringers generally will join with them in wishing Mr. Turner and his bride every happiness and good fortune.

As a wedding compliment a congratulatory peal of Bob Major was rung on August 1st at St. Mary's, Willesden.

THE LATE MR. D. H. ARGYLE

LIST OF PEALS.

Minor in 4 methods 1; Minor in 5 methods 1; Minor in 7 methods 2; Grandsire Triples 3 (conducted 1); Erin Triples 1; Stedman Triples 16 (conducted 11); Stedman Caters 1 handbells; Plain Bob Major 9 (conducted 3), 1 handbells; Little Bob Major 2; Double Oxford Major 1; Double Norwich Major 13 (conducted 5); Cambridge Court Major 1; Duffield Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 6 (conducted 1), 2 handbells; Cambridge Surprise Major 12 (conducted 3); Superlative Major 8 (conducted 1); Bristol Major 5; London Major 6 (conducted 1); Ashted Surprise Major 1; Ipswich Surprise Major 1; Lincolnshire Major 1; Pudsey Surprise Major 1; Staffordshire Major 1; Stratford Major 1; Warwickshire Major 1; York Major 1; Yorkshire Major 1; Plain Bob Royal 1; total 100 (conducted 26).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

30 NEW MEMBERS FROM SALFORD PRIORS.

Between 80 and 90 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Salford Priors on July 20th. A splendid welcome was accorded the visitors by the Rector, the Rev. C. Newton, who conducted the Guild's own service in church.

A fine tea was served at the Bell Inn, after which the ringers adjourned to the church, where the business meeting was held. It was decided to answer the appeal of the church authorities at Tredington for assistance in the rehanging of the bells to the extent of £5 from the Guild's Bell Repair Fund. Leamington was selected as the meeting place for October. Thirty-seven new members were elected, 30 of them being members of the local band.

The deaths of Mr. D. H. Argyle (captain of the Nuneaton band) and Mr. A. G. Taylor (former captain of the Bedworth band) were mentioned by the Master (Mr. F. E. Pervin), and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund resulted in the record sum of £2 5s

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE AT BEENHAM.

When the Newbury Branch met at Beenham on July 27th a cordial welcome was extended to Mr. C. Gardiner from Swindon. A native of Beenham, he learnt his change ringing in the tower of the Parish Church and the joy of ringing with him again was expressed. Between 30 and 40 members and visiting ringers were present from Beenham, Bucklebury, Basingstoke, Bramley, Donnington, Hampstead Norreys, Peasemore, Swindon, Hatcham, Twyford and Woolton Hill.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. N. G. McWilliam), who gave an interesting account of Beenham church and bells. Tea, kindly provided and given by the Beenham ringers and friends, was greatly appreciated.

The chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), presiding at the business meeting, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome to the branch meeting the new Oxford Guild secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert, and heartily wished him every success in his new office. A telegram of good wishes for a successful meeting was received from the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Two honorary and two ringing members were elected. Hungerford was chosen as the next meeting place on September 7th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH AT YARDLEY HASTINGS.

A company of 45 attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Yardley Hastings on July 20th. The Rector (the Rev. L. J. Thompson) conducted the service, and in his address urged the need for Christian witness.

Tea was enjoyed informally in the Rectory, and the business proceedings followed later in the west end of the church. Eight new ringing members and one out-county member were elected, including Mrs. G. Lovell and her son, of Wollaston.

Mr. G. Deighton proposed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Mears Ashby in September instead of October and this was carried.

The peal of six were rung before and after the meeting, Cambridge Surprise Minor and the less complicated methods being successfully brought round.

BY CAR AND MOTOR COACH

BUCKLEBURY RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

The ringers of Bucklebury (Berks), augmented by a few friends from Reading (St. Laurence's) and Newbury, had a very enjoyable outing on July 13th.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for a trip into Wiltshire and Somerset. The first call for ringing was at Bishop's Cannings, a very fine ring of eight. Then on to Devizes (St. John's), another fine sight.

The high spot of the day was Trowbridge, where the party was met by another friend, Mr. Sam Hector. After lunch a move was made to the tower with its very grand peal of twelve, and the bells were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire. Thanks are accorded for permission to ring at the various towers. R.W.R.

ESSEX RINGERS' TOUR.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, Essex, selected some noted towers for ringing on the occasion of their annual outing on July 27th.

The first halt was at St. Mary's, Ickleton, where a good pull was enjoyed on these very nice bells. The next stop was at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge. After a good lunch at the Dorothy Cafe they then made for St. Mary's, Over. Tea was partaken of at St. Ives and the final halt was at the Priory Church, Dunstable, the fine old peal being in lovely going order. Home was not reached until 12.15 a.m. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all steeplekeepers for having the bells in readiness, which contributed so much towards the enjoyment of the day. Ringing included Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. J.W.D.

KENT RINGERS' 'HALF DAY.'

A motor-coach ride for 70 miles, ringing in five towers, ten different methods, was the half-day outing of 20 ringers from Willesborough and Ashford (Kent).

At Frinthead, the first call, Mr. G. Kenward welcomed the party and good use was made of this five for an hour. Owing to the party being held up at the ferry by a barge, the coach arrived late at Queenborough. Mr. Wood was waiting to greet the visitors and for an hour this little six were rung to various methods.

At Eastchurch a cordial reception was received from Mr. Fagg. The lovely tone of this six compensated for the going, which was none too good. For an hour the bells were rung.

Tea was enjoyed at Blue Bird Minster, and at the church the party was joined by a youthful band. These six bells are on the light side and require a bit of handling. The hour went quickly, and then on to Tunstall, where ringing on this light eight included Treble Bob, Cambridge and rounds. To towerkeepers and all who helped the company extend their best thanks.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA.

The St. Mary's, Portsea, ringers in conjunction with the Cathedral ringers resumed their annual outing on July 13th after a lapse during the war years.

A cross-country drive via South Harting, Rake and Liphook brought the party to Grayshott, and this light ring was found most suitable for the warm afternoon. Easebourne was the next stop, another light eight, where the party were joined by a well-known ringer from Sussex. Through Cowdray Park and on to Pulborough, where a splendid tea was enjoyed. The last ringing of the day was at Pulborough Church. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

A pleasant evening run through Slindon and Chichester brought the party to Portsmouth after a most successful outing, blessed by perfect weather. Thanks are accorded to all incumbents for permission readily granted to ring at their churches. A.T.G.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.

A party of 26, which included the ringers of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and a few friends, enjoyed a full day's outing in Dorset and Somerset on July 27th.

The first halt was made at Dorchester, where some fair ringing took place on the bells of St. Peter's, the parish church. On the way to Lyme Regis the coach stopped at a picturesque spot for a snack of refreshment. The party voted this al fresco 'elevenses' the most enjoyable meal of the day. The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis, and Mr. Powell welcomed the ringers at the tower, and after a short ring the journey was resumed to West Bay for luncheon.

Beaminster with its fine 'maiden cast' peal of eight was the next tower and some excellent ringing resulted. After tea in Yeovil the ringers adjourned to the Parish Church to try out the magnificent peal of ten bells. It was here that the 'touch of the day' was rung. 395 beautifully struck changes of Grandsire Caters.

The young ringers acquitted themselves well on the heavy eight at Sherborne Abbey, where the bells were kept going from eight until nine before resuming the journey homewards. A successful day concluded by the party arriving home in time to catch last buses, many of the younger ones having bagged five new towers, whilst the seniors enjoyed revisiting familiar ground after a long interval. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge Surprise Major. St. Peter's band of ringers would like to thank all the incumbents and steeplekeepers for permission to ring so readily given and for the kindly welcome received everywhere.

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Turners Hill (8), Aug. 10th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick on Saturday, Aug. 10th: Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Hamerton Vicarage 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea only provided. Bring own food.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. —A. B. Peck.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Twineham (5) on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — E. L. Harris, Hon. Div. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyt's (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 5 p.m. First meeting since being rehung.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Horbury, Aug. 10th, 2.30 p.m. No tea. Bring food. Cups of tea arranged if possible.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke Branch), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). —A joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5.15. All who require tea notify C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot, by Tuesday, 13th.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. No. 342 bus from Potters Bar Garage.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Ringing meeting at Lowestoft (8) on Saturday, Aug. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Make own arrangement for tea. — J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Misterton (6) and Lutterworth (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea, 5 p.m., at Lutterworth. Names by Aug. 13th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 o'clock. Bring own food. — H. Humphreys.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Aldbourne, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names to T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts, by Aug. 13th.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Warburton, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Llanfigan (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Names to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon, by Aug. 14th.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Toddington (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea at Sow and Pigs Hotel.—H. C. Hillyard.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Meeting at Cheddleton, on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6). Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food. Committee meeting after tea.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarpoley (8), Aug. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, for those who send word by Aug. 14th. — Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Slinfold (6), Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—E. Treagus, Bognor Regis.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Hexham, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Names for tea (3s. 6d. per head) not later than Aug. 15th to J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Milford (8) from 2.30. Lymington (8) from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Next quarterly, Sept. 22nd.—Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch. — Next meeting, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Aug. 17th, at 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

PEAK SOCIETY. — Eyam (6), Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Tea and meeting at 5.30 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Next meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by the 14th inst. to Mr. P. J. Woodgyer, 92, Meadowbank Gardens, Cranford, Middlesex.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 14th, to J. Coulton, Coe Lane, Tarleton.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District. — Sawston (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rossendale Branch. — Annual, Rawtenstall (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Brading (8), Saturday, August 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mrs. A. M. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSN. — Canterbury District. — Meeting at Teynham, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. Names to Mr. V. J. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Next meeting, Maldon, Aug. 24th. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All Saints' bells also available. Numbers for tea by Aug. 21st.—A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the White Horse. Names to be sent by Monday, Aug. 19th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Waldron (8), Saturday, Aug. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. One week's notice, please, to John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

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CANADA CALLING

Go forth; and if it be o'er stony way,
Old joy can lend what newer grief must borrow.
—Francis Thompson.

This week we are thinking especially of those ringers overseas. Of late 'The Ringing World' has published news from Australia, where at Parramatta, Sydney, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung, from New Zealand, and from India, where two peals of Doubles were rung in hand by three British ringers in the Services. And now comes a most heartening greeting from Vancouver, British Columbia, that distant city set amid magnificent scenery that at times has the music of the breakers of the Pacific rolling against Canada's shores.

It was in 1849 that the island of Vancouver was formed into a Crown Colony, and in 1871 British Columbia became part of the Canadian Union, enjoying a complete system of responsible government as in other provinces. Last July was the 60th birthday of Vancouver City, and the occasion was appropriately celebrated. Mention has previously been made in 'The Ringing World' of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, and it was from this centre that the day's festivities were heralded by the ringing of the bells.

In all overseas churches the man-power problem is acute. Normally the band who ring at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Rosary is inadequate for ceremonial ringing. Funds were forthcoming to enable 16 experienced ringers to be assembled, men coming from different parts of the province. Mr. A. C. Limpus, our correspondent, tells of how, as the bells pealed out in Grandsire Triples, the sun burst through the clouds, shedding a radiance in the ringing chamber.

The joy of the bells in British Columbia was not kept to the immediate precincts of the Cathedral. They were broadcast for fully 15 minutes, giving back to many of the listeners the old joys of their motherland. In Canada broadcasting of the bells is not treated in the bare three minutes as in this country. At times bells have been on the air for 30-minute stretches, and one can picture the recordings taken at Vancouver being broadcast in the prairie provinces. What a message of consolation to those 'sick for home,' like Keats' Ruth, 'amid the alien corn,' and bringing to mind perhaps memories of the bells of some of our English churches?

Do the young ringers of to-day realise the heritage of their art? To be able to ring is, indeed, an open sesame

of introduction to those prepared to go overseas. Mr. Limpus, at Vancouver, is looking forward to the day when emigration will be permitted once more, and ringers of experience will bring fresh interests to his band. There have been similar invitations from other Dominions. A short time ago Durban, South Africa, made such an appeal. Men who go forth are indeed envoys of a sound British tradition. To define the atmosphere of the Dominions and their appeal is not easy. Perhaps it can be captured in these lines from the Canadian song:—

The green beneath and the blue above,
The dash and danger, the life and love.

TEN BELL PEALS

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	JOHN R. BEARLEY ... 8
*JACK BROTHWELL ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 9
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... Tenor

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Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 8
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* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS... Treble	†CYRIL VALENTINE ... 6
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ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... Treble	†NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 5
WALTER SOUTHGATE ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	ALAN ANDREWS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	HORACE WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 3	*W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 4	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* 100th peal. First of London Major as conductor.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
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* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells for 16 years.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
JOHN A. RANGLES ... 2	*THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JACK ROACH ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... 7
F. NOJAN GOLDEN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

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Tenor 14½ cwt.**

BASIL JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
C. KENNETH LEVIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)**

*On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.**

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	HAROLD JACKSON 5
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER 6
HAROLD KENT 3	STANLEY SLANEY 7
JOSEPH SAXTON 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by Wm. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
JOHN WALDEN 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
*JAMES S. WEBB 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
*JOHN W. BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

**PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.**

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH... 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.... 2	*EDWIN C. BILKETT ... 6
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

* 50th peal together.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

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Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.**

MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... Treble	JOHN H. HUNT 5
ROBERT E. TURNER ... 2	HAROLD A. NOES 6
PETER N. BOND 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	LESLIE A. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

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*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.**

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
ROBERT E. TURNER... .. 2	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells.

**HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.**

MRS. CECIL W. PIPE ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
HOBART E. SMITH 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS 6
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Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.**

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*CHARLES H. BAKER 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY 7
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

**BIRCH IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.**

*RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	†FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS 5
FRANK BARRACLUGH ... 2	RICHARD BENSON 6
†MARY WALSHAW 3	BURLEY WALSHAW 7
ALBERT FORD 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

**KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.**

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS... .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

**BENSON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15 cwt.**

ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER... 5
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 2	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
GEORGE HOLFIELD ... 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
FRDERICK C. WHITE ... 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLFIELD.

**EWHRURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.**

H WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WM. T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 21½ cwt.**

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	WALTER LEE 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.**

ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Treble	SYMON DACE 5
OLAVE BROYD 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... 6
CECIL J. BARKER 3	JOE JENNINGS 7
*PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 4	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by E. W. PYE.
* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

WENDOVER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Treble | REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2 | WALTER LEE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3 | HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor
Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 2 | WALTER LEE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3 | F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor
Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

DODDINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 14 cwt.
ERIC SMITH ... Treble | STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2 | CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

First peal on the bells since being relung.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four extents of Plain Bob and 35 extents of Grandsire, 12 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
JABEZ PREECE ... Treble | *DENNIS JAINE ... 4
JOHN O. ROCK ... 2 | E. PETER ROCK ... 5
FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor
Conducted by E. PETER ROCK

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to W/O S. T. G. Price, a local ringer, who is with No. 35 Bomber Squadron on the goodwill mission to U.S.A.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.
*ANTHONY SOPER ... Treble | *FRED W. SOPER ... 4
*PHILIP KNIGHT ... 2 | *DOUGLAS CANE ... 5
*DONALD J. FARTHING ... 3 | *REV. D. L. BOARD ... Tenor
Conducted by D. CANE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local company.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods, viz.: (1) Bourne Surprise and Kirkstall Delight; (2) Disley Delight, Morning Star and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (4) Marpie, Taxal, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, and Willesden Delight; (5) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble | *J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 4
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 2 | *CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
C KENNETH LEWIS ... 3 | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor
Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in 25 methods. Seventy-two changes of method.

GRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.
*PETER J. WOODGYER ... Treble | *JOHN B. SANSON ... 4
HORACE BELCHER ... 2 | JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 3 | WILLIAM J. PAICE ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal.

EVERTON, NOTTS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
HERBERT COOPER ... Treble | ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4
ERNEST SHORT ... 2 | A.C.2 F. REED ... 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... 3 | ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST PADGETT.

Rung half-muffled for Mr. John Swindon, a local ringer for over 40 years.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.
JOHN METCALFE ... Treble | HARRY J. SANGER ... 4
*HARRY SMITH ... 2 | RONALD G. BECK ... 5
† WILLIAM A. OSBORN ... 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor
Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4
MISS JOAN WEBSTER ... 2 | GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
*MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER ... 3 | G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor
Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

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

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*SAMUEL E. HUFFER ... Treble | STELLA M. WICKENS ... 3
*WILLIAM H. CURTIS ... 2 | CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4
CHARLES H. WICKENS ... Tenor

Conducted by STELLA M. WICKENS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4 | *RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

MRS. E. M. WAYMAN ... 1-2 | SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8
Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ANALYSIS OF HANDBELL PEALS RUNG DURING 1945

Association.	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	MAJOR										TRIPLES	MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTALS													
	Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob	Stedman Grandsire	Kent Treble Bob Oxford Treble Bob	Plain Bob Stedman Grandsire	Spliced (21) Ditto (6) Cambridge Superiastre	Oxford Treble Bob	Kent Treble Bob Kent & Ox. T.B.	Kent and Plain Bob Double Norwich	Little Bob Double Bob	St. Clement Plain Bob	Stedman Grandsire	7 Methods 16 Methods 4 Methods 1 Method	1 Method 2 Methods	1 2																	
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Glouc't'r & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1													
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Win. & Ports. Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1													
Worcester & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1													
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1													
Totals	1	1	4	1	1	2	8	10	11	1	1	1	1	1	3	11	3	1	7	5	4	1	56	3	9	1	1	18	1	2	178

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
'THE CATHEDRAL OF NEEDWOOD FOREST.'

No better choice of surroundings could have been made for the Guild's summer meeting, which took place on August 10th, than at Hoar Cross, when despite the inclement weather 40 ringers and friends attended.

The Church of Holy Angels with its stately central tower is most beautiful and could be termed as the 'Cathedral of Needwood Forest,' was built 1872-6 in memory of H. F. Meynell-Ingram, M.P., and is visited by people from all parts of the country. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. N. Strong, whose inspiring address was all in keeping with bells, bell-ringers and the service they render.

Tea was served in the Vicarage Hall, after which the Vicar presided over the business meeting. The whole of the local band were then elected members of the Guild, and it was resolved to hold the next Guild meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove in October. Thanks were then accorded the Vicar for use of the bells, to Mrs. B. G. Key, who deputised at short notice as organist, and to the local members for tea arrangements.

Members were present from Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Measham, Lullington, Repton, Over-seale, Netherseale, Ibstock, Wolverhampton and Stoke, and methods rung on the beautiful peal of six (tenor 30 cwt.) included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal rung at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, was the first
rung for 39 years.

Of the first pealers in this issue, Philip A. F. Chalk deserves a
special mention. He travelled 26 miles each way for the privilege of
ringing his first, at Sible Hedingham, Essex.

Mr. George R. Newton has rung 370 peals for the Lancashire Association,
the highest total yet recorded for the association. Can you
cap that, Yorkshire?

Diamond jubilee greeting to Mr. F. Vickers, Bedfordshire Association.
To celebrate his 60 years as a ringer, he rang a peal of Minor at
Tilsworth, Beds.

A Leominster ringer, W/O S. T. G. Price, is a member of No. 35
Bomber Squadron on the goodwill mission to U.S.A. A peal commemorates
the occasion.

Mr. Rupert Richardson with his peal at Epworth has now rung a
peal in every eight-bell tower in Lincolnshire, with the exception of
Burgh-le-Marsh. 'Rupert is looking for some tough ringers for this
special task force,' states our correspondent.

The Exercise has its quota of young conductors, for which we are
truly thankful. Mr. John H. Hunt, of Titchfield, who has called a
number of peals, had a 'happy birthday' one—his 19th—at Soberton.
From the neighbouring county of Sussex comes the news that Miss
Stella M. Wickens, aged 15, has called her first peal at Thakeham.
Their progress will be watched with interest.

Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., had an interesting holiday bag with peals
at Worsley, Woolton and Prescott, Lancs, and Norbury (Hazel Grove),
Cheshire. A member of the band was Mr. George Newton, who called
Mr. Groombridge's first of Minor in this district in 1912, and Mr. D.
Vincent, whose first peal in 1923 was called by Mr. Groombridge.
These peals constituted the first reunion.

On Victory Day, Wolverton ringers rang their first quarter. They
have now rung their first peal, and Mr. Douglas Cane, the conductor,
informs us that it is the first peal known to be rung in the tower
by local ringers. We hope to record many more firsts from Wolver-
ton. They have certainly the advantage of anno domini, as the treble
ringer is 13, two more of the company 15 and another 16. With the
exception of the conductor, all the company have learnt their ringing
since the ban was lifted.

A pride is justly taken in the weight of a peal. Equally so the
weight of years should earn our respect. The following band rang
for a wedding on August 9th at Hendon Parish Church, the home of
the Middlesex Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 216 Plain
Bob: E. H. Martin 79, E. Prachett 70, O. Charge 70, R. Charge 67,
F. Barker 61, B. Green 60. A total of 407 years.

The bells of Leicester Cathedral were recorded whilst ringing for
evening service on Sunday, August 4th. It was a special recording
for broadcasting in Australia, and included part of the service. A
course of Stedman Caters was being rung and it was about a three
minute recording of it. The ringers had the great pleasure of listen-
ing to the record over the loudspeakers after the service, the re-
production being exceptionally good. With the record goes our best
wishes to the ringers of Australia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RINGERS AT VANCOUVER'S JUBILEE

An Interesting Broadcast

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — In reading 'The Ringing World,' which I have been receiving regularly, I notice a number of letters from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc., as to the ringing in those countries. May I give you a little indication of the activities of the ringers in Vancouver, B.C.?

The citizens of this city are just now celebrating the 60th year of the birth of Vancouver with a truly monstrous celebration of two weeks' duration. Now that beautiful peal of bells in the tower of the Holy Rosary Cathedral must surely take some part in it, but what could be done, with four change ringers and three tenor men available? Such an effort would not have been very impressive.

Appealing to the Jubilee Committee, I was granted a sufficient allowance to bring together all those ringers who were scattered throughout the province. We met in the ringing chamber 16 strong; all first-class ringers. Two came from Victoria, V.I., one from Kelowna and one from Sprot Lake, V.I., the balance from a circle of 12 miles round Vancouver.

The celebration commenced at 9 a.m., July 1st, the signal being given by the 9 o'clock gun at Brockton Point, Stanley Park. Immediately the bells pealed out to the tune of Grandsire Triples, and the sun, which had been hidden behind clouds for days, burst through the tower windows in full strength.

The ringing was broadcast by a local company, C.Y.O.R., and the bells kept ringing for 15 minutes, short touches being conducted by A. B. Lomas, Y. Watts and Frank Dunaway. The striking was almost perfect throughout and the 15-minute ringing was recorded by the same company. Those taking part in the broadcasting were A. C. Limpus treble, Arthur King 2, Reginald Pitman 3, Fred Hird 4, Frank Dunaway 5, A. B. Lomas 6, J. Watts 7, T. Wilson tenor. After broadcasting more touches by other members, those who could stay went downstairs to be photographed. After lunch there was more ringing till the 7.30 p.m. service.

I notice broadcasting in England is becoming a more frequent occurrence, but seems to be spoiled by the talking at the same time. If my memory serves me right, it was in the year 1913 I induced Mr. Wright, the manager of the then C.N.R.V., to broadcast our bells



We feel certain that many of these ringers will be recognised by friends in this country. Their names, left to right, are: Jack Pitman, C. Wilson, George Roberts, Fred Hird, J. Watts, Arthur King, Reginald Pitman. Bottom row: J. Stockley, A. C. Limpus, W. Bond, D. Welch, A. B. Lomas, Frank Dunaway, F. Goldstraw.

Photo: Stuart Thomson, Vancouver, B.C.

on New Year's night. This has been done every year since except the three and a half years I was overseas (1916 to 1919) by the C.B.C., then by C.Y.O.R. All announcing was always done before and after the ringing, which was never less than 12 to 15 minutes. Letters of appreciation came in from all over the Continent and New Zealand, many of which complained the bells were not kept on long enough. Once during a Church Congress we rang steadily for 31 minutes, the whole being recorded and often used by C.Y.O.R. on Sunday mornings. Sincerely hoping that when emigration starts to Canada again some good ringers will be drifting our way. A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

ATTEMPT FOR RECORD PEAL

All being well, an attempt will be made at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, to ring 12,663 Stedman Cinques on August 24th, starting at 8.30 a.m. The following is the composition:—

12,663 STEDMAN CINQUES.
By Charles W. Roberts.

231456 5 6 19

51624378x90

613245	—	3
315246	—	3
512346	—	2
216345	—	3

216543 S —

613542	—	3
312546	—	3
215346	—	2
516342	—	3

614253 — S —

614352 Produced by repeating B

415263 — S —

415362 Produced by repeating B

2145638709x C

214365 Produced by repeating B

A = 2.6.7.8.10.16.17.18.20.

C = 2.7.13S.15.16.19.

OXFORD RINGERS VISIT LEICESTER

On a recent Saturday in July, members of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, with their wives and friends, paid a visit to Leicester, where a very enjoyable day was spent in ringing and social intercourse. Arriving at Leicester at mid-day, the party were met by Mr. Harold Poole, who had kindly made the local arrangements and acted as guide.

After an excellent lunch, a move was made to the Cathedral, where full use was made of the glorious ring of 12 bells in Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and a good course of Cambridge Maximus.

Next proceeding to the Church of St. John the Divine, with its memories of the late William Willson, the visitors found another worthy ring of ten bells, and these were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal, after which a move was made for tea. The last ringing of the day took place at St. Margaret's and a good hour's ringing was enjoyed on the bells, another very fine ring.

It was regretted that Mr. Ernest Morris was unable to meet the party, being on holiday, but the St. Margaret's Peal Book, which is the work of Mr. Morris, was very much admired. There occurred the only failure of the day, as after ringing Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus, a touch of Spiced Surprise on the light eight ended in disaster, probably due to the after effects of the strawberry and ice-cream tea.

This ended the day's ringing, and after saying good-bye to Mr. Poole and his colleagues, a return was made to Oxford, which was reached at 11 p.m. The Oxford Society wish to thank Mr. Poole and the Leicester ringers who contributed to what was agreed to be 'the best ever.'

R. A. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twenty members of the Kent County Association attended the Tonbridge District meeting at Cowden on August 3rd. There were also ringers from Bromley and Wrotham present. Miss D. Colgate presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Tonbridge on October 5th. The Rector conducted the service.

RINGERS' COMMENTS AND PERPLEXITIES

PEALS BEFORE MEETINGS?

Dear Sir,—There are occasions on which anonymity is not merely desirable but highly commendable. Used, however, as a shield for mud-slinging it becomes the means of expression of a small and nasty mind which seeks to condemn, but lacks the courage to do so openly. In any case, 'The Ringing World' ought not to be regarded as a medium for the washing of an association's dirty linen, and an association member having a grievance against his general secretary should seek to air it in the proper place, viz., at the association's general meeting.

It pains me to refer to your correspondent by his nom-de-plume, which, had it appeared prior to your issue of August 2nd, would have been diverting, but is now merely hackneyed, but it is difficult to discuss his points without doing so.

'S. Truggler' gives no clue as to which association he honours with his membership, but let us suppose, for the purpose of an argument, that his dictum be applied to the secretary of a County Association to which I belong. Our general secretary is a broadminded man and will not, I know, mind being used in a good cause. The association is, for administrative purposes, divided into six districts, each of which holds four meetings a year. Thus there are, it will be seen, at least 24 meetings annually. In addition some of the districts hold occasional by-meetings. And apart from all these there is an annual general meeting at Easter and a committee meeting in the autumn. Now all of us in the districts are pleased, and more than pleased, to see our general secretary on those occasions that he can manage to get to our meetings, but it would, I hear, be asking rather a lot to expect him every time. Apart from anything else he might, if endowed with the propensities of a Felix, find transport something of a problem. Geography is not perhaps my strong point, but I rather fancy a number of association towers must be a steady 50 miles or so from his home. If, therefore, the general secretary happened to have a peal attempt on a district meeting day most of us, except perhaps the more stoical, would be able to find forgiveness in our hearts.

To deal with 'S. Truggler's' second question is not perhaps quite so easy. 'Reading between the lines' is usually a rather dangerous pastime, but I can hardly resist the temptation of this occasion. It would almost appear that your correspondent rather dislikes peal ringing. However, whether he finds the statement distasteful or not, I assert that peal ringers are, for the most part, the backbone of the Exercise, whether from the point of view of teaching, of Sunday service and practice ringing, or of furthering the cultural aspects of the art. Their record is a worthier one than that of the numerous individuals who condescendingly make up the number in their local tower, who frequently emphasise their own indispensability by coming late, and who so often need to be piloted through methods they are incapable of ringing properly by the despised peal ringers. If, therefore, the general secretary of 'S. Truggler's' Guild is a member of a peal-ringing clique, the chances are that he is a strong tower to his association. For my part, I am lucky enough to be in two or three peal-ringing cliques and the experience brings me great joy.

One last point, since your correspondent would appear to be an authority on guild affairs: I wonder if he can tell us how, in his guild, they manage to find the funds for the general secretary's salary. Some associations, I believe, have considerable difficulty in finding the usual four or five pounds a week regularly!—Yours faithfully,

79, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24. P. A. CORRY.

REMEDY IN HANDS OF MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Peals before meetings? My views on the questions asked by 'S. Truggler' are:—

(1) Any officer of a Guild who puts private arrangements before Guild business is not serving the best interests of the Guild, and in the long run will tend to harm the organisation he should serve.

(2) Cliques should be avoided at all cost, even if it means losing the services of an outstanding ringer; it would be better to have as officers those whose interest is spread over a wider field, though less proficient in the Exercise.

The remedy is in the hands of the members; if they are not satisfied, then look to it; and if no meetings are held through neglect of duty, then let the enthusiasts get together and have some unofficial meetings. It can be done.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES ROWE.

Prestbury, Glos.

P.S.—I intend to move a vote of censure on our secretary for his action on Easter Monday in being absent from the annual meeting to ring in a peal at Painswick. We have had no meeting since March.—C. R.

P.P.S.—The Cheltenham Rovers is result.

PEALS ANALYSIS, 1945

Dear Sir,—The Norwich Association is credited with one each of Spiced Surprise in 4 methods and 3 methods. We blush with pride, but on second thoughts would claim only to have rung one in three Plain methods and one in four methods (two Plain and two Treble Bob!).—Yours faithfully,

N. GOLDEN.

SHOULD PEAL RINGING BE OBJECTIVE?

Dear Sir,—Have the 1,304 peals been of any material use or benefit to the Exercise? I have thought for some time that there is not much relationship between the two, and by experience extends to Cheshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire; I say my experience of peal ringing and Sunday service ringing—not my experience in ringing, which only extends to 'covering,' but has been appreciated and enjoyed quite as much as any peal ringing.

There seems to me to be a vast difference to-day between peal ringing—that is ringing a peal for some worthy object, or even for the sheer joy of ringing—and mere peal snatching, and here is a result of the latter which is part of the reply to 'S. Truggler's' two pertinent questions.

I have been ringing for quite a few years and have rung four quarters—one, I understood, was a very well struck 'quarter' of semi-muffled Grandsire Caters. I never had any great desire for a full peal, but was often told 'you are not a ringer until you have rung a full peal.'

The Victory celebrations coincided with the centenary of our Parish Church, with which I have been connected for over 50 years. It had been suggested that there would be a peal to celebrate both occasions, or, rather, each occasion; imagine—I was going to say surprise—when I read in the local paper that a band, containing three strangers, had rung a peal to celebrate our centenary.

Now, may I give 'S. Truggler' my views on his two pertinent questions from practical experience in the branch of 'Our Guild.'

(1) Definitely no (but I know they do, even bowling matches come before monthly meetings).

(2) Again definitely no (but they are, and do a lot of arranging for peals at the meetings. I have known supposedly posh bands have three goes at Surprise methods and sometimes come home—and sometimes not).

Where is the help for 'the small fry'?

Well done, 'Crusader.' That is the sort of thing that is good for the Exercise and badly wanted.—Yours faithfully,

W. FRANK STENSON.

North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe.

'IN NEARLY EVERY ASSOCIATION'

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'S. Truggler,' has my sympathies.

We have, in the association of which I am a member, the same difficulties, more so in some districts than in others, but they are nothing new and have existed for years in nearly every association.

I myself would like to add an additional question to the two put by your correspondent: 'How many of the members of Peal Grabbers' Guilds would be as keen if the incumbents of the various churches insisted on church attendance?'—Yours faithfully,

FRANK AINSLEY.

30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland.

IN PRAISE OF MIDDLESEX MASTERS

Dear Sir,—'Crusader,' like most fault-finders, is too shy to sign his name. With regard to the internationals, I might say they did more to build up the Essex Association than any other organisation. I might also say that this idea was first put forward in 1938, but was said to be unworkable.

I have been ringing in Middlesex and Essex for 18 years, and so far as Masters go, no association has yet had a Master to beat those of the Middlesex in the handling of the ringing at meetings and making sure that everyone's wants were satisfied. Also, as far as my knowledge of the ringers goes in the S.W. Essex division, the number capable of teaching anyone to ring the standard methods can be counted on the fingers of one hand.—Yours faithfully,

Castle Heddingham, Essex. E. W. PYE.

EXPANDING TENORS!

Dear Sir,—I see by your leading article of August 2nd that we have another of those expanding tenors, this time at Chester Cathedral. This bell has now reached 35 cwt, I notice. Not long back it stood at 33 cwt. Barometer going up evidently. Actual weight 29 cwt. 11 lb. if memory serves, but I stand to be corrected. Does it do a bell any credit to give it a weight which its tone does not live up to?—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

[NOTE.—We consulted before publication what we regarded as an authentic work. No blame may be attached to Chester ringers; this weight is not their claim.—Editor.]

LONG SERVICE IN ONE BELFRY

Can this record of long service in a belfry be beaten? It comes from Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent. The following ringers trained by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon have remained in the belfry as regular ringers: W. C. Lawrence, 43 years; James Waley, 36 years; G. E. Lawrence, 34 years; William Corfield, 30 years; C. S. Ryles, 28 years; S. B. Bailey, 14 years; and Alban Jack, 10 years.

RECORD SPLICED MINOR PEAL

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT BIGBY.

A peal board commemorating the ringing of the record peal of Spliced Minor in 104 methods at Bigby, Lincs, in 1939, was unveiled on Saturday, July 27th. The ceremony took place at a joint meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the North Midland District of the Ladies' Guild. Among those present were Mr. Rupert Richardson, Guild Master, and Mrs. Richardson, hon. secretary of the Ladies' North Midland District, and members from Ulceby, Burton, Barton, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Barrow and the local members.

It was regretted that only four of the band who stood in the record peal were present, viz., Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, Mr. G. Feirn (conductor) and Mr. C. McGuinness. Mr. F. Lord and Mr. J. Millhouse were unavoidably absent.

Proceedings opened with a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Thackray), with Mrs. Thackray as organist. At the end of the service the company went to the belfry. Here Mr. G. Feirn explained the purport of the gathering and asked Mrs. Thackray to unveil the board commemorating the record peal of Spliced Minor.

In a gracious speech, Mrs. Thackray said it was the wish of the late Rector and president of the Guild, Archdeacon H. T. Parry, that she should unveil the board, and but for the war the ceremony would have taken place earlier. She was brought up in bellringing, her father being the late Harry Williams, of Headingley, Leeds, and her uncle Arthur Craven. With great pleasure she then unveiled the board.

Members then adjourned to the Rectory grounds, where a very nice tea was waiting, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Thackray and ringers' wives and friends. The president (Canon E. L. Marsden) presided at the business meeting, at which one honorary member was elected and one ringing member was re-elected. The collection for the District Bell Fund was 15s. 4d.

Mr. J. Bray appropriately mentioned how ringers came to Bigby with mixed feelings because of the affection with which they held the late Archdeacon Parry. He loved ringing and ringers. They were all thankful, however, they had such a great friend in their new Rector.

The Rev. H. Thackray, in acknowledging the gesture, said that Bigby was thought to be the centre of ringing for that district. They all knew what the late Archdeacon had done to foster ringing, not only in that parish, but also in the diocese in general.

The Guild Master spoke of the wonderful achievement the record peal of Minor was, and he gave a very interesting account of Spliced Minor ringing from its infancy up to the record peal. A vote of thanks to the president and to all who had made the meeting a success brought a very pleasant gathering to a close. Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

ILKESTON RINGERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

On Saturday, July 20th, a party of about 40 ringers and friends from Ilkeston Parish Church had a tour of some of the principal towers of Lincolnshire. Passing through Newark, with its fine Parish Church and historic castle, Nottinghamshire was soon left behind, and the county of Lincolnshire entered via the well-known Fosse Way.

Soon after 10 a.m. the party reached Lincoln and received a very cordial welcome from Mr. John A. Freeman, Mr. Jack Millhouse, Mr. K. Croft and others of the Cathedral ringers. Ringing at the Cathedral did not commence until 11 a.m., the interval being spent in a conducted tour of the Cathedral by most of the party, others appearing to show a keen interest in the old inns and taverns of the city.

Through the kindness of the above-named Cathedral ringers, the Cathedral bells, a fine peal of twelve, had been raised, and the ringing members of the party spent a very happy hour ringing various methods. It was indeed a privilege and a pleasure to ring these beautiful bells. An excellent lunch, at which some of the Cathedral ringers were very welcome guests, was thoroughly enjoyed, thanks being due to Mr. Frank Metham for so kindly making arrangements.

The party then proceeded to Boston, a beautiful old market town and sea port, with its splendid parish church and prominent tower, well known as Boston Stump. Being market day, the ladies of the party spent a pleasant and profitable hour in preference to climbing the 190 or so steps up to the ringing chamber. Thanks to the excellent lunch taken at Lincoln, most of the ringing members were sufficiently 'energised' to undertake the climb—and it was well worth the energy. Mr. Clarke very kindly led the way and an enjoyable time was spent with the splendid ring of ten.

Descent to the ground floor being accomplished in shorter time than the ascent, an early start was made for Surfleet, made famous in the ringing world by its association with the late Rev. H. Law James, who was Vicar here some years, and well known as a great composer of peals. He was responsible for the installation of the light but very beautiful ring of twelve in the unique leaning tower and spire of Surfleet. Mr. Rupert Richardson had very kindly made arrangements for tea at the Mermaid Inn, and he was congratulated on his choice. Regrets at parting with our Surfleet friends so early were expressed. Home was reached about 11 p.m., everyone agreeing that the outing had been most enjoyable.

F.W.S.

QUERY CORNER

We are having an outing shortly and hope to visit a ten-bell tower. Can you give us some short touches of Grandsire Caters of between 200 and 300 changes?

23456789	23456789
—75293846	
—89765423	25374968
—46839275	S 79285634
43628597	78962453
42366789	S 64738592
	63457289
	65324978

To be twice repeated. 270.

23456789	62593847
	—89672453
25374968	—47839562
—97285634	43758296
—68947325	45327689
—34658297	42563978
35426789	

To be twice repeated. 270.

23456789	
—75293846	
79582634	
78965423	
—46738295	
—23456978	

Round at handstroke. About 300.
3 Courses in Tittum position.

To be twice repeated. 270.

23456789

23456978	1-4-5
65324	8 in 2
42563	8 in 2
32547698	9 in and
	out at 2

4 Courses in Tittum position.

TWO GUILDS AT TYTHERLEY SOME INTERESTING MEMORIES.

Memories were recalled when the combined meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Guild and the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild met at East Tytherley on August Bank Holiday.

Situated in heavily wooded country in West Hampshire, East Tytherley, with its fine ring of eight by Taylor's, tenor 14 cwt., is ideal from a ringing point of view for an all-day meeting. It is isolated and the nearest cottages are some distance from the church. Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, who was present, has vivid recollections of ringing three peals in one day at this church. Another veteran present was Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of the Salisbury Guild.

Favoured by good weather, the meeting was a great success. About 60 members and friends were present from a wide area. Ringers were present from places as far away as Crawley, Sussex, Kingston-on-Thames, Gloucester and Croydon. Ringing commenced soon after 11 a.m. and continued to 8 p.m. Various methods up to London Surprise were practised.

The ring of six at Lockerley were also available and made good use of during the afternoon and evening. A party paid a visit to the neighbouring village of Mottisfort, where there is a ring of five in the minor key.

A short service was held at East Tytherley Church, taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. S. Sleigh, who is the diocesan organiser for C. of E. Waifs and Strays Society. He gave a talk on the work of the society and a collection for it realised 34s. 6d.

There was only one drawback to the meeting. Refreshments were very difficult to arrange, and on August Bank Holiday the only 'local' was sold out the day before.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD DISTRICT AT WILLINGTON.

An enjoyable district meeting was held at Willington on July 27th, supported by 36 members and friends from Great Barford, Bromham, Maulden, Willesden, Blunham, Kempston, Cardington, Riseley, Great Staughton, Turvey, Renhold, Bedford (St. Peter's and St. Paul's), Elstow, Roxton, Stagsden, Tempsford, Biddenham and the local tower.

Cups of tea, kindly provided by the local company, were served in the Village Hall.

Mr. J. E. Hilson presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to visit Colmworth and Little Staughton for the meeting in August. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 12s.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Exercise, London Scholars, Cambridge, York, Stamford, Beverley and Spiced Surfleet, Beverley, Durham, York and Cambridge.

OBITUARY

P. C. REGINALD BENTHAM

We regret to record the death of P. C. Reginald Bentham, of the Leicester City Police Force. He was taken seriously ill at his home on Sunday, July 28th, and was removed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he died two days later. He belonged to Stamford and was buried in Stamford Cemetery, following a service at St. George's Church. A police escort from Leicester attended the funeral.

P. C. Bentham was a member of the National Guild of Police Ringers and also the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He was one of the young members of the Leicester City Police Force, who were taught the rudiments during the ban on ringing. He could handle a bell well, but his progress was retarded by his joining the Royal Navy. He left the Service only a few months ago and was showing enthusiasm for ringing. He had a grand disposition and was jiked by all who came into contact with him. His death is deplored by members of both Guilds.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD

Mr. Frederick C. Smale, hon. secretary, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, writes:—

The passing of Mr. Edwin Shepherd at the age of 84 has removed the oldest and one of the most interesting personalities of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was his first and last love as a change ringer, and with its destruction in the blitz of 1942 Mr. Shepherd's ringing career ended, though he attended the Guild's annual meeting at St. Thomas', Exeter, in 1945. For many years he was the leader of St. Sidwell's band and acted as churchwarden.

A perusal of the peal books of the Devon Guild (the first 200 peals of which are brilliantly illuminated, showing the pride in which a peal was held in the '70's and '80's) reveals that the first peal for the Guild was rung at Huntsham in 1875, of which John C. Troyte was the conductor. Of the first dozen peals, seven were rung at Huntsham and three at St. Sidwell's. It is interesting to mention that Jasper W. Snowdon conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Huntsham, in which Charles Troyte and other Huntsham ringers took part, on May 5th, 1878.

In the thirteenth peal for the Guild Edwin Shepherd rang the tenor in Grandsire Triples. This was rung September 11th, 1880, and in the band were Joseph Fields, of Oxford, conductor, and W. French, of Oxford; the rest were Exeter men. His first peal as conductor occurred at St. Sidwell's, October 2nd, 1886. He conducted the 50th peal of the Guild at St. Sidwell's, November 7th, 1891, and this was his 21st peal, two of Grandsire Caters and 19 of Grandsire Triples, his brothers being very often associated with him with Ferris Shepherd as the conductor, though W. Bannister and the Rev. J. E. Robinson also figure in that capacity. Thus it will be clear that Edwin Shepherd was a pioneer in change ringing in Devon and that the work begun at Huntsham developed at St. Sidwell's. Not until 1903 did Mr. Shepherd take part in a peal of Stedman Triples, and he rang his first peal of Bob Major in 1904.

Altogether Edwin Shepherd rang 117 peals for the Guild, conducting 48. Amongst these were 1 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 2 of Bob Major, 1 of Grandsire Cinques, 13 of Grandsire Caters, 5 of Stedman Caters, 26 of Stedman Triples, 69 of Grandsire Triples. Mr. Shepherd was closely associated with St. David's, Exeter, and under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Searle, who rang peals with him as early as 1890, a composite band, representing the towers of Exeter, rang muffled touches in remembrance of him on July 26th, the evening of his funeral.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Eynsford, that old world village, attracted upwards of 70 ringers and friends on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District on July 27th. Towers represented were Bexley, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Farningham, Beckenham, Gravesend, Lee, Lewisham, Penge, Sevenoaks, West Wickham, Wrotham and the local band. Ringing during the afternoon was succeeded by the ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. G. Hill). A collection for the Benevolent and Belfry Repair Funds realised £1 10s. 9d.

After a splendid tea at Hillcroft, the business meeting was held in the village school, the Vicar presiding. Five new members from Woolwich, Farningham and Eynsford were elected and the election of two members was ratified.

It was decided to place on the agenda of the November committee meeting a proposal to amend the rules of the Benevolent Fund to widen its scope in relation to members eligible for benefit.

Mr. I. Emery paid tribute to the long and worthy ringing career of the late Mr. H. Hoskins (Greenwich) and the meeting signified its sympathy in the customary manner. The secretary was instructed to convey the members' condolences to Mrs. Hoskins. St. Margaret's, Lee, was chosen for the annual district meeting, to be held on October 26th. Votes of thanks for the use of the bells, for the service and general arrangements concluded the business.

Further ringing at Eynsford and in the neighbouring tower at Farningham continued until 9 p.m., the bells running to rounds and the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise.

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BIRTHS

STOTE.—To Margaret (nee Crossley), wife of William A. Stote, of Coventry, on Monday, August 5th, a son (Brian William). Both well.

SAYER.—On Monday, August 5th, at the Woodlands Hospital, Norwich, to Gwen, wife of George Sayer, a son (Christopher George).

DEATHS

COLES.—On August 5th, at Longdown Lane, Ewell, Lydia Caroline, mother of A. W. and the late C. T. Coles. Aged 85 years.

FIELD.—On Saturday, August 10th, at Ridouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford, Dorset, Sarah Ellen Field, aged 73, widow of the late Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton, and beloved mother of E. T. P. Field, Ringing Master of the N.D. Branch, Salisbury Guild, for many years an hon. member of the guild and a friend of all ringers.

FOR SALE

SET of Handbells (24), suitable for change or tune ringing; complete; in good order.—Apply, Mr. S. Wright, 14, South Parade, Peterborough, Northants.

SET of Handbells, in good condition, in box; 2 octaves. Also 10 odd handbells, useful for octaves on other handbells. What offers for 13 or 23?—Apply J. George, 63, Thurlston Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham 26.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5.15.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District.—Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. No. 342 bus from Potters Bar Garage.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Llanfigan (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Bring own food.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Next meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Next meeting, Maldon, Aug. 24th. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All Saints' bells also available. Numbers for tea by Aug. 21st.—A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District. — Sawston (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Nailsea, August 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSN. — Canterbury District. — Meeting at Teynham, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cup; of tea available. Names to Mr. V. J. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the White Horse. Names to be sent by Monday, Aug. 19th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Waldron (8), Saturday, Aug. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. One week's notice, please, to John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford District.—Meeting at Shipston-on-Stour Parish Church (6 bells), Saturday, August 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Bell Hotel.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Leicester Branch.—Meeting at Ibstock (6), on Saturday, August 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss Iris Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Road, Ibstock, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, August 20th.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Medbourne, Sat., Aug. 24th, at 3 p.m., not Aug. 17th. Meat tea at 5 p.m. at House and Trumpet, 3s. each. Names for tea by August 20th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Gt. Glenn.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Upwey, August 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester, Dorset, by August 19th.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Great Budworth (8), Saturday, August 24th. Please bring sandwiches.—Miss D. C. Osborn, 258, London Road, Northwich.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Calverley, Aug. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—August 24th. Ringing Whetstone 3 to 5, Crosby 6.30 to 8.30. Cups of tea only, and meeting at Bunning Hall, Cosby, at 5.30.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at East Brent (6), Saturday, August 24th, at 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Wonston (6), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 2.30. p.m. Also available: Barton Stacey (6). Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory; bring own food.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Saturday, August 24th, Marlow, 5 to 8 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Harpole (5), August 24th. Please bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Bi-quarterly meeting at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Saturday, August 24th, 3 p.m.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Wells (8), Saturday, August 24th. Tea 5 o'clock. Holkham (6) after tea. Please notify W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough and Burton Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8), August 31st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. W. Beardsmore, Lincroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, no later than first post, August 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Bridlington (8), Aug. 31st, available from noon. Service in Priory Church at 3.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. J. Parker, Pumping Station, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by first post, Tuesday, August 27th. Business meeting afterwards.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Colmworth and Little Staughton on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Colmworth bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. Little Staughton bells after tea.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Maidwell, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Names for tea by 24th, please.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting, Sketty, September 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Brighton, by invitation, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 5.30. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by August 28th to R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec., 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary. Annual Dinner.—Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Tickets (5s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch or general secretaries. Accommodation strictly limited.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—The final meeting will be held in Leicester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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RINGING TOURS

While memory brings us back again,
Each early tie that twined us.

Converse with any veteran of the Exercise, and sooner or later as he starts reminiscing he will tell you of his ringing tours. These tours have done much to build up the secular side of ringing. In the forefront is the sheer pleasure of ringing with men and women of skill and accomplishment. One recalls the friendships of the journey from centre to centre and the evenings when successes and failures are discussed. And also could be added a full chapter of new friendships thus established—of the lady who did not mind what she was called providing it was not “Ginger.” To the practised peal ringer there is indeed no holiday comparable with the ringing tour.

Benefits from such tours are largely individualistic in character. There have been occasions when tours have accomplished pioneer work of spreading the art and enthusiasm for change ringing. Experts have met local ringers and kindled that spark of interest that has set ambition aflame. Classic among the tours were those of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and also the journey to Australia in 1934 by that distinguished band which included Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson. As pioneers, these ringers spread the art of change ringing and focused the attention of the public on the tradition and skill behind this truly English pastime. For ringing to flourish it must hold the affectionate regard of the public, and opportunities to cultivate its favour must never be neglected.

This week our peal and news columns tell the story of the East Kent tour organised by Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, one of the modern enthusiasts who learnt his ringing during the war years, and has made commendable strides along the difficult path of progress. Their tour is one that will make an irresistible appeal to those who love “the garden of England” and recall with longing relish in these days of rationing the old Kentish rhyme:—

Hops and pickerel, carp and beer,
Came into England all in a year.

The towers selected were most of them of special interest not only on account of antiquity but for heavy tenors and kindred problems.

Many ringers can look back with satisfaction on days of good ringing in Kent. Appropriately the tour started

at the Mother Cathedral at Canterbury. There was also a peal at 'the Cathedral of the Marshes,' as Lydd's 13th century church is known. Situated in 'Hellfire Corner,' the extensive damage to the church is evidence of the scourge of the last war on many a church. The heavy-going tenor at Lyminge, a church built by St. Dunstan in the tenth century; the heavy five at Eastry, a village that provided a refuge for Thomas à Becket; the beauty of Chilham and the 13th and 14th century church at Rolvenden in the Rother Valley were among the 30 towers visited. The success of a tour depends on its 'staff work' beforehand. In this respect the East Kent tour had everything to commend it. With the passing of time, East Kent, 1946, will add another chapter as

When, round the bowl, of vanish'd years
We talk with joyous seeming.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR BOTTERILL 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM 9
ALLAN SHORT 4	FRED PRICE 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 5	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD 11
GEORGE E. OLIVER 6	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Cinques. G. W. Hughes has now rung a peal of Stedman Cinques on each bell in the tower.

TEN BELL PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 8
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	*ALBERT WIFFEN 9
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	*GEORGE SAYER 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	GEORGE BAILEY 8
C. FREDK. SAYER 4	WILLIAM CLOVER 9
*ARTHUR G. BASON 5	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the Rev. A. R. Freeman, curate of St. Peter Mancroft.

LEYLAND, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	G. H. RANGLES 6
MISS NORAH BIBBY 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 8
JACK GARTSIDE 4	THOMAS MARSHALL 9
ARTHUR HATCH 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (119). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

*BETTY SPICE Treble	†E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 7
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
*WILLIAM L. B. LEESE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
†DEREK P. JONES 5	JOHN E. SPICE Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First tower bell peal of Royal. † First peal on tower bell. ‡ First peal of Royal. First tower bell peal of Royal as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*MRS. B. WAYMAN ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6
JILL POOLE 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
PETER J. STANFORTH 3	JOHN WALDEN 8
*MADELINE M. LYON 4	JOHN FREEMAN 9
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT... .. 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. A 21st birthday compliment to Sgt. Michael Freeman, now serving in South-East Asia Command.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Twelve-part.

ALLAN R. ANDREWS ... Treble	DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS 5
GEORGE E. ANDREWS ... 2	†HARRY MILLETT 6
*IAN HALLS 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
URBAN WILDNEY 4	†GEORGE H. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LESLIE A. PAGE ... Treble	*PETER N. BOND 5
MISS ELIZABETH LAYTON 2	ROBERT E. TURNER 6
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
WM. A. THEOBALD 4	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to the conductor.



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On Sun., Aug. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD, A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
DENNIS ROE Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	JOHN S. MASON 6
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE 5
FREDERICK PRICE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
*ROBERT H. TYLER 3	WILLIAM TYLER 7
†DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM TYLER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Composition 4 Belfores, 2 W., 2 H. First peal as conductor.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALBERT J. PRINT ... Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
*CLARENCE R. STEED ... 2	WILLIAM COCKINGS ... 6
VIVIAN B. HUNT 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7
REGINALD CHAPMAN ... 4	†DEREK STANLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells for 39 years.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	FREDK. W. MUNNINGS ... 6
ERNEST A. HEAD 3	EDWARD L. ETHERIDGE... 7
THOMAS SIMMONS 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SIX BELL PEALS

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WM. BUCKENHAM 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	*ROY DAVIS 4
*CYRIL P. LAY 2	†HARRY WHITE 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS... 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. Greader E. Bussell.

TILSWORTH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*JOAN M. NEWMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM A. TWIDELL ... 4
†ALBERT W. BEARD 2	FREDERICK VICKERS ... 5
REGINALD J. SCOTT ... 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Vickers, a bellringer for 60 years.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PHILIP JONES Treble	MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	WILLIAM HAMMONS ... 5
GEORGE CARE 3	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
Rung on the back six after meeting short for Major. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) from the Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes, AT 35, WOODSTOCK ROAD,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

WM. L. B. LEESE (St. John's) 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE (New College) 5-6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) 3-4	BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the society. Also the first peal in the method on handbells.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*HERBERT KNIGHT 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	ERIC A. DENCH 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10
Composed by E. GUISE. Conducted by J. THOMAS.
* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes, AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition.

JILL POOLE 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

KENT PEAL TOUR

All peals rung for the Kent County Association.

CANTERBURY.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	†ALAN F. THIRST 7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 2	†W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 8
*MISS BETTY SPICE ... 3	†THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	†A. PATRICK CANNON ... 10
RONALD H. DOVE 5	JOHN E. SPICE 11
THOMAS FOX 6	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

CANTERBURY

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HACKINGTON.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

G. KEN. WILLIAMSON ...Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	JOSEPH W. H. CRABB ... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

LYMINGE.

On Sun., July 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELBURGA.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ... 5
FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 2	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 100th tower for a peal.

TENTERDEN.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
*G. KEN. WILLIAMSON ... 2	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4	*ALAN F. THIRST ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method.

BIDDENDEN.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...Treble	*W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
JOSEPH W. H. CRABB ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BENENDEN.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

RONALD H. DOVE ...Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
ALAN F. THIRST ... 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.

First peal as conductor.

FOLKESTONE.

On Wed., July 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD...Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. A. P. Cannon's 150th peal and 75th as conductor.

RAMSGATE.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE-IN-THANET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 2	†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	†THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 8
†FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... 9
†W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor.

ASH.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation).

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK L. HARRIS ...Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

LYDD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ALAN F. THIRST ...Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HYTHE.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...Treble	RONALD H. DOVE ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	ALAN F. THIRST ... 6
*FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

ANOTHER KENT TOUR

The following peals were rung for the Kent County Association during a visit by Messrs. R. and W. N. Park, of Darlington, and J. M. Bailey, of Leiston:—

DARTFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ...Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 4	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GRAVESEND.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ...Treble	ROLAND PARK ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

BEXLEY.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
ROLAND PARK ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

CRAYFORD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;	
FREDK. J. CULLUM ...Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	ROLAND PARK ... 6
W. NORMAN PARK ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
GEOFFREY J. MURPHY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On July 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, H. A. Nobes 2, A. D. Mills 3, E. A. Jurd 4, W. Tate 5, W. A. Theobald 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, C. W. Philpott 8. Rung as a 33rd birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Theobald.

BATH.—At St. Michael's on August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: K. Medway 1, T. K. King 2, W. G. Brown 3, W. H. Hurford 4, J. Hallett 5, T. Hayward 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, R. Fry, jun. 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 1, 6 and 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On August 1st, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss Lorna Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, S. Jessop 3, D. White 4, H. Harper (conductor) 5, F. Leggott 6, F. Dewey 7, H. Barsley 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. K. Ellis, who was inducted as Vicar of Boston on this date.—On August 4th, 1344 Canterbury Pleasure Major: Miss Lorna Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, F. P. Harwood 3, F. Dewey 4, H. Harper (conductor) 5, S. Jessop 6, F. Leggott 7, H. Barsley 8. First touch in the method by all the band.

CHICHESTER.—On July 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 1, W. R. Falconer 2, P. N. Bond 3, Miss Joyce Humphrey 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (first quarter of Triples as conductor) 7, F. S. Smithers (first quarter) 8. First quarter-peal to be rung by the Chichester ringers without outside assistance since the ban was lifted.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church on August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lodge (first quarter) 1, R. Davies 2, J. Saunders 3, C. Parks 4, F. Mitchell 5, W. Oatway 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, G. H. Humphries 8. First quarter-peal on the light eight.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On July 28th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Green (conductor) 1, G. Green 2, H. Devenish 3, P. Felton 4, H. Carter 5, W. J. Barrett 6, L. Ainger 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major for ringers of 5, 6 and 7.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On August 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Netley 1, G. Lee 2, R. G. Blackman 3, E. Horner (first quarter-peal) 4, P. R. Blackman (conductor) 5, C. H. Shepherd 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On August 4th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Jackson 1, H. Arbin 2, F. Casley 3, E. Marshall 4, W. Vince 5, T. Pink 6, C. Ward (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8. Rung for service and as a birthday compliment to Miss Jackson, who first handled a bell less than six months ago, and can now ring 'inside' at Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edwards (first quarter) 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, J. B. Sansom (conductor, first quarter) 5, P. Woodyer 6.

NAHLEA, SOMERSET.—On August 4th, 1,260 Doubles, 540 Grandsire, 360 Bob Doubles and 360 April Day: Miss B. Curtis 1, J. J. Yeates 2, B. Shearn (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. E. J. Baker 4, L. Derrick (conductor) 5, R. E. Durbin 6.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On July 28th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Bob Major: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss Nora Shorter 2, G. Curtiss 3, H. Colcombe 4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5, G. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. Gill 7, Frank E. Hawthorne 8.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.—On August 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. R. Martin (conductor) 1, W. Taylor 2, J. Gornall 3, F. Howarth 4, A. Tomlinson 5, K. Hall 6, T. Watson 7, W. Loxham 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—At St. Margaret's on August 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. G. Cross 1, Mrs. G. A. Naylor 2, B. Edwards 3, F. G. Southgate (first quarter Bob Major) 4, F. J. Cheal 5, S.B.A. W. Court, R.N. 6, W. J. Walker 7, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church on August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: D. Adams 1, E. Liversidge 2, L. Fields 3, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 4, J. Cord 5, A. Stamp 6, G. Tuke 7, T. C. Ryder 8, A. Firth (conductor) 9, P. Mangham 10. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute to Lionel Parkin, a member of the local band, who was buried the previous Wednesday, July 31st.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On August 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, H. Coombes 2, F. Soden 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, R. H. Coombes (first quarter) 5, A. Miles 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On August 2nd, at SS. Mary and Nicolas', 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Telford 1, S. E. Bennett 2, R. Stephenson 3, G. W. Mills 4, A. J. Farr 5, N. Hollingworth 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, D. Lawson 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir John Glead.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sunday, July 28th, at St. Leonard's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, E. L. Miles 2, S. Croft 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. Potheary 5, T. W. Wellbourne 6, H. G. Andrews 7, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—For evensong, Sunday, August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holmes (first quarter) 1, D. Welks 2, F. Absalom 3, S. Green (first quarter) 4, H. C. Farmer (conductor) 5, F. Honey 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On July 7th at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Shepherd 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, W. Daniell 3, F. J. Daniell 4, T. Townsend 5, A. G. Wells 6, W. Carter (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. A. Bullock 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. William C. Parker, of Staines, did get his 80th birthday peal at St. Peter's, Staines. He rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire, the bells being brought round in an even three hours.

'Ropesight,' probably the most popular primer in the Exercise, has been reduced in price from 4s. to 3s. A new edition of 2,000 copies has been printed.

Messrs. C. Turner and H. J. Saunders, of St. Mary's, Dover, have rung the Dover bells for the installation of five Lord Wardens of the Cinque Ports.

Handbell history has been made at Sittingbourne. On August 3rd Mr. John E. Spice called the first peal of Hereward Bob Major on handbells, and on August 10th the first peal of New London Court Bob Major.

A half-century as a ringer in one church is the record of Mr. A. Harding, of St. Mary's, Ealing. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a compliment to him on August 11th by J. Kent 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. Mark Stacey 3, P. E. Clark 4, C. Tricker 5, A. Fulwell (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

A memorial tablet is to be fixed at St. Mary's, Slough, to Mr. W. H. Fussell, who died on August 29th, 1944, within a few days of his 84th birthday. His last peal was rung the previous April at St. Mary's, where he learnt to ring 70 years ago. Particulars of dedication will be published in due course.

The peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was specially arranged to mark the 40th anniversary of Mr. Ernest Morris' first peal, which was the same composition, and he rang the second bell on each occasion. His first peal was, however, rung at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on August 6th, 1906, and his score to date is 929.

The peal at Chester-le-Street on August 7th was of special interest for Mr. William Sheraton, who rang the fourth. It was 50 years ago last May that he rang his first peal in the same tower, on the original six.

Eight out of the 14 ringers of Winchester Cathedral have a total of 304 years' service. They are as follows: Messrs. Wilfred Andrews (captain) 53 years, W. Lampard (vice-captain) 55, E. G. Lampard 53, G. Noice 44, A. Golding 30, R. Payne 27, H. Cook 26 and F. Glasspool 16. Six more range from five to ten years' service.

From another cathedral city comes a strange story of 'no beer, no keys.' It appears that the keys of the belfry of a parish church are left with Mine Host. Twenty-two ringers were at the practice and the advance party found a notice on the hostelry door, 'To be opened two nights later.' It was ascertained that the favoured few were clicking their glasses behind closed doors. Strategy embarked upon was to ring up the landlady and ask if she would like the keys of the church returned. 'Oh, yes, please,' she said, 'I will come to the front door.' Then came the ultimatum, 'No beer, no keys.' At which the landlady smilingly capitulated and two more were added to the throng inside.

TOURISTS VISIT THIRTY TOWERS IN EAST KENT

Eleven Peals in a Week

SUCCESSSES AND FAILURES.

Our peal columns this week report the activities of the second peal tour to be held in East Kent since the war, and, as will be seen, eleven peals were scored. The success of last year's venture, when there were 12 successful peal attempts, prompted the organiser, Mr. F. C. W. Knight, of the Cumberland Youths, to arrange a similar tour in the same area. Those who participated last year and were able to join the party again this year voted this year's tour equally enjoyable, although perhaps not quite so 'advanced' as last year's. There were no Surprise peal attempts and failures this year amounted to five as compared with only three last year.

The tour opened at Canterbury with two peals rung simultaneously, the one at the Cathedral with welcome assistance of Messrs. Judge and Wilkins, of Oxford, Mr. John Spice and his sister, and the other at St. Stephen's, Hackington, conducted by Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, of Ashford, Kent. Like the band the ringing at the Cathedral was mixed as could be expected on bells which are neither easy to handle nor easy to hear in the tower. The peal is believed by the party to be the first of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

The party was drawn from as far afield as Leeds, Rotherham, Norfolk, Salisbury and Swindon, and included a fifteen-year-old youngster from Aldershot at the one end and the ever youthful Jim Shepherd at the other. By a coincidence there were four church organists in the party, which meant that it was not only the bells which were sampled.

THE FAILURES.

The unsuccessful attempts were made at Rolvenden on the Monday afternoon, when Kent Treble Bob was lost after two hours; at Cheriton on the Wednesday morning, where Double Norwich 'wouldn't go'; at Elham on the Wednesday and Friday afternoons, when two attempts for Grandsire Triples came to grief almost half way, and the last attempt of all, on the Saturday afternoon at Chilham, where Bob Major was attempted on bells which are noisy in the ringing chamber. A lapse on the part of one of the band brought the usual instructions to the offender from several quarters at once—fortissimo, owing to the noise of the bells—with the result that a bob was called but unheeded. This might have proved one of the best peals of the week, the bells were travelling quickly, maybe a little too quickly, but time did not permit of another start.

The failures at Elham were particularly unfortunate in that the Vicar, a ringer himself, had been desirous of having a peal scored on these somewhat heavy going bells to commemorate the fact that there have been only three incumbents at Elham in the past hundred years.

Although peal attempts occupied an appreciable proportion of the week, other towers were visited for the benefit of those who prefer 'tower grabbing' to 'peal grabbing,' and in some instances the tenors were measured by a well-known member of the band or his assistant. Altogether some 30 towers were visited during the course of the week.

NEW RING OF SIX FOR NORFOLK

A new ring of six bells, with tenor 6½ owt., were dedicated during the morning service at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Mundford, Norfolk, on Sunday, July 28th, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

The bells were 'opened' by ringers from Diss: 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Musk 1, W. Elsey 2, A. G. Harrison 3, C. J. More 4, F. C. Roper 5, E. G. Bennett (conductor) 6. T. Ford rang 3rd to 240 Bob Minor.

Various other touches were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Minor. Other ringers taking part were C. E. G. Banham (Attleborough), I. Paul (Elveden) and G. Miller (Lakenheath). The ring are a very musical peal by Taylor's.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

YATELEY MEETING POPULAR.

The summer meeting was held at Yateley on July 20th and was attended by 80 members from Aldershot, Alresford, Basingstoke, Basingstoke, Bramley, Farnborough, North Stoneham, Overton, Shenfield-on-Lodden, Southampton, Sherborne St. John, Sonning, Wolverton, Woolton Hill and Yateley.

Good use was made of the bells from 2 p.m. onwards. Most of the young people managed to master the methods rung under the able supervision of Mr. C. Ostler, the Ringing Master. The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. Oliphant, who gave an excellent address. Tea followed in the British Legion Institute and part of the cost was generously met by the Yateley band. At the business meeting which followed six new members were elected to the Guild and the Rev. Oliphant was made an hon. member.

Ringling was continued in the tower until 9 p.m., and the methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. Thanks are due to Mr. S. Riddel and the Yateley ringers for the excellent arrangements carried out, which made the meeting worth while and fostered just the right friendly spirit which is so necessary in these days for the success of our noble art. J. O.

HEAVY TENORS.

Ringling on the magnificent heavy five at Eastry, near Sandwich, with its 20 owt. tenor, was greatly enjoyed. While the peal was in progress at Lydd a visit was paid to the unique wooden bell tower at Brooklands, but unfortunately it was not possible to ring on the noisy ring of five there. Indisposition of one of the band led to the bells having to be set up at Lydd after 40 minutes' ringling, and as by that time the rest of the party had left for Brooklands, this led to a six mile dash by hired car to bring back a substitute before another start could be made. Fortunately, a good peal of Double Norwich was brought round.

The turning-in of the heavy going tenor at Lyminge as well as the tenors at Folkestone and Biddenden was willingly left to that well-known heavy bell enthusiast Pat Cannon, whose sojourn overseas has neither lessened his keenness nor his ability in this respect, and whether it was by accident or design it was noticeable that the peal attempts on the three best going peals of bells (Lydd, Hythe and Chilham) were left until after his departure for the West Country! Lyminge was Pat Cannon's 60th tower for a peal in Kent.

This corner of Kent rightly acquired the title 'Hellfire Corner' during the war, and while it still bears its marks of the struggle, happily most of its churches and their noble rings of bells survived. The body of the church at Lydd was extensively damaged, but the tower and bells escaped.

PEAL BOARDS OF INTEREST.

Peal boards in the various towers record achievements of no mean ability in the early part of the last century. For instance, it is recorded at Rolvenden that the local band, whose ages ranged from 13 to 23, rang a peal of Bob Triples in 1820, after only a year's study and self-teaching, while it is recorded in Biddenden tower that the Biddenden Youths rang a peal of Bob Major as long ago as 1786 as well as a 6,720 of Bob Major the following year.

This village is famed for its 'Siamese Twins,' the Biddenden Maids, Eliza and Mary Chulkhurst, who were born there in 1100, joined together at the shoulders and hips, and who on their death at the age of 34 left a bequest to the needy and the custom survives to this day.

Space does not permit of anything like a detailed account of a most enjoyable and memorable week—the renewal of old and the forming of new friendships—the privilege of a peal attempt at Canterbury Cathedral—the daily rides through the lovely Kentish countryside with its unspoiled villages like Chilham, whose half-timbered houses must be a delight to the artist, as well as the little amusing incidents which invariably arise on ringing tours.

The smoothness with which the programme was carried out denotes the thorough 'staff work' put in by the organiser, and the thanks of all who took part are due both to him and those clergy who so readily placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers, sometimes at very short notice.

Time for breaking up arrived all too soon, and on Friday the first inevitable departure took place, and on Sunday most of those who remained left early so as to reach St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in time to ring for the morning service, while others whose appetite was still unsatiated called at Frant for another peal. R.H.D.

OBITUARY

MRS. S. E. FIELD.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ellen Field, of Stoke Wake, Blandford, took place at Mappowden on Wednesday of last week. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. S. F. Jackson, D.D., and was attended by numerous friends. The only family mourners able to be present were her son and her sister, Mrs. E. M. Bowker. The service was followed by interment in the cemetery of Buckland Newton, the last parish of her husband, the late Rev. E. S. Field.

There were neither flowers nor mourning at her request. In the evening the bells of Buckland Newton were rung unmuffled as a thanksgiving for her peace after years of patient suffering: 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by H. C. Cluett 1, Miss P. V. Marsh 2, Ben Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (son, conductor) 4, D. W. C. Chant 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

Mrs. Field was for many years an honorary member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and was loved and respected by all ringers who knew her and to whom she always extended a welcome.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting was held at Horbury on the 10th inst. The following towers were represented: Felkirk, Pudsey, Ossett and the local company, and a welcome visitor was Mr. C. Vessey, of Manningham, near Bradford. The attendance was rather below the average, probably due to a very wet day.

Owing to catering difficulties, no tea could be arranged, but a very homely cup of tea was provided at the tower secretary's (Mr. H. Pickles') home. The short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. H. Rowley acting as chairman. The usual routine of business was soon disposed of. The best thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Pickles for all the arrangements made. Mr. Benn, of Pudsey, was elected as a new member.

The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, September 14th.

CANDID COMMENTS ON QUESTIONS BEFORE THE EXERCISE PEAL RINGING CLIQUES

Dear Sir,—It certainly seems, according to 'Crusader', 'S. Truggler' and Co., that the 'small fry' are out for the blood of successful peal ringers, especially in Surprise methods, so perhaps you can spare a little space for one who has had about 30 years' experience in dealing with strugglers as well as notching a few Surprise peals between times.

As Phil Corby rightly remarks, 'The Ringing World' is not a public laundry, and specific cases should be dealt with inside the particular guild concerned. To reply to 'S. Truggler's' two questions, the answer to (1) is obvious to anyone who has the slightest idea of the functions of a ringing guild. Regarding (2) I would emulate Dr. Joad and ask, 'Just what is meant by a peal ringing clique?' It almost appears to be the aim of some of these correspondents to prohibit the ringing of the higher methods, or alternatively to compel the ringer who is keen enough to get a tower for a peal, to issue an open invitation to all and sundry to come and ring the peal.

If I am wrong, perhaps one of them will state their actual grouse in plain English. I ask this in all earnestness, as I fancy I might have been associated with some of these so-called 'cliques,' that is to say, we have got a band together in a district which can ring a few methods—and strike them, and have made good use of a few vacant dates.

One instance was in the Lewisham district of Kent 10 or 12 years ago, where it was open to any of the 'clique' to get out eight diagrams of a new method, distribute them among the others, arrange for a tower and go for the peal. This did not interfere with the 'small fry' practice, as we used to practise 'peal fashion' and scored 90 per cent. of the peals at the first attempt. One of this 'clique' was the district secretary, and I wouldn't fancy the chance of any malcontent challenging his conduct. Incidentally he has been unanimously re-elected for the 21st time. Also included were Central Council representatives and district representatives on the General Committee of the Kent Association, yet in spite of these defections on the part of association officers, the Lewisham district was at that time one of the most progressive of the day.

The real question has not yet been tackled—peal arranging. I have had countless applications from strugglers coached in terms like this, 'Don't forget me when you put on the next peal of Stedman,' or 'Next time you get Muckton-on-Slosh, I'd like a peal of D.N. there,' but I fear that if one of them said, 'I've got Slosh-ton-on-Muck for Treble Bob on Saturday week; would you care to stand in?' the shock would put me off peal ringing for months.

I suggest that these neglected people first of all get a tower for a peal attempt themselves, then get a band to ring the method they wish. Please note that all this must be done by post; you might save two shillings in postage and a week's delay in getting replies if you fixed your band at a meeting, but you mustn't, Mr. W. Frank Stenson wouldn't like it. If when this is completed some 'smaller fry' rise up and shout 'Clique,' I can imagine the reaction.

Mr. Stenson has also adopted the tactics of insinuating against his local officers in public instead of raising his point at his Guild meeting. I don't know his standing in the Guild (most of them have a rule that a full member should be able to ring at least 120 changes in a standard method), but I do place sneers from a 'drummer' about Surprise ringing on a par with a street organ grinder's criticism of Dr. Thalben Ball's rendering of a Bach Fugue. I don't despise a covering bell, and enjoy 'drumming' to peals of Stedman myself, but I only accept criticism of change ringing by change ringers.

His letter at first made me wonder if I had wasted 3s. 6d. by joining the Chester Guild (which I presume he belongs to) three weeks ago, but on second thoughts two nights with the Hazel Grove 'clique' was well worth it, even if we did finish up with a flat tyre, a defective wheel brace and a jack which wouldn't lift the car high enough, and then found that reviving liquid was rationed at one half-pint per person.

Nottingham.

LONG SERVICE IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—At Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire, eight of the members of the belfry have the following record: Messrs. A. Y. Tyler and C. Newman 53 years, J. J. Mawby 50 years, W. Perkins 43 years, G. Hewitt 30 years, A. Bigley, H. Chambers and E. Shelton 25 years' service in the St. Peter's band.

With the help of two visitors a course of London Surprise Major was rung recently, but we have promising young ringers coming along and we manage Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandshire Triples at most services.—Yours faithfully,
A. BIGLEY.
Irthlingborough.

In November, 1897, eight bells were dedicated in Sedbergh Parish Church, Yorkshire. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, then a youngster of 22, started to teach a band. In October, 1937, eight out of nine of the band rang a quarter-peal of Superlative to commemorate the 40 years' service of four of the band. When the ban on ringing came in 1940, eight were still ringing. They were, with years of service: G. F. Woodhouse 43, R. Atkinson 43, T. Sisson 43, E. Pennington 43, J. W. Pennington 40, H. Haresnape 40, J. Smith 35, H. Dawson 23. Total 310 years. Can you beat that?

PEALS AND THE 'SMALL FRY'

Dear Sir,—Although 'S. Truggler' certainly had a legitimate grouse, I think he was ill-advised to use the columns of 'The Ringing World' to air views which should be presented at his own association meeting. Mr. Corby was quite right in his condemnation of the washing of association linen in public.

There has, however, been an extensive correspondence over the matter of peal ringing, and one fact seems to stand out, i.e., there seems to be a genuine grievance on the part of the 'small fry' that a great deal of peal ringing is accomplished at their expense, and I cannot help thinking that perhaps peal ringing has in some ways come to be given a wrong value. It is rightly agreed that to ring peals is the ambition of most average ringers, and the fact of having taken part in a peal is clear proof of a ringer having sufficiently 'mastered' a method to be able to attempt a peal in it without qualm.

So it would seem that a greater number of peals recorded means a greater number of ringers learning more methods or a greater number of ringers reaching a peal ringing standard; yet this is only true up to a point, and I feel there has been a tendency for some years to measure the strength and ability of the Exercise by the number of peals rung rather than by the standard. A better measure would be the number of peals containing 'firsts' of some kind or other, of which, happily, there are a great number recorded each week. But the total of peals rung is still maintained by inclusion of those 'old regulars' of particular bands of 'giants' scoring peals in the same methods at the same towers with monotonous regularity and frequency, and I heartily endorse the remarks of your correspondent, W. F. Stenson, for in my peregrinations I have been in parts of the country where ringing is at a standstill and becoming a lost art in territory within easy reach of 'cliques' who regularly ring their ten and twelve bell peals in the same method week after week. Fortunately that does not obtain in my County Association, where that selfish attitude has never crept in.

There is no doubt a lot of 'peal grabbing' these days, consequent on the fact that a ringer in his early days finds he is fairly proficient and gets the peal ringing craze to an extent where he will calculate how many hundred he can ring in the presumed number of years ahead, and sets himself to achieve that number by 'hook or crook' and perhaps beat old 'so-and-so's' record.

Just a word to the 'small fry.' It is petty to adopt an attitude of 'sour grapes,' and rather than take a fiendish delight in the breakdown of an attempted Surprise peal by other people, it would be better to try some self-education in methods in the hope of being included in some future attempt.

To the 'giants': try missing a peal or two of the methods you have rung hundreds of times to give the time to those 'smaller fry' who are helping themselves.—Yours faithfully,
C. BRETT-SMITH.

58, Picardy Road, Belvedere, Kent.

YORKSHIRE CAN

Dear Sir,—Heartiest congratulations to Mr. G. R. Newton on the record set up for the Lancashire Association, but regarding the query, 'Can you cap that, Yorkshire?' the answer is definitely 'Yes.'

On November 13th, 1937, I called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Shipley. This was Mr. Joseph Broadley's 400th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Since then, however, through the painstaking efforts of Mr. Barton to eliminate all false peals rung by the Yorkshire Association, this number has been reduced to 399.

This still stands as a record for the association and the many Yorkshire friends of Mr. Newton hope that he will be spared to pass this record.

Owing to advancing years it is unlikely that Mr. Broadley will add to his record of peals, but to his many friends we can say that he is still going strong.

WILLIAM AMBLER, Hon. Dis. Sec., Western Division.

40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

P.S.—Any more records, Lancashire?

PEALS FOR ONE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Hearty congratulations to my old friend, Mr. George R. Newton, on ringing 370 peals for the Lancashire Association. I do not know if there is anyone living in Yorkshire who can beat his record, but there is a Yorkshireman living in Lincolnshire who can beat it. I myself, being a Yorkshireman, have rung 509 peals for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,
Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs.

RUPERT RICHARDSON.

RINGING IN FILMS

Dear Sir,—In a recent B.B.C. broadcast, 'The Brontes,' some very fine Triples ringing formed a background to one of the scenes. If this is included in the film—from which the above was adapted—this must be the first occasion when Hollywood has used genuine English change ringing. But although an 'effects' record was probably used, one wonders whether Haworth really has any bells, and if so is there any chance of being able to get a ring there.—Yours faithfully,
C. CULLEN.

Oak Rise, Farnborough, Kent.

QUERY CORNER

THE BOB IN DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS

Dear Sir,—Recently I was greatly interested in the articles on Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, but to me there are several bughbears, such as the different ways of making the bobs, to wit, thirds place or sevenths place, with the treble behind, also false course-ends. My own way would be to have sevenths place bob as in Major when the treble is in front, leaving the second in the hunt throughout.

Should an alternative Cater method be required I would suggest ringing Oxford Bob Caters, which is fully explained in Shipway.—Yours truly, G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden writes: Although I am unable to write with the authority of experience in the ringing of Double Norwich Caters, it seems to me that both of the complaints which your correspondent make with regard to this method are shared with many others. It has become customary, for instance, to make the bobs in Bob Major while the treble is at the lead, but I imagine they can be quite effectually made while the treble is behind. Also the tendency to false course-ends and internal falseness is not confined by any means to Double Norwich Caters. Our old friend Treble Bob has a good share of that. It is thus, as regards the bobs, a matter of personal preference.

I think that if I was head of a band about to commence the practice of it I would go for the seventh place bob, because at the moment of calling the bob the bob bell and the treble are striking together in 7-8, the treble being on its way to lead, and the bob bell merely turning over in 7ths following it, thus becoming the new hunt bell.

What I have written about the bob is, I know, contrary to the theory of the late Mr. J. J. Parker, who, in response to an enquiry some years back, gave us the 3rds place bob as given in 'The Ringing World' of April 12th, 1946. This involves a bob bell in making 3rds on its downward path, and turning back in an upward direction, a much more difficult thing to do. Further, the 7th place bob with the other two bells dodging in 8-9 is firmly fixed in the tradition of ringing, both in Double Norwich Major, which has a 6th place bob, and Stedman Caters, which has a 7th place bob, although I imagine both could be quite well made at another point.

A TYRO WITH GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—I am about to make it plain how ignorant I am, but no matter if something good comes from it.

Recently, having an hour or two free, and being 'booked' for a peal of Grandsire Caters in the near future, I thought I would have a look at the calling of the method (for the first time). I took out my Central Council book of peals for the Odd Bell Treble Dominated methods and studied a peal or two. Then my troubles started. No explanation of the calling at all. I looked up other books I had, but the only reference I could find to Grandsire Caters was a history of the method in the Snowdon series book on Grandsire. Of course, I may be dense, but some of the calls seemed to mean lots of things.

However, I decided to find out what they did mean. 1-3-5-7-9 was fairly obvious for bobs at these leads—my figures agreed with the course end given (but only with 978 at the back—there was no indication that this was intended, but I realised that it was usual to ring with the big bells in this order). Then I came to 8 in and 1; this too soon yielded to treatment and the correct figures came up when I called 8 into the hunt and out at 1. 9 in and 2 came next, so naturally I tried 9 in and out at 2, but I found that didn't work to the given figures.

I spent quite a time on this, finding that 9 in and out at 3 gave the required figures as printed except that the big bells (not shown in the peal) were now in the position 897. I thought that must be wrong so after calling 9 into the hunt, I tried the effect of bobs at the next two leads and discovered that that seemed to be what the calling meant, for I got my book figures as well as the big bells still 978.

Then I came to the biggest headache of all—89. The most obvious interpretation, I thought, was to call them in turn before, but that wasn't the solution, I found. I tried several other ways, but none gave me the correct course end. Finally, by working backwards and calling the bell into the hunt required by the given figures, I discovered, I think, what the 89 meant—a call to bring them home together, whence the next lead gave the book figures with the tenors 978. I now have to find whether 78 (which appears later in the peal) means the same thing—I hope it does!

As I have said, I may be dense, and I know I could easily have asked the expert who lives next door to me, but everyone is not in that lucky position, and it seems to me more than time, therefore, that at the least some reference should be inserted in the book concerned as to where an interpretation of the 'symbols' used can be found.—Yours faithfully, K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton.

BLIND RINGER

The band at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, Middlesex, can boast of a blind ringer, taught by themselves, in the person of Mr. A. Richardson. He is capable of ringing the tenor as a covering bell to five and seven bell methods.

BY CAR AND COACH

BEACONSFIELD RINGERS VISIT OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE.

Beaconsfield ringers, accompanied by friends, held their summer outing on July 27th. Leaving home just before 9 a.m., we travelled by coach to Chipping Norton, the first stop. The Church of St. Mary the Virgin stands to the north of the town, on the edge of a beautiful valley; the tower contains a fine-going ring of eight, tenor 14½ cwt., and the ringing here was greatly enjoyed by all the party. Just as we reached the coach and the local ringer had mounted his bicycle and ridden off, one member of the party confessed that he had left his coat in the belfry, and went on to explain that 'it didn't matter much about the coat, but he had got his "eats" in the pocket!' (Evidently his B.U.'s mean more to him than clothing coupons.) Two of the youngsters ran back to the church, and after some delay succeeded in getting the key from the Vicar and retrieving the missing articles.

Hastening on after this delay, we arrived at Shipton-under-Wychwood, charmingly situated in wooded surroundings, and the bells of St. Mary's, tenor 15 cwt., were set swinging to various methods. The next stop was at the beautiful, old-world town of Burford, where all did full justice to the excellent lunch provided at the Corner House Hotel. Ringing then took place on the fine eight at the Church of St. John the Baptist, where the time passed all too quickly.

A further run of nine miles brought us to Bampton, where some happy reunions took place, for one member of the party was able to meet his son and family, and we also met an old friend who had been stationed at Beaconsfield in war days, and who was able to accompany us as far as our last stop. Everyone enjoyed ringing here on the mellow-toned eight, with a fine tenor of 25 cwt.

After this the conductor called 'Stand' for welcome cups of tea at the Trout Inn, Tadpole Bridge. The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Buckland, was reached about 5.30 p.m., and methods to suit all tastes were rung.

During the longer run to Blewbury, the handbells were brought into use, and touches were rung under rather difficult conditions. St. Michael's, Blewbury, was the last stop for ringing, and by this time even the most enthusiastic members seemed to have satisfied their ringing appetite.

During the day the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major.

Beaconsfield was reached about 10.40 p.m., and we all enjoyed the glorious Cotswold scenery, and shall not soon forget the wide views and rolling downs, or the kindness of the local ringers and the clergy in making this outing possible. D. R. F.

INTERESTING SOMERSET TOWERS

Ringers from North Bradley, Wilts, and friends joined Steeple Ashton ringers for a tour of South Somerset on July 20th. The route was particularly well chosen.

The first tower visited was Martock, with its fine peal of eight. The beautifully carved oak ceiling of the nave was admired, while the stocks at the church gates reminded the company of other knaves.

Next came South Petherton Church with its unusual octagonal tower. The eight bells were rung and the party then went to Kingstone for lunch. The ringing of the six bells of this church was a unique experience. The circle of bell ropes fall at the foot of the chancel steps of this lovely church, and the ringers of the treble and tenor stand on the chancel steps.

After ringing at Shepton Beauchamp, the party went to Ilminster for tea and to ring the eight at the Parish Church. These bells are truly among the finest in the West Country. The light peal of six at Seavington was the last tower for the day.

Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Mr. H. Gummer, the organiser of the tour, was congratulated on the excellent arrangements made. P.H.

IPSWICH RINGERS' UNFINISHED TOUR

St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, resumed their pre-war annual outing on July 27th. Starting at 7 a.m., the company did justice to a good breakfast at Bury St. Edmunds. After ringing on the heavy bells of St. Mary's, a course of Cambridge Royal was rung at the Norman tower adjacent to the Cathedral.

Horringer, where Sgt. Gillings had things ready, and St. Peter's and All Saints', Sudbury, were rung before dinner. Then followed ringing at Clare and the lively little peal at Foxearth. On the journey to Long Melford the fan cut a large hole in the radiator. At 6 p.m. in Sudbury the driver 'phoned Ipswich for help and was promised a relief coach at 8.30 p.m.

In the meantime the company amused themselves in various ways. Some of the veterans played cribbage and sampled the liquid refreshments. By 9 p.m. the company were on the fresh coach, but the driver was not as fresh, having done a long all-day journey already and would not entertain going to Lavenham, but willy-nilly went straight home to Ipswich, which was reached at 10 p.m. G.F.S.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 362.)

Henry VIII suppressed the ringing through the night on the Vigil of All Saints by an order addressed to Cranmer in these words:—

'Forasmuch as that Vigil is abused, as other Vigils were, our pleasure is, as you require, that the said vigil be abolished, as the others be, and there shall be no watching, nor ringing but as commonly used upon other holidays at night.'

The custom was, however, revived in the reign of Queen Mary for the wardens of Leverton thus charge:—

'1556 It. pd. for the full contentation of the ryngers upon alhollow nyght . . . xixd. ob.'

All Saints eve was probably meant. It is stated in Kethe's sermon, preached at Blandford Forum, 1570 (p. 19), that 'there was a custom in Papal times, to ring bells at Allhallowtide for all Christian Souls.' The day after All Saints day was known as All Souls day, a comparatively modern festival of the Roman church, founded on the doctrine of Purgatory, and styled the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. It was called *Alsoulne* and *Soulemas-day*, and there was much ringing on its vigil. The services of the day being for the benefit of all Christian souls, a general collection appears to have been made from all the people—from the living for the benefit of the dead—either in church or through the parish, to pay for the night-long ringing of the bells. Thus at Holy Trinity, Coventry, in 1462, it was the duty of the first Deacon to:—

'go on all halowe day at evyn among ye pepyll in ye North syd off ye church and gedyer money off them for ye ringors yt ryng for all crysyn sols.'

And in like manner the second Deacon was to collect: 'in ye sowthe syde off ye churche.'

The 'watching' and ringing of bells all the night 'upon Allhallow day at night' was forbidden in 1546, as it was a warning for All Souls day, but as before noticed, it was revived in Queen Mary's reign as is shown by the following entry at Leverton:—

'1557 It. pd. for the full payme't of the ryngers upon psolmes nyght over and besydes towe and twentye pences gatheryd of the paryshyoners . . . xiiijd.'

'Psolmes' is an attempt at *Somas* or *Soulmas*. The ringing continued all through the night until the morning of All Souls, when the *Morrow-Mass* was sung. Very shortly after the accession of Queen Elizabeth, these and similar ringings were prohibited in the injunctions in such words as these:—

'Upon all saints days and other like times there be no ringing of bells after evening prayer to the maintenance of praying for the dead.'

And in 1562 it was asked that:—

'Superfluous ringing of bells, namely at All Hallowtide and on All Souls day may be prohibited.'

Grindal, as Archbishop of York, issued certain 'injunctions to the Laity' in 1571 similar to the above, and subsequently when he was translated to Canterbury, he did likewise in the southern province, as in 1576 he published certain 'Articles of Enquiry' covering much the same ground. In articles to be inquired of within the Archdeaconry of York by the churchwardens and sworn men, 1630-1640, is 'whether there be any within your

parish or chappelry that use to ring bells superstitiously upon any aborogated holiday or eves thereof.' In a poem entitled 'Honoraria, or the Day of All Souls,' 1782, the scene of which is supposed to be in the great church of St. Ambrose, in Milan, the 2nd of November, on which day the most solemn office is performed for the repose of the dead, are the lines:—

'Ye hallowed bells, whose voices thro' the air
The awful summons of afflictions bear.'

A paragraph in the 'Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel' (September, 1827), under the heading 'Quaint Midland Customs,' describes a custom practised in Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffs, and Worcs., during the month of November, and known as 'Souling,' 'Clementing,' or 'Catterning,' according to the day on which it is locally observed. November 1st and 2nd, All Saints or All Souls; November 23rd, St. Clement's; and November 25th, St. Katherine's Day. In North Staffs, Shropshire and Cheshire, where it is known as 'Souling,' children go round begging for cakes and singing this ditty:—

'Soul, soul, for a soul-cake!
Pray good Missus, a soul-cake!
Peter stands at yonder gate,
Waiting for a soul-cake.'

The custom, it is suggested, goes back to primitive Celtic observations, but no mention is made of any connection of it with bells or ringing. Such connection, if it exists, may be only accidental, due to the fact that All Saints was a great day on which bells were rung, or possibly because those who went 'Souling' rang a bell to call attention. The custom is probably older than bellringing. In 'Old English Sports,' by the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, is the following: 'Allhallow Even, there were cakes called "Soul Mass cakes" or "Soul cakes" which were given to the poor. These were of triangular shape and poor people in Staffs. used to go a-souling, i.e., collecting these soul cakes, or anything else they might get. The church bells were rung all night for all Christian souls, and we find from some old account books that the good folks were very careful to have all their bellropes and bells in good order for Allhallow Even. This ringing was supposed to help the souls of the dead in purgatory, and was suppressed after the Reformation.'

(To be continued.)

RINGING IN NORTH YORKSHIRE

There has been a marked revival of interest in change ringing in North Yorkshire during the last few months. The Northern District of the Yorkshire Association has held three very successful meetings during the summer, the latest being at Thirsk on July 20th.

This meeting was well attended and a variety of methods was rung. Thirsk St. Mary possesses a good ring of eight. The tenor, a pre-Reformation bell, is reputed to have been taken from Fountains Abbey at the Dissolution.

At the business meeting the Vicar of Thirsk (the Rev. H. Broughton, R.D.) presided, a number of new members were elected and a resolution was passed extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton, of Richmond, who were that day celebrating their diamond wedding. Mr. Morton recently celebrated his diamond jubilee as a ringer and still rings regularly at Richmond.

On Monday, August 5th, a party of ringing enthusiasts from Ripon and district visited a number of six-bell towers in Wensleydale. Leaving Ripon at 10 a.m., they rang at Burneston St. Lambert, Askrigg St. Oswald, Aysgarth St. Andrew and East Witton St. John. The party had intended to ring also at Tanfield St. Nicholas, but trouble with one of the cars caused a considerable delay, and this tower had to be omitted from the programme. The methods rung during the day were *Grandsire* and *Stedman Doubles*, Kent and Plain *Bob Minor*, and some good touches were brought round.

At each tower the party were met by local ringers, and the tourists returned home feeling that not only had they enjoyed themselves, but that they had also helped to stimulate interest in change ringing in places far from the beaten track.

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DEATH

SHARPLES.—On August 12th, 1946, at 19, Stonycroft Avenue, Blackpool, S., Ann, the dearly loved wife of Charles Sharples, after a long illness patiently borne, aged 65 years.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Teynham, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cup of tea available.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the White Horse. Names to be sent to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Waldron (8), Saturday, Aug. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notice, please, to John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford District.—Meeting at Shipston-on-Stour Parish Church (6 bells), Saturday, August 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Bell Hotel.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Saturday, August 24th, Marlow, 5 to 8 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Wells (8), Saturday, August 24th. Tea 5 o'clock. Holkham (6) after tea. Please notify W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough and Burton Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8), August 31st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. W. Beardsmore, Lincroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, no later than first post, August 27th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Special meeting, Cottingham (5 bells), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Cups of tea only.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Bridlington (8), Aug. 31st, available from noon. Service in Priory Church at 3.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. J. Parker, Pumping Station, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by first post, Tuesday, August 27th. Business meeting afterwards.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Watford (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m.—J. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

DEVON GUILD.—Practice, Cullompton (10), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. Tea.—F. C. Smale.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Louth, Aug. 31st. Bells (8) 2.15 and after meeting. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Hanson's Cafe, Ugate. Names by Wednesday previous to J. F. Hoodless, 15, Watts Lane, Louth (important).—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Aug. 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, near Doncaster.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Upwell (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea at Five Bells Hotel.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Saturday, Aug. 31st, from 6.30 p.m.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Next meeting, Rayleigh (8), Aug. 31st, 3.30 p.m. Help given to any who want progress. Only ringing, with interval for cups of tea. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Salehurst on Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural.—Westerleigh (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by Aug. 26th, to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting, Sketty, September 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Brighton, by invitation, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 5.30. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by August 28th to R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec., 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Rawmarsh (8), Sept. 7th, at 3 p.m. Cards to Mr. J. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, for tea. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary. Annual Dinner.—Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Tickets (5s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch or general secretaries. Accommodation strictly limited.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—At the request of the Guiseley company, the meeting fixed for Sept. 7th, has been postponed until October 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BRISTOL, ST. STEPHEN'S.—Ringing: Sundays, 10 a.m. Ten bell practice Mondays 7.30 p.m.—E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3.

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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

First of the new Guilds to be admitted to the Central Council at the conclusion of the last war was the Universities' Association. It was a proud moment for Miss Marie R. Cross at Birmingham County Hall in May, 1945, when she, as the accredited representative of the Universities' Association was received into the comity of ringing organisations that constitute the Central Council. The election was unchallenged. Those who have directed the affairs of the Central Council know full well the value of the two parent University Associations of Oxford and Cambridge. The desire for a common association that embraced not only these venerable scholastic heritages, but the new seats of learning like Birmingham, Reading, London and Bristol was very genuine, and the sponsors knew full well that before long they would be privileged to make an important contribution to the welfare of the Exercise.

Emerson, in his essay on Carlyle, wrote: 'If a scholar goes into a camp of lumbermen or a gang of riggers, those men will quickly detect any fault of character. Nothing will pass with them but what is real and sound.' The simile is apposite when applied to ringing. From the University Guilds and Associations much is expected by the territorial bodies, and those two ancient societies with the tradition of the Exercise in their very marrow. The critics watch them especially on such matters as handling and striking, and apprise the value of their organisation by the individual's efficiency. There are two great channels of usefulness. The first is in the recruitment of men and women to whom the Exercise can look for its potential leaders, whether in the humble parish belfry or in the affairs of Guilds. The other direction is in scholarship and research into the higher branches of bell ringing.

Until this week the peal book of the Universities' Association had not many pages filled. In 1944 there were peals of Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major and Kent Treble Bob with two peals in hand. Last year seven peals were recorded, of which the most noteworthy were Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters. The Association have just concluded a ringing week attended by 45 members with headquarters at Canterbury, during which time 11 peals were rung. The achievement of the tour was the peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral. The average age of the band was 25, and Mr. John L. Spice, the conductor, pertinently asks if this is

a record. The average age would have been nearer 21, had not three members of the band been in their thirties.

There were other good things during the week, as our peal and news columns show. The greatest, however, as we mentioned last week in connection with another Kent tour, was the friendship engendered. Some 50 towers were visited, and the ringing on these occasions was not confined to gowmsmen, but other ringers participated. The 'Universities' are imbued with the right spirit, and we feel convinced that they will prove an influence for good.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*MARGARET D. TELFORD (Somerville) 2	†DEREK P. JONES (St. Edmund Hall) 6
†ANNA SELLORS (Lady Margaret Hall) 2	†ALAN WHITE (Lincoln) 7
*WM. L. B. LEESE (St. John's) 3	†H. PETER RAYNOR (St. John's) 8
*BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) 9
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE (Queen's) 5	JOHN E. SPICE (New College) Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE. * First peal of Treble Ten on tower bells. † First peal of Royal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Treble Ten. First tower bell peal of Royal for the society.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ...Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
*MISS MARY ELKINS ... 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 3	E. DENNIS POOLE	8
FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
THOMAS PRICE ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	Tenor

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN	5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
HAROLD A. MAY ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALAN HOUGH ...Treble	JOHN BRAWLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL	6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	GORDON A. OLLIFFE	7
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	Tenor

Conducted by GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

* First peal, age 15. First of Triples as conductor. Rung on the 'Margaret' eight.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Wigan Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ALBERT PARKER ...Treble	STANLEY MAJOR	5
RICHARD FORSHAW ... 2	SYDNEY FORSHAW	6
SYDNEY CLOUGH ... 3	*THOMAS MARSHALL	7
JOHN ERRINGTON ... 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	Tenor

Conducted by S. FORSHAW.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

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On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND

St. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*PETER T. FISHER ...Treble	WILLIAM F. SHERATON	5
ROBERT BELL ... 2	JOHN A. BROWN	6
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	7
WILLIAM SHERATON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Irene Craig and the Rev. W. Bentley, curate of the parish.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*P. WRIGHT (University)	Treble	BETTY SPICE (Somerville)	5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 2		†H. PETER RAYNOR (St. John's) ... 6	
JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) ... 3		ALAN WHITE (Lincoln) 7	
†JOHN V. LONSBROUGH (Keble) ... 4		JOHN E. SPICE (New College) ... Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal of Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ...Treble	GEORGE SAYER	5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	HENRY TOOKE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung to welcome Christopher George Sayer, son of the ringer of the fifth.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's peal.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ...Treble	FRANK HICKS	5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS,

Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. C. S. Turner on his wedding.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ...Treble	HARRY D. LISTER	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	KEITH WHITTLE	6
MRS. C. W. PIPE ... 3	WILLIAM A. WOODS	7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

**BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PERSHORE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*WILFRED W. RING ...Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
PERCY PAGE 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on eight. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung at first attempt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
*MISS E. LAYTON ...Treble	HAROLD A. NODS ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 6
*EDWIN S. SMITH ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 3	JAMES HIGGINS ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIES ... 4	MARK ROSIER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HIGGINS.
First peal as conductor, age 15. Rung as a wedding compliment to Major Martin Ogle, only son of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Ogle, of East Ilsley, and Miss D. Helena Tholen, who were married recently at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore.

SIX BELL PEALS

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ...Treble	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 4
*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 75th peal together.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ...Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN... 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
*THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

CARBROOKE, NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. J. FINCHAM ...Treble	C. J. BURNS ... 4
G. W. SMITH ... 2	T. A. A. POTTER ... 5
*F. C. JOHNSON ... 3	L. W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. G. W. WILSON ...Treble	H. C. READ ... 4
ERIC DURRANT ... 2	W. C. MEDLER ... 5
*R. C. FRANCIS ... 3	G. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET.

A PEAL OF NEW LONDON COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size d5 in C.

ALAN WHITE (Lincoln) ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE (New Col-lege) ... 5-6
WM. L. B. LEESE (St. John's) ... 3-4	JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted JOHN E. SPICE.

The first peal in the method.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun. and Mon., Aug. 11 and 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT ROPER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 7 in C.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2	P. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	A. E. WILKINS (Trinity) 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

This peal contains 60 short and two long courses.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT ROPER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 1-2	P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	*G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD (MAGD.). Conducted by C. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on handbells.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE OAKS, THEOBALD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*GEORGE W. CECIL ... 7-8
†RAYMOND OVERY ... 9-10	

Composed by J. ROGERS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First ten bell peal 'in hand.'



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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

All peals are for the Universities' Association.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

V. J. BENNING (Lon.) ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 5
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 2	*REV. A. THURLOW (Cam.) 6
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 3	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 7
†P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor, for the association and on the bells. † First peal in the Surprise method.

WALMER, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

WM. L. B. LEESE (Ox.) <i>Treble</i>	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE
*JOAN HOULDSWORTH (Ox.) 2	(B'ham) ... 5
*P. M. J. GRAY (Lon.) ... 3	*G. DODDS (Cam.) ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS (Reading) 4	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 7
	J. C. SIMPSON (L'pool.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in method for the association and on the bells.

THROWLEY, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

A. E. WILKINS (Cam.) <i>Treble</i>	C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) 5
*H. VON DER HEYDE (Ox.) 2	DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON
ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 3	(Lon.) ... 6
*R. CLOUSTON (Lon.) ... 4	V. P. BENNING (Lon.) ... 7
	REV. A. THURLOW (Cam.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

MARIE R. CROSS (Reading) 1-2	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) ... 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 3-4	REV. M. MELVILLE (B'ham.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First handbell peal as conductor.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

A. E. WILKINS (Cam.) <i>Treble</i>	*REV. A. THURLOW (Cam.) 6
*BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 2	*ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 7
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 3	†P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 8
*GEOFFREY DODDS (Cam.) 4	REV. C. E. WIGG (Ox.) 9
†R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 5	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor and first peal of Royal on tower bells for the association.

CANTERBURY, KENT

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JULIA M. PRESTON (Ox.) ... 1-2	WM. L. B. LEESE (Ox.) ... 5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT (Ox.) ... 3-4	DOROTHY RICHARDSON (Lon.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*W. L. B. LEESE (Ox.) <i>Treble</i>	ALAN WHITE (Oxford) ... 5
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) ... 6
(Lon.) ... 2	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 7
†IAN FULFORD (Bristol) ... 3	V. J. BENNING (Lon.) ... <i>Tenor</i>
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 4	

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Triples on tower bells. † First peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

C. WOOLLEY (Cam.) <i>Treble</i>	*†D. P. JONES (Ox.) ... 7
JEAN SOUTHERST (Ox.) 2	†ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 8
MARIE CROSS (Reading) 3	REV. M. C. MELVILLE
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 4	(B'ham.) ... 9
*G. DODDS (Cam.) ... 5	P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 10
*†R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 6	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 11
	*H. P. RAYNOR (Ox.) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques. First tower-bell peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

HERNHILL, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

HILDA STOBBS (D'ham) <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS (Cam.) 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON (Ox.) 2	†H. P. RAYNOR (Ox.) ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 7
JOHN F. MOOK (Cam.) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal in the method.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 5-6
(B'ham) ... 1-2	MARGARET L. TUTT (Ox.) 7-8
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 3-4	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method on handbells. First handbell peal in the method for the association.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN DOUBLE REVERSE, HERWARD, PERSHORE, DOUBLE OXFORD AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

The peal contained 896 changes of Plain Bob, 880 of Reverse, 784 of Double, 752 of Double Norwich, 672 of Pershore, 656 of Double Oxford and 448 of Herward, with 25 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
*ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 1-2 | ‡C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) 5-6
†BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 3-4 | JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 7-8
Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in seven methods. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal in seven Major methods. First peal in more than one method for the association.

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QUARTER PEALS

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Robinson 1, A. Gane 2, H. V. Sear 3, J. Meager 4, R. Cadamey 5, F. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Reader, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, who was interred in Bletchley Churchyard.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On August 6th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 240 Stedman, 240 London, 240 St. Simon's, 120 each Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Eddie Robinson 1, George Care (conductor) 2, Miss D. C. Osborn 3, Eric Nobles 4, John Fitzhugh 5. First quarter-peal of Doubles in seven methods for ringers of 2 and 3.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On August 11th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: Alfred Hawkins 1, Miss Stella Davis 2, Miss Joan Mathews 3, George Stocker 4, Mrs. Cyril Pearce 5, Reginald W. Rex 6, Cyril Pearce 7, George Davis (conductor) 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen on August 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, L. Croft 3, E. L. Miles 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. Potheary 6, H. G. Andrews 7, R. Sanders 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On August 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, W. Fright 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George 4, J. Willis 5, E. J. Walker 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Furringer 8. Rung for the installation of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On August 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Wade 1, Miss M. Gann 2, D. Stainsby 3, C. Wade 4, W. A. Holmes 5, A. Hall 6, A. I. Holmes (conductor) 7, F. W. French 8. First quarter Kent Treble Bob for ringer of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On August 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Creed 1, S. Higdon 2, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 3, J. Metcalf 4, H. Smith (first quarter in the method) 5, R. G. Beck 6, J. T. Dyke 7, H. Lintern 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On August 4th, 1,280 Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, George Green 2, Ian Halls 3, P. Felton 4, H. Carter 5, W. Barrett 6, Percy Green 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On August 14th, at St. Ippolyt's, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, A. C. Harris 2, L. R. Runnacles 3, E. W. Winters 4, J. North 5, A. E. Symonds (conductor) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sunday, August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Begrie 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, E. Pratchett 4, L. A. Reece 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (first as conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On August 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Izzard 1, C. Izzard 2, A. Waller 3, A. Ford 4, L. Turner 5, M. Stephens (first quarter as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 2.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on August 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, G. A. Parsons 3, L. H. Bowler 4, A. Cutler 5, J. H. Botham 6, T. G. Francis 7, T. J. Lock (conductor) 8.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On August 15th at the Parish Church of St. Matthias, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Percy J. Smith 1, Edgar C. Barber 2, Henry Chance 3, John Wall 4, Ernest E. Barber 5, Charles J. Camm 6, Henry Dew (conductor) 7, Frank Hill 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the interment of Albert (Bob) Richings, aged 84 years, and one of the ringers since the bells were installed.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' on August 13th, 1,440 Bob Minor, fully muffled: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath 2, S. Howlett 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, S. Forwood 5, A. Beale 6. Also at All Saints' on August 18th, 720 Bob Minor, half-muffled: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath 2, S. Howlett 3, J. A. Acres 4, S. Forwood 5, A. E. Austin (conductor) 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late F. C. Turner, a former ringer at All Saints' and St. Mary's, Newmarket, who died on August 9th.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On July 28th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. G. Nash 1, W. Nash 2, W. J. Bowden 3, A. R. Lawrence 4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5, A. White 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, J. Bennett 9, A. W. Coles (conductor) 10. Also rung as an 86th birthday compliment to David Wright, a regular service ringer at this church.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On August 15th, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10½ different six-scores): Miss F. A. Miller (first quarter-peal, double handed) 1-2; J. G. Nash (conductor) 3-4, H. Miller 5-6. Rung as a 'welcome home' to F. T. Miller.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On August 8th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: Percy C. Bonnett 1, Marjorie Watson 2, Pat Gilbert 3, Ralph Chapman 4, Cyril Prindiville (conductor) 5, Cyril A. Bennett (first quarter) 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard on July 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, E. L. Miles 2, L. Croft 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. Potheary 5, J. W. Welbourne 6, H. G. Andrews 7, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hull 1, D. Loxton 2, W. Marsh 3, H. Smith 4, J. Metcalfe 5, G. Grinter 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, R. Field 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Slough is to have two trebles, augmenting the peal to a ring of
ten.

A novelty is provided with this issue by the publication of a
crossword for ringers. Does this appeal to them?

Never write out your peal until it is rung. One eminent conductor
has vowed never to tempt Providence in this way even with what
he thought was a cast iron band.

Miss Stella Wickens is not the only 15-year-old conductor. The
Oxford Guild have one in James Higgins, who conducted his first at
East Ilsley, Berks.

Peal ringing has been booming this month, almost up to pre-war
standard. We hope gradually to reduce the arrears without cutting
down the pages of other reading matter.

Birmingham ringers' visit to the B.B.C. studio should forge a
valuable link in connection with future broadcasts. What is wanted
is a bellringing consultant available for the B.B.C. and film com-
panies.

Any party of ringers wishing to include Slough (tenor 17½ cwt.) in
their outings will be made welcome by Mr E. H. Preston, steeple-
keeper, any Saturday. Applications for bells should be made to Mr.
W. Birmingham (captain), 6, Cranbourne Road, Slough, or to Mr.
Preston, 54, Diamond Road.

'The Ringing World' is not a newspaper but a periodical as re-
gards the Paper Controller. We do not share in the additional paper
allocation next month, but anticipate having some good news at an
early date. Will readers who do not file their copies share their
'Ringing Worlds' with colleagues in the belfry?

August 31st, 1912, is the date of the record handbell peal, a 19,738
of Stedman Caters at Guildford in 9 hours 32 minutes. Although
the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8 (Arthur F. Shepherd and James Hunt)
have passed on, we still have in our active ranks the other three
members of the band, viz., Alfred H. Pulling, William Shepherd and
Frank Blondell.

Mr. W. R. Loveridge, late of Bletchley, Bucks, has been transferred
to Amsterdam, Holland. He will always be pleased to see any ringer
who may be visiting Amsterdam and can always be contacted at the
British Consulate, Heerengracht 460. Last week there were 2,000
English visitors at Amsterdam on exchange visits, and he feels sure
there may be an occasional ringer who might like to know about the
bells of Holland.

Is this new in the annals of ringing? A father and his five sons
ringing 1,260 changes of Doubles, consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob
and Grandsire. This took place at St. Andrew's, Allensmore, Here-
fordshire, for the morning service on August 11th. The ringers, who
are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, stood as follows: W. H.
Young 1, L. D. Young 2, T. H. Young (conductor) 3, A. J. Young 4,
P. H. Young 5, V. G. Young 6. They rose the bells in peal, rang
the changes and lowered in peal without a halt.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL RINGING WEEK.

The annual ringing week of the Universities' Association was held at Canterbury from August 9th to August 19th, and was attended by about 45 members. As usual, peal attempts were almost entirely confined to the two week-ends, and of 13 tower-bell attempts seven were successful; details of these appear in the appropriate place, together with reports of four handbell peals.

During the week the main occupation was practice ringing at towers in the surrounding district, about fifty of these being visited altogether; members had the pleasure of ringing with a number of ringers from various parts of Kent and from more distant places. Because of the large numbers, the party generally divided into two sections for part of each day, but there was sufficient talent for each section to ring Surprise Major.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise; nine Surprise Major methods were practised, namely, the standard four, together with Yorkshire, Rutland, Ealing, Norfolk and Glasgow. Other methods rung were Hereward and Carshalton Bob Triples, Dorchester Bob Major, Isleworth Bob Royal and Yorkshire Royal.

Members of the association had the privilege of ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral for matins on Sunday, August 11th, and joined with members of the Cathedral band in ringing for matins on Sunday, August 18th. On Sunday evening, August 11th, Mr. Gerald H. Knight (the Cathedral organist) gave a most interesting talk on the functions and work of the Royal School of Church Music (at whose headquarters the party was staying), and on Wednesday morning (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter) a Corporate Communion was held in the Eastern Crypt of the Cathedral; this took the form of a Sung Eucharist. The singing was by the members present, and the officiating priests, servers and organist all came from the ranks of the association.

An informal concert formed a happy conclusion to a most successful week; among the guests were Messrs. Unwin, Luck, French and Small, of the Canterbury Cathedral band, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Spice. Instrumental, vocal and humorous items made up the programme, and some tune ringing by Mr. and Mrs. French and Mr. and Mrs. Luck was especially appreciated.

The best thanks of the association are due to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the various incumbents for the use of their bells, to all the steeplekeepers and tower secretaries who made ready their towers and met the party, and not least to Mr. B. J. Luck, without whose care in oiling and greasing the Cathedral bells the peal of Stedman Cinques would have been a far more difficult task.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

More than 150 members and friends representative of 30 towers were present at the quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Loughborough on July 27th. Good use was made of the bells of All Saints' Parish Church and the Foundry.

The Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Ven. W. J. Lyon) conducted the service at All Saints', and in his welcome spoke of the pleasure of seeing so many ringers in Loughborough, where bellfounding had been carried on for more than 150 years. He hoped they would enjoy ringing on what they in Loughborough considered was the finest peal of ten in the country.

Tea had been arranged by the ladies in the Fearon Hall, Mr. C. Harrison announcing that it had been provided by Mr. Denison Taylor, who was unfortunately unable to be present. The president (Mr. H. J. Poole) expressed the members' thanks to him for his generosity.

Among the business transacted was the report of the Central Council representatives on the Norwich conference with reference to the change in 'The Ringing World.' A proposition was put forward that wherever possible when a service was held at a ringers' meeting a collection should be taken for the Bell Restoration Fund. Melton Mowbray was chosen for the next meeting.

The President announced that the following week Mr. George S. Morris was leaving Leicester and was joining Mr. W. Powell in business at Lyme Regis. They were sorry to lose one of the best heavy bell ringers in the diocese and wished him every success in his new venture. They would all be pleased to see him whenever he was in Leicester. Mr. Morris, in replying, thanked the members for their good wishes and told them if they were ever in the vicinity of Lyme Regis he would make them very welcome.

MELTON DISTRICT AT BOTTESFORD.

Bottesford, the most northerly tower in the Leicester Diocese, attracted about 50 ringers representative of 22 different towers on August 10th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and tea was served at the Rutland Cafe.

In a welcome to the ringers the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, spoke of the pleasure of seeing such a good gathering and so many visitors. He commended the enthusiasm of the members of the Melton District and their officers.

The following towers were represented: Asfordby, Bottesford, Kirby Bellars, Melton Mowbray, Somerby, Waltham, Leicester, Anster, Birstall, Billingborough, Caythorpe, Ellesham, Suffolk, Pokingham, Grantham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Heydour Handsworth, Hull, Newark, Silk Willoughby and Thrumpton. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Twyford.

HOME TRUTHS TO B.B.C.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS VISIT STUDIO.

On July 18th the bells of Birmingham Cathedral were recorded by the B.B.C. and subsequently broadcast to Birmingham, U.S.A., in an 'exchange feature' programme between the two cities.

On Thursday last, about twenty members of the St. Martin's Guild met at the Birmingham Studio at the invitation of the B.B.C. officials, who had organised the programme, to hear the recording of the complete programme.

Of local interest, this was much enjoyed by the 'Brummies' present; but the really interesting part for ringers was yet to come. The whole of the record of the Cathedral bells ringing Grandsire Caters was then played, and the ringing was pronounced to be up to Birmingham standard!

After that we heard Lavenham bells; and then followed the most miserable assortment of records of so-called bell-music that it would be possible to collect. We were told that these badly recorded specimens of poor change ringing were sometimes used as effects. We sincerely hope that the B.B.C. will destroy them, now that they have at least one good one. The officials, we must admit, were a little apologetic about them, but we are certain that they did not know why they liked our recording better. This proves that the B.B.C. needs educating in matters pertaining to bells.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Master to the officials, who had gone to so much trouble to search the files for recordings of bells, especially for our entertainment.

The visit concluded with an interesting trip round the studios. The party felt that it was time well spent, as at least two programme directors have learnt the importance of using care in the selection of bell-music for broadcasting.—G. E. F.

OBITUARY

MR. CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER

Quite a gloom was cast over the Devon Guild when it became known that Mr. Christopher R. Walker, of Kingskerswell, had met his death under tragic circumstances. He was found dead at the foot of the tower of Highweek Parish Church on the morning of August 17th with severe head injuries, and it was presumed that he had fallen from the top of the 50ft. tower.

Mr. Walker, who was 55 years of age and an accountant by profession, came to the Newton Abbot area from Dover in 1926, and he had been a very active member of the Mid-Devon Branch ever since. He was an excellent ringer, having taken part in a number of peals of Double Norwich Court and Oxford Treble Bob Major in Devon and Somerset, amongst these being the first resident peals which were conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley.—A. L. B.

Tribute to Mr. Walker's ringing in Kent comes from E. B., who writes: "Mr. Walker was a good ringer and conductor, especially with Stedman Triples. For some years after the 1914-18 war he lived at Dover, where he did good work in the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association. He was a Freemason and a member of the Sanctuary Lodge No. 5358, and took part at very short notice in a Masonic peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne Minster in August, 1937, which Mr. F. W. Perrens conducted."

The funeral took place at Highweek Parish Church on Wednesday, August 21st, when there was a very representative attendance. The officiating clergymen were the Revs. J. A. Durling (Rector), M. H. Needham (Ashburton), C. S. de Cerjat (Brixham) (where Mr. Walker had been doing organ duty), and W. R. D. Mills (Collaton St. Mary), chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. The following members of the Devon Guild attended: Messrs. F. C. Smale (general secretary), A. L. Bennett (Mid-Devon Branch secretary), W. C. Wakley (Branch Ringing Master), A. Newman, J. E. Lilley, N. Coleridge, C. F. Austin, T. S. Collings, A. W. Searle, E. J. Ryall, H. G. Lewis, G. H. Myers and T. G. Myers. A wreath was sent from his colleagues, and after the service the bells were rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Mr. Charles Turner, captain of St. Mary's ringers, Dover, writes:—

"It was a shock to many ringers and friends to hear of the tragic end of Mr. Christopher R. Walker, who was found dead outside the belfry door of Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, Devon. Mr. Walker commenced his ringing career at Witney, Oxon, and came to Dover in the World War No. 1 in the Royal Engineers Territorials (London Electrical Company). He was afterwards on the Dover Municipal clerical staff.

"During his stay at Dover he took part in ringing on many notable occasions. He was one who rang for the landing of the "Unknown Warrior" on November 10th, 1920, from the torpedo destroyer, "Verdun." He conducted Thurstans' four-part peal, Stedman Triples, by the St. Mary's Society, on September 16th, 1925. A first-class striker, he was always willing to take part. He was worthy of his place in upholding the work of the old church bells. It was, indeed, a privilege to witness such enthusiasm."

CORRESPONDENTS' VIEWS ON TOPICS OF THE WEEK

Peal Ringing by Legislation

A MINISTRY OF CAMPANOLOGY?

Dear Sir,—Our thanks must be surely due to your correspondents, 'S. Trugger' and his supporters, for calling attention to yet another crime wave. Yes, peal ringing must be a great crime, for we are told that it serves no material purpose and causes gross interference all over the country with the holding of meetings where all the best of ringing takes place. 'The Ringing World' is rendering a great service in publishing each week a black list of offenders, prominently displayed following the leading article. Incidentally, here as with other types of crime, juvenile delinquency appears to be prominent according to many recent reports.

Your correspondents have effected the diagnosis, but have not prescribed treatment, so perhaps I may propound the solution.

The usual estimate of ringers in this country is about 40,000, and as the black list does not reach these alarming proportions we may presume that the majority are steady and upright ringers, attending church regularly and giving up all Saturday afternoons to attend meetings. It is up to these fine fellows, who also abstain from peal ringing, to press their local M.P.'s for the immediate formation by the Government of a Ministry of Campanology.

This Ministry would immediately introduce legislation to allow peal ringing only under licence MIN-CAMP/PR1. The number of licences would be strictly limited and application would have to be made on the prescribed official form MIN-CAMP/PR2. This form includes the following sections to be filled in regarding the proposed attempt:—

- Tower (name of church, town and county), date, method, composition and conductor.
- Name, address, telephone number and nationality of all ringers. (State bell each proposes to ring.)
- Details of all peals previously rung by each person.
- Details of all meetings, joint practices, etc., to be held within 100 miles' radius of the selected tower.
- Details of church attendance of each ringer. (This is to be accompanied in each case by a certificate from the incumbent.)
- Details of any guild office held by any of the ringers.
- Whether the proposed band has ever rung a peal together before. (This will prevent the formation of cliques.)
- Worthy objects for which peal is desired.

These applications would be dealt with by a National Board, consisting of worthy ringers free from taint of crime. (Care will have to be taken to exclude practically every member of the Central Council who would fail to pass this test.) Naturally most applications will be rejected and where licences are granted alterations can be made in method, composition, date, etc., and certain persons with black records forbidden to ring. In this latter case they will be replaced by government officials, who will be able to sabotage the attempt most effectively by failing to turn up. The whole scheme should lead to a substantial improvement if adopted and it is up to ringers to press their M.P.'s.

In conclusion, I hear that an outrage was perpetrated recently at Chester-le-Street, and I have to point out that any resemblance of my name to that of the conductor is more than coincidental!—Yours faithfully,
DENTS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

P.S.—Applications for peals to celebrate the end of the Paris Conference should be made immediately, as the granting of licences takes time.

A REPLY TO MR. GROOMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—Thank you, 'Ringing World,' for allowing a 'wider than Branch or Guild' free expression of opinion. With even my small knowledge of journalism, I give the 'R.W.' full marks for not allowing itself to be used for airing petty grievances. I certainly had no thoughts of sneering or being out for blood. Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., has missed—if not the sense—the spirit of my reply to 'S. Trugger.' I did not insinuate against my local officer; I definitely asserted (which I did to the officer personally).

The answer to No. 1 question appears to Mr. Groombridge, jun., too obvious for him to answer. I think Mr. C. Brett-Smith's answer to the second question is answered much nicer and fully supports my opinion.

I would ask Mr. Groombridge to meet some of us smaller fry before he condemns us, and look at ringing in its proper perspective: first and foremost, Sunday service ringing; second, peal ringing for the real pleasure of ringing, or some worthy object or occasion; then there will be no need for peal grabbing, and Mr. Groombridge knows as well as I do the thing I mean.

I have nothing whatsoever against peal ringing; I love 'The Bells.'—Yours sincerely,
W. FRANK STENSON.

North Col,
142, Minshull New Road, Crewe.

Ringling in Films

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. C. Cullen's letter regarding the Triples ringing, forming a background of a broadcast of 'The Brontës,' Haworth has a peal of six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) and, although they are rung regularly, are not in very good condition. This latter seems rather a pity, as if a Yorkshire Association meeting were arranged here, ringers would have the additional attraction of being able to inspect the Old Parsonage, where the Brontës lived, which is now a museum.

The bells of Canterbury Cathedral were heard in the film, 'A Canterbury Tale,' also the picture showed the bells themselves as they were being rung down, and views through the louvres of the city below and the surrounding countryside. This picture was, of course, an English one, and if 'Devotion' had partly been shot around Haworth then possibly the bells of Haworth Church would have been heard. If Mr. Cullen would like any further information about Haworth I will gladly give him any help that I can.

Also may I say that it was very interesting to read the letter by Mr. A. C. Limpus on 'British Columbia Ringers at Vancouver's Jubilee,' as well as the recent letters from India, South Africa, Australia, etc. These show that ringers abroad take a keen interest in events taking place in the 'Ringing Isle.' I, for one, find these letters particularly informative and good reading. 'The Ringing World' is thus proving a link between ringers abroad and those in this country. We in England are lucky in having so many good peals and conductors, and anyone learning change ringing here has a tremendous start on anyone abroad. In conclusion, I hope that ringers abroad will keep up their correspondence which, to say the least, should have a stimulating influence on both sides.—Yours faithfully,
PAUL BIRKETT.

2, Brighthouse Road,
Queensbury, near Bradford.

HAWORTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I once again be permitted to make a reply, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to the above query? I, too, listened to the recent B.B.C. broadcast, 'The Brontës,' and noted, to my great surprise, that Haworth possessed a peal of eight bells. As this is not correct, I had pondered whether to take this matter up with the B.B.C. On second thoughts, however, I left the question alone, as I do not think it would have been needed.

In reply to Mr. Cullen, Haworth Church contains a peal of six bells with a tenor of 12 cwt., and if at any time he is visiting the Brontës district and wishes to ring these, a postcard to Mr. A. Bairstow, 33, Main Street, Haworth, will be favourably received.

I give the above information because at the present Haworth and Oxenhope ringers combine to ring at their respective towers on alternate Sundays. The bells are also in good enough trim to attempt peal ringing, and the Black Bull is still in existence.

WILLIAM AMBLER.

40, Littlemoor,
Queensbury, near Bradford.

LONG SERVICE IN BELFRY

203 YEARS AT CHATTERIS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article, 'Long Service in One Belfry,' I should imagine this is far from a record. The following is a list of regular service ringers in our own local belfry: Percy Smith 55 years, Arthur Abrams 50 years, William Seekings 26 years, Dudley Paul 21 years, Wilfred Young 21 years, Stanley Murphy 21 years, and Eric Smith 9 years. It would be interesting to know of any ringer with more than 55 years' service in one belfry.—Yours faithfully,
S. MURPHY.

Chatteris, Cambs.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—My sympathies are with your correspondent who has raised the question of the terms used in the calling of Grandsire Caters.

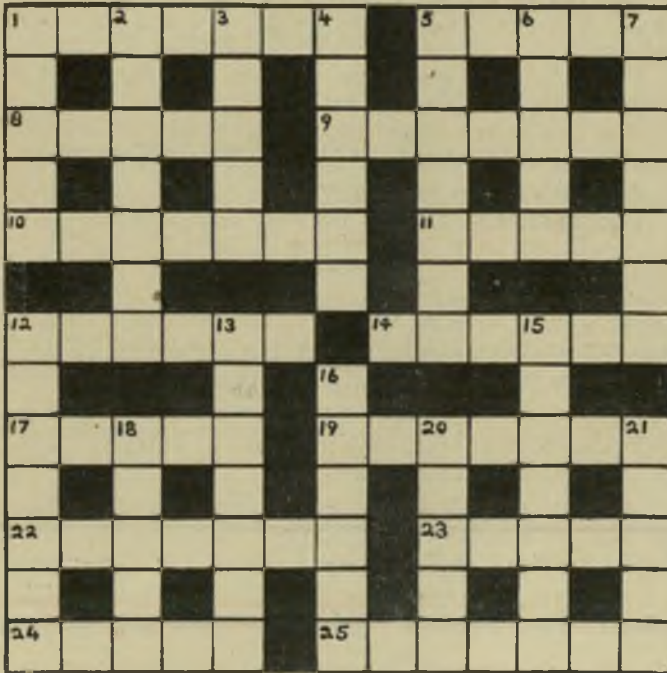
I had a very similar experience when I was asked to call a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. I found the notation used in my association reports was different to that used in the C.C. Collection and, like your correspondent, I had to prick out the figures to obtain a clear idea of the significance of the terms used.

It certainly appears that some explanation of the terms should be incorporated in the Collection, and also some attempt should be made to maintain consistency in the use of these terms in the C.C. Collection and in association reports and other publications.—Yours sincerely,
Dartford, Kent.

J. E. BAILEY.

RINGERS' CROSSWORD

By 'KEWSETT.'



CLUES ACROSS.

1. Can seem dangerous ringers (7).
5. Bobs have their points, and can do this for the trained composer (5).
8. One has to be this about one's striking (5).
9. Where St. Lawrence learnt his ABC (7).
10. A ringer, sent mad (7).
11. Two letters added make an animal (5).
12. These brighten the art considerably (6).
14. Incompetent (6).
17. Often used to describe noise made by a bell (5).
19. Useful when touring country churches in winter (7).
22. A single, and bobs at 5 and 6 (Stedman Triples) (7).
23. With only one eye, a visit would reveal such a view (5).
24. One must do this to procure new ropes (5).
25. There will be no ringing if this is so (2, 5).

CLUES DOWN.

1. An old-established founder (5).
2. Trips in a peal are liable to happen here (4, 3).
3. An attraction to a ringers' tea (5).
4. The stay of Exeter Cathedral tenor is so (6).
5. A beginner must do this to his wits! (7).
6. Matrimonial triples method (5).
7. Unless the beginners shine, the leading lights may start this (2, 5).
12. No dear, lose custard, there's a pest (7).
13. Lady ringers should attain this status (7).
15. A notice that should be in every belfry (5, 2).
16. Seen about the ends of a clapper, and elsewhere in a church (6).
18. Desirable at work, but not when a stay breaks (5).
20. When one is permitted to repeat a change (5).
21. Victorian fashions in the belfry! (5).

GRANDSIRE CATERS

SUBMITTED BY EDWIN H. LEWIS.

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Three Guilds Combine at Aldershot

The Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild joined the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild at Aldershot on August 17th, and the combination resulted in a most enjoyable meeting. Altogether 25 towers were represented, viz., Basingstoke, Liverpool, Clandon, Leatherhead, Epsom, Marple (Cheshire), Farnham, Overton, Merton, Yorktown, Bramley (Hants), Seale, Winchester, Farnborough (Hants), Pirbright, Brighton, Wolverton, Hurst (Berks), Binfield, Sherborne St. John, Sonning, Bentley, Selworthy (Somerset), Guildford and Aldershot. The Master of the Guildford Guild (Mr. A. Harman) supervised the ringing and everyone had a pull. At 4.30 a fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of St. Catherine's, Edge Hill, Liverpool, who, although visiting Aldershot in a ringing capacity, kindly stepped into the breach (at 15 minutes' notice), when it was learned that the priest who was to have conducted the service was confined to bed with a chill.

Tea was served in the Church Schools and 80 persons sat down. Mr. W. A. Dollimore (churchwarden) apologised for the absence of the Vicar and thanked Miss Fisher and her other lady ringers who had prepared and served tea under great difficulties owing to rationing. The Farnham district secretary welcomed the two visiting Guilds and also expressed personal thanks to Mr. Dollimore and the lady helpers for having made the meeting possible.

At the Guildford Guild business meeting, Mrs. Pascoe (Aldershot) was elected an hon. member, and Capt. J. B. Gardiner and Mr. Cyril Williamson, also of Aldershot, were elected as ringing members. It was announced that the next meeting would be at Yorktown on October 12th, and not in November as previously arranged. Mr. J. Chesterman, secretary of the Basingstoke Branch, thanked the other two Guilds for their welcome and hoped for a return visit to his branch next year. The Rev. A. Meyrick Johnson and the Rev. D. P. Roberts addressed the gathering and both kept everyone highly amused with tales of happenings they had experienced during their ministry.

The Ladies' Guild held their business meeting under the presidency of Mrs. Bruce, and 14 new members were admitted. Ringing, both handbell and tower bell, continued in the evening.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TESTING OF THE NEW TENOR AT CRANFORD

The handy little ring of six at Cranford, with a new tenor which has been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was tested by about 30 members and friends of the Middlesex Association at a successful meeting on August 17th. Ringing was kept going at intervals from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master). The many methods attempted or rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Original Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. A considerable number of learners were present and had plenty of opportunities in rounds.

The Rector, the Rev. Maurice Child, visited the belfry during the ringing, and welcomed those present, and was thanked for his never varying hospitality. A substantial tea was provided in the vestry, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Woodgyer and others.

Mr. W. H. Coles (vice-president) presided over a meeting, at which Mr. F. J. Baldwin, of Uxbridge, was elected a member. The secretary was requested to write a letter of condolence to the other vice-president (Mr. A. W. Coles) on the death of his mother. Thanks were voted from the members to the Rector and others for their hospitality, and Mr. Woodgyer was congratulated on ringing his first peal. The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on September 25th.

Following tea, there was handbell ringing in the churchyard, to the considerable interest of a number of visitors to the church and park.

Towers represented were Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Cranford, Faling (St. Stephen's), Fulham, Hershams, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's) and Uxbridge.

JOINT MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD

About 70 ringers attended the joint meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Leatherhead on August Bank Holiday. The bells were available from 3 o'clock. A very enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar of Leatherhead, followed by tea, at which thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service and to the Leatherhead ringers for once again giving the party such an excellent welcome.

The bells were again available during the evening and good practice was had in a variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal, London and Bristol Surprise Major. The ringing throughout the afternoon and evening was very good, and it was encouraging to see the number of young ringers who attended and to see the progress they are making.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On August 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Hodgson 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, L. H. Bowler 3, H. C. Collier 4, E. Lankester 5, J. H. Botham 6, F. H. Kilby 7, H. Kilby 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for ringers of 1, 4 and 8.

A MOTOR COACH OUTING

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Although Worcester Cathedral and district ringers left for their annual outing on August 10th in pouring rain, the weather in no sense interfered with a full programme of ringing.

Stroud, reached via Gloucester, was the first tower visited. Here the Vicar (the Rev. H. Williams) extended a cordial welcome, and an enjoyable hour was spent on the fine ring of 10 bells.

The route to Bath was through a lovely countryside. Through a little misunderstanding there was no one to meet them, but the use of a taxi brought smiling Mr. Prescott on the scene, and soon the Abbey bells were ringing to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Lunch was at West's Hotel, the party being joined by Mr. Prescott and another Abbey ringer.

At Trowbridge, Mr. Sam Hector and Mr. G. Harding were waiting for the party, and short touches were rung on these splendid 12. Time was short, and the party were soon on their way to Swindon. Tea was provided at the British Restaurant, with three Swindon ringers kindly acting as waiters.

Arriving at Christ Church, they were met by Mr. C. Gardiner and Mr. B. Kynaston, and an hour was spent on what is described as the finest peal south of the Thames.

Leaving Swindon, the journey home was by way of Cirencester and Cheltenham, arriving at Worcester 9.45 p.m.. Thanks were expressed to all who contributed towards making the day such a success.—A. E. H.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

MEETING AT BRADING.

A successful meeting of the Isle of Wight Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on August 17th at Brading, members being present from Newport, Cowes, Ryde and Brading, with visitors from Portsmouth, Dunstable and North Stoneham.

The bells were set going at three o'clock and a good order of ringing was maintained in the standard methods until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea at the Temperance Hotel. Twenty-seven members and friends sat down to a good meal provided once again at the invitation of the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, the Ven. E. W. Hampton Weekes, who has consistently for many years been a good friend to ringers.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, presided over by the vice-president, Canon W. B. Hogg, of Newport, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Dr. J. B. Williamson, of Ventnor. Two new members were elected and arrangements were made to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ryde on November 2nd (the patronal festival of the Parish Church). The Archdeacon conveyed the appreciation of the Bishop of Portsmouth to the Guild for ringing on the occasion of his, the Bishop's, silver wedding anniversary. Thanks were accorded the Archdeacon for the splendid tea provided, and the meeting closed, members adjourning to the tower again for further ringing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Teynham on August 24th. Some forty ringers were present, and the six bells were kept going from early afternoon until 4 p.m., when ringing ceased for service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, who also gave a helpful address.

Owing to rationing restrictions members had to provide their own food, and in reaching the village schools for cups of tea they were agreeably surprised to find their food bags augmented with cakes, buns and sandwiches kindly provided by two lady friends, while one of the members brought a gas mask case loaded with tomatoes and cucumbers.

The Vicar was thanked for allowing the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the ladies also for attending to the ringers' wants at the tea table.

A ten minutes' walk back to the church for more ringing, a walk through plum orchards and hop gardens, each tree and vine laden; it was noticed that the former got 'finger blight' during the course of the evening, and not always through the attentions of the younger members.

Further ringing until 8 p.m. was enjoyed, the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.—B. J. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A ringing meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on August 17th. Various methods to suit all comers was rung. Although a continuous rain fell all day, 25 members turned up from Beccles, Gorleston, Harwich, Lowestoft, Mulbarton, Norwich, Norton, Reedham, Somerleyton, Pakefield, Tessingland and Great Yarmouth.

The next East Norfolk meeting was decided for Acle on Saturday, November 9th if possible, and the joint meeting of Suffolk and Norfolk at Beccles, Saturday, September 28th.

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DEATH

PARK.—On Saturday, Aug. 24th, Margaret, dearly loved wife of George W. Park, 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington (mother of W. Norman and Roland Park).

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough and Burton Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8), August 31st, 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Louth, Aug. 31st. Bells (8) 2.15 and after meeting. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Hanson's Cafe, Uppgate.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Aug. 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, near Doncaster.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Upwell (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea at Five Bells Hotel.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Saturday, Aug. 31st, from 6.30 p.m.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Next meeting, Rayleigh (8), Aug. 31st, 3.30 p.m. Help given to any who want progress. Only ringing, with interval for cups of tea. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Salehurst on Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Brighton, by invitation, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 5.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Evers-Road, Reigate.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Rawmarsh (8), Sept. 7th, at 3 p.m. Cards to Mr. J. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, for tea. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. H. Wardley King, Hungerford Vicarage, Berks, by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tea. Numbers by Sept. 3rd to D. T. Jones, 92, Bridge Street, Ledbury.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Western Division.—A meeting at Roydon, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, St. Mary's, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Dedication of peal board. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grajetown, Sunderland.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Twyford (6), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Day Schools at 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. Roger Spencer, Twyford, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Rich. D. Langford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Ratby (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—York, Sept. 7th. Minster 3 to 4, Bishophill 6 p.m. onwards. Members make own tea arrangements.—T. H. Foster.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Presteigne on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—G. W. Steere and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sept. 7th, St. James' (10). Ringing to commence approximately 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.15.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Balcombe, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Balcombe.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—The next meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Rothley, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—H. Humphreys, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Sept. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.), College Lane Schools, 5.30. Numbers by Monday, Sept. 9th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District (Northern Branch).—Meeting at Eagle (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Dedication of rehung bells. Service 3.30 p.m. Visitors to bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Sept. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to me, without fail, by Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Royal Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ESSEX ASSN.—Meeting at Felstead (8) on Sept. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—Henry A. Pratt, Hon. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN.—Crawford Cup Contest, Ordsall (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford, not later than 10th. Ringing after contest.—H. Denman, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at High Littleton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church House. Names, please, to Mrs. T. Kimber, Paulton Road, Hallatrow, Bristol, by Sept. 12th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Attenborough on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) at 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Douglas Parish Church, Parbold Lane.—The ring of 6 bells have been rehung and two trebles added and will be reopened on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will hold a dedication service at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome and tea will be served free in the Schoolroom. Admission by ticket only. Those wishing to be present should apply for tickets to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold Lane, not later than Sept. 14th, as no tickets will be sent out after that date.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary. Annual Dinner.—Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Tickets (5s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch or general secretaries. Accommodation strictly limited.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—At the request of the Guiseley company, the meeting fixed for Sept. 7th, has been postponed until October 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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A NEW RECORD

The Exercise extends its congratulations to Mr. Walter F. Judge on establishing the first long-length peal record to be rung since the war. The peal of Stedman Cinques of 12,663 changes replaces one previously held by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, of 11,111 changes. Members of this Guild, including Mr. T. H. Reeves (secretary) and Mr. E. T. Allaway, made the journey to Oxford to hear the performance. Mr. Harry Withers, who has checked off so many record peals, was present the whole time, and ticked off every course-end as rung. He was satisfied, we are informed, that the peal was rung as previously announced in 'The Ringing World.'

There have been longer feats of endurance than the Oxford peal, but to ring for eight hours and 48 minutes on end is a feat which calls for admiration on the part of all ringers. When the Rev. F. E. Robinson at Drayton in 1896 established a record peal of London Surprise Major of 11,328 changes, which was rung in 6 hours and 6 minutes, the band was photographed with a board recording the performance marked 'Assiduity accomplishes wonders.' A connecting link with the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Mr. Richard White, who stood this test of stamina at Oxford in his 70th year. He took part in the famous Appleton peal of 21,363 changes, which is still the world's record. Mr. White is also the holder of a second record of 16,271 Grandsire Caters, rung in 1932.

In this issue of 'The Ringing World' we have tried to present as comprehensive a picture of this fine performance as possible. Three of the ringers who participated have given us their impressions, and these have been embodied into the main article. To Messrs. Ernest Morris, Richard A. Post and Frank C. W. Knight we extend our thanks for an unvarnished account of what took place in the belfry of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Oxford. Many of our readers, we know, are not peal ringers, but we feel certain that the glamour of accomplishment which is present at the end of every good peal will be in their blood after reading such a stirring story.

Behind a record peal of this character there is required on the part of the ringer athletic prowess, both physical and mental. The achievement in cricket parlance is about the equivalent of a double century in the Test match. Few of us are endowed with the requisite gifts; we realise that we are outside such an exalted coterie. We however raise our hats in admiration of Mr. Walter Judge and his gallant band, who have added another chapter to the history of change ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Eight Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 12663 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE (Oxford)	Treble
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT (Oxford)	2
ALFRED BALLARD (Burbage, Leics.)	3
ARTHUR H. REED (Taunton)	4
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY (Bushey, Herts)	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT (Worcester)	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS (Oxford)	7
ERNEST MORRIS (Leicester)	8
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON (Oxford)	9
†RICHARD A. POST (Oxford)	10
RICHARD WHITE (Appleton)	11
FRANK C. W. KNIGHT (London, N.W.1.)	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* 200th tower bell peal. † 150th peal. The longest peal of Stedman Cinques yet rung.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Treble	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7
*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 8
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 4	RICHARD GRANT ... 10
*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
FRANK BROWN ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9
REGINALD A. ALEY ... 5	RICHARD J. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPPARD. Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.
All the band are members of the local company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt

Holt's Ten-part.	WILLIAM A. GOLDSTONE ... 5
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR CROSS ... 6
JAMES BRACKLEY ... 2	JOHN B. HESSEY ... 7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3	*FREDK. G. FAIRHEAD... Tenor
WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... 4	

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal. The treble ringer's 80th birthday peal.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*F. C. JOHNSON ... Treble	C. J. BURNS ... 5
C. E. G. BANHAM ... 2	C. F. GOODMAN ... 6
F. G. JEFFRIES ... 3	*T. A. A. POTTER ... 7
C. H. MOORE... 4	L. W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal of Major.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 6
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
JOHN COOK ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*FRANK TAYLOR ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 5
†STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 6
*CYRIL WANDER ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH... 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. Arranged as a welcome for the new Vicar.

NORTH CHURCH, HERTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL ... Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... 5
*MISS PAT HOMES ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 6
FRED W. BRINKLOW ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER... 4	*HARRY STRATFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal of Stedman.

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT M. HOUGHTON Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 6
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 3	†HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Surprise.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

ERNEST G. SHORTING ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	JACK ROACH ... 6
QUEENIE PRING ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7
*CHRISTOPHER MOOR ... 4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
 Tenor 10½ cwt.
 RALPH HARRIS *Treble* | SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
 GEORGE E. LARGE 2 | THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
 JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3 | REGINALD WOODYATT 7
 WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4 | GEORGE AMBLER *Tenor*
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt.
 *ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... *Treble* | RICHARD F. ROE 5
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2 | *ARTHUR PATRICK 6
 *ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS 7
 J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 4 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... *Tenor*
 Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
 * First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now circled the tower. Bung as a farewell peal for the Rev. J. H. Proctor, who is leaving South Wigston to take up the duties of precentor at Coventry Cathedral.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
 Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.
 EDWIN G. MOORE ... *Treble* | WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
 *ROBERT HIGGINS 2 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 6
 JAMES HIGGINS 3 | RICHARD A. POST 7
 NEIL I. ALLNATT 4 | WALTER F. JUDGE *Tenor*
 Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
 * First Surprise peal inside. 200th peal as conductor.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
 Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in a flat.
 ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... *Treble* | JOHN PINFOLD 5
 DANIEL T. MATKIN 2 | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 6
 HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3 | HENRY H. FEARN 7
 JOHN S. MASON 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN *Tenor*
 Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN
 First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
 Tenor 13½ cwt.
 F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... *Treble* | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
 *WILLIAM ROGERS 2 | *FRANK H. HICKS 6
 REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
 GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY *Tenor*
 Composed by G. LINDOFF.
 * First peal in the method.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
 Tenor 9 cwt.
 BRO. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish Lodge 4953 *Treble*
 BRO. KENNETH HALL, Penwortham Lodge 5874 2
 BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON, Temperance Lodge 2714 3
 BRO. FRED DUNKERLEY, Albert Lodge 854 4
 BRO. JOHN BOOTH, Standish Lodge 4955 5
 BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Unity Lodge 613 6
 BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge 4120 7
 BRO. PETER CROOK, Antiquity Lodge 146 *Tenor*
 Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANCES;
 Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.
 PERCY PAGE *Treble* | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5
 MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE... 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
 FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 3 | *WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
 ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH *Tenor*
 Composed by HAROLD CHANT. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
 * First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal in the method by all except W. H. Dobbie. First peal in the method on tower bells by the association.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
 GEORGE OLLIVER *Treble* | FRANCIS T. HOAD 5
 RONALD A. TUFFIN 2 | FREDERICK H. BUDGEN... 6
 JAMES W. KNIGHT 3 | JOHN O. WELLER 7
 LEONARD A. TIDY 4 | WALTER CLAYDON *Tenor*
 Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
 Tenor 24 cwt. in D.
 *PALMER WHITTLE *Treble* | HARRY D. LISTER 5
 LESLIE FORSTER 2 | LEONARD H. LOCK... .. 6
 KEITH W. WHITTLE 3 | SIDNEY W. ARBON 7
 FRANK BORLEY 4 | W. ARCHIE LOCK *Tenor*
 Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
 * First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
 Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.
 ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... *Treble* | DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4
 LESTER L. GRAY 2 | ERIC J. GILBERT 5
 *THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 3 | FRANK VARTY *Tenor*
 Conducted by FRANK VARTY.
 * First peal in seven Surprise methods.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
 Being one extent each of London Scholars, Kingston Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.
 JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... *Treble* | *ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
 *NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 2 | *SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
 *JACK F. HODSON 3 | KENNETH W. MAYER ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
 * First peal in seven methods.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
 Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... *Treble* | DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE... 4
 WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2 | HERBERT GATES 5
 *PETER HOLNESS 3 | WALTER AYRE *Tenor*
 Conducted by A. V. GOOD.
 * First peal, aged 14. First peal in three methods as conductor.

**LYMPSTONE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**
(Aylesbeare Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF B.V.M.,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK BASTIN Treble	JACK GLANVILL 4
BRIAN PIDGEON 2	†JACK DEEM 5
FRED DIMOND 3	JACK BROWN Tenor

Conducted by J. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HALSALL, LANCAS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4
JOHN LUNHAM 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
ERNEST KAYNER 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G flat.

*LEONARD GERRARD ... Treble	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 4
THOMAS D. LEASK 2	JAMES THORLEY 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR,

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G

BARBARA CLEVELAND ... Treble	FRED SLATFORD 4
MRS. F. PENN 2	LAURENCE HITCHINS ... 5
PERCIVAL HARDING ... 3	FRANK PENN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PENN.

First peal in the method by all the company. First peal in the method on the bells.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... Treble	*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4
CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 2	*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY 5
STELLA M. WICKENS ... 3	†JAMES H. HERITAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by STELLA M. WICKENS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*MISS E. BERNICE TUNE Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY 4
HORACE S. MORLEY 2	THOMAS W. TUNE 5
FRED TERRY 3	EDWARD BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.

* First peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

FREDERICK J. ROBERTS... Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE ... 4
*NOEL J. DISERENS 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	ERNEST J. KING Tenor

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

* First peal of Minor on tower bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. F. Turrell, wife of one of the local band, who died on July 31st.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(Comprising two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.)

*LESLIE A. PAGE Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 4
*HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
*FRANK L. HARRIS 3	*ROBERT E. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. A. THEOBALD.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ERIC DURRANT 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

PELSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR HINGLEY Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 5
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

WIDFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER DEVOIL Treble	JOHN SUCKLING 4
LEONARD LADLEY 2	ARTHUR REDINGTON ... 5
*DAVID HOLLIS 3	SIDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
Mrs. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.



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LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of 'Thurstans'.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	†JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4	§KENNETH W. MAYER ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal of Kent Major 'in hand.' ‡ First peal in the method. § First eight bell peal 'in hand.'

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT 92, BUTCHER'S ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 1-2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4
CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARY E. DAVIS ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 3-4	ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 1-2	*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal away from the tenors.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALD ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The veteran of the week is Mr. A. Harding, of Ealing, Middlesex,
who has completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. On
August 11th the anniversary was commemorated by a quarter-peal of
Grandsire rung by: J. Kent 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. Mark Stacey 3,
P. E. Clark 4, C. Tricker 5, A. Fulwell (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7,
F. Miller 8.

We owe an apology to Miss Betty Spice. An asterisk slipped in the
peal of Grandsire Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral on July 27th.
It should have been before the name of Arthur Firth. Peal ringers
know that Miss Spice has a number of peals of Grandsire Cinques in
her 'bag.'

An unusual footnote appears in regard to the Universities' Asso-
ciation's ringing week. Mr. Paul Williamson rang his first peal in
one Surprise method at Faversham. His first peal of Surprise was
spliced Surprise in four methods at Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, last
January.

First correct solution received to last week's crossword came from
Mr. John E. Spice.

Apropos the peal at Rochester Cathedral by the Oxford University
Society on August 7th, Mr. W. A. J. Knight writes: 'Some of us
listened to the ringing for about 1½ hours. We should like to know
why no open lead? The only time we could tell it was Royal was
when a Bob at Home was called which kept 7.8.9.0 together.'

The meeting of the Biggleswade District, Bedfordshire Association,
at Potton for September 7th has been postponed until September 14th.

Here is something new for ringing brides. While on her honey-
moon in Scotland, Miss Margery Bullock, of Manchester, listened over
the 'phone to the bells of Manchester Cathedral being rung in her
honour. The bridegroom was Mr. Charles K. H. O. Hare, of Lober-
mor, Scotland. On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters was rung by
H. Hollinworth 1, H. Reynolds 2, Mary Walshaw 3, R. Longden 4,
G. Pye 5, A. Ridyard (conductor) 6, H. Barlow 7, B. Walshaw 8, F. R.
Williams 9, H. Longden 10.

In connection with the Kent tour published in our issue of August
23rd we are asked to state that Albert J. Lancefield rang the 2nd
at Hythe and not Arthur Firth as published.

North Bradley, Wilts, ringers have scored another success. They
have followed up their peal of Kent Minor (first by all the company)
with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At Penwortham, Lancashire, a Masonic peal has been rung, con-
ducted by Bro. Arthur Tomlinson. The band regretted that Wor Bro.
W. Taylor was unable to participate owing to indisposition.

Five first peals come from St. Paul's, Salisbury. A peal of Minor
was rung with extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Conductor William A. Theobald has made a good start in his peal
ringing career.

When Mr. E. C. Shepherd, of Solihull, visited Portmadoc, North
Wales, he had the privilege of conducting 1,260 Grandsire Doubles
on August 18th, rung by G. C. Williams 1, P. Roberts 2, F. J. Williams
3, H. Roberts 4, E. C. Shepherd 5, E. Brown 6.

LONGEST PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

INNER HISTORY OF A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT RICHARD WHITE'S THIRD RECORD AT 69
 BLACK CAT GREETES THE BAND TRIBUTES TO A FINE CONDUCTOR

The attempt on the Stedman Cinques record at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on August 24th, met with complete success, and constitutes the first post-war record peal.

About 12 months ago the prospect of an attempt on the Stedman Cinques record was talked about among Oxford ringers, and opinions were expressed as to the possibility of getting Oxford Cathedral for the job. In the early part of this year the energetic and genial secretary of the Oxford Society sought an interview with the Dean of Christ Church (the Rev. Dr. John Lowe), and he most kindly gave the desired permission for the peal to be attempted during the Long Vacation, and Walter Judge began an almost ceaseless correspondence to get his band together. Many likely men were asked and several times it looked as though the job might fall through; however, a band was got together by dint of much perseverance and in spite of one dropping out through illness in the last ten days.

The long distance section of the band met overnight and some of them went along to the 'Meat Safe,' as this unique belfry is still called. There they found 'Dick' Post busily engaged in erecting a couple of electric fans for better ventilating this windowless ringing room. All had been carefully prepared beforehand to make things as comfortable as possible, and what ropes were not bought were borrowed from Kidlington and elsewhere. The bells were pulled up in readiness for the great event of the morrow. Meeting at The Mitre, the company were strictly rationed to ensure no trouble the next day. After a fish and chip supper they adjourned to their respective lodgings to dream of the coming adventure.

Next morning all were on view promptly at 8 o'clock, and on arriving at the tower—which, as everyone knows, is a great wooden structure surrounded by an elaborate stone shell, situated over the great entrance to the dining hall of Christ Church College—a little black cat with its tail well up strolled across the stairway. Ernest Morris, stooping down, stroked it for luck, this cat being a small edition to the famous 'Jasper' which follows him around at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

As each one entered the ringing room, ducking down under the great wooden cross-beams, the 'Judge' solemnly allotted them to their respective positions. After the usual preliminary adjustments, 'Go' was called at 8.43 a.m. There was a slight 'choppiness' in the initial stages, but after about an hour the band settled down to a good beat and consistently good striking, which was maintained throughout the day. The first quarter came up in two hours and ten minutes and then there was an imperceptible slowing up. The turning course was safely negotiated at six hours and thirty-four minutes, and the bells ran faultlessly into rounds at exactly 5.30 p.m., everyone being satisfied with a good peal, with very few trips. Those that did occur were picked up by the conductor almost before they got to anything more than a bad blow. Walter Judge did a fine job and now reaches a new height of achievement in a very distinguished ringing career.

It was agreed by all that the honours of the day were with the veteran Dick White on the eleventh. It is now almost 25 years since he rang Appleton ninth to the 21,363 Stedman Caters—still the world record—and now, at the age of 69, he has gained fresh fame, still on the back end, and he rang his bell and stuck it all the way in the true tradition of his famous family and tower, and the conductor's first words at the end of the peal were of congratulations to this 'tough veteran,' who now holds three records, having incidentally rung Appleton ninth to the Grand sire Caters record, 16,271 in 1932. If the 'oldster' on the eleventh rang like a 'youngster,' then it is equally true to say that the 'youngster' on the ninth rang like a true 'oldster,' and he has now had a good bit of practice at Stedman Cinques to help him on his way.

The 'author' on the eighth looked grimly determined to do or die, and now he who has written much history has once more helped to write another page, while the highly esteemed secretary of the Oxford Society on the second has not now any doubts (very often quite forcibly expressed in the past) of his ability to 'stand the time' in a long peal. It was a great day for him, for he has seen Oxford ringing at its lowest ebb, and he it was who has trained not a few of Oxford's best ringers, and he now sees Oxford ringing rising to heights that a few years ago would not have been thought possible.

Something nice could be said about all the band, given the space, but it suffices to say that every man was on top of his job all through and that the successful completion of the peal was never at any time in doubt.

Many ringers visited the town during the day and there was quite a crowd at the door to offer congratulations, including the veteran Harry Withers, of Birmingham, who, true to his lifelong tradition, checked off every course end of the peal as it was rung. The Deau of Christ Church was in the tower to congratulate the band, who would like to thank him for allowing them to attempt this record on 'the bonny Christ Church bells.'—E.A.P.

A PEN PICTURE

Mr. Ernest Morris gives this impression of the peal:—

Settling down to a steady beat, which varied but little throughout the day, everyone did his job in a true twelve-bell style. For hours on end not a single word was spoken, except for the occasional 'bob' when the Judge turned his head towards his nearby five companions (on the front bells) and in a voice that was apologetic just said it as though he was sorry to trouble them! The second ringer, with his shirt off and his singlet open down to his middle, stood there as if he were used to this sort of thing. The third man looked bright and breezy throughout, while the rosy cheeks of the fourth got rosier as the peal progressed. The fifth seemed to be taking things as if long peal ringing was just another event, and the sixth, I think, read every peal board in the belfry except those at the back of his head. The seventh just stood there slogging away and leaning up against the wall for hours on end, while after some seven hours had passed the eighth looked a little pale about the gills, but with a 'do or die' expression on his face. The ninth ringer had stood in at short notice, but never turned a hair, simply ringing like an automaton. He rather looked as if he had come from a wedding from the little bits of red and white fluff all around him, due to a 'weeping sally.' The tenth looked very cool, calm and collected, being simply dressed in his bathing suit! The eleventh man stood there like the grand ringer he is—solid as the trunk of a tree. The tenor man simply drummed away without any undue effort, and occasionally one saw a beatific smile cross his face as he looked around at his companions doing their stuff, and as he dreamed of other tenors still to conquer.

No incident occurred either to mar or excite the rhythm of the whole peal—it was rung from beginning to end without a hitch of any kind whatsoever. On conclusion many friends invaded the belfry, and with the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church tendered their congratulations. A welcome visitor was the man with a couple of jugs of lemonade, and never did a drink taste so sweet!

The Birmingham St. Martin's Guild—who held the previous record of 11,111 changes—were there, represented by the secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves), Ernest T. Allaway, Wilfred Williams and several others, and it should be recorded that Mr. Harry Withers, who has checked so many record peals, was present and marked off every course as rung, and also timed the performance.

After a snapshot photo of the band had been taken, all adjourned to a nearby tea shop. It is better not to state here what Ernest did while waiting for 'Nippy' to serve them—but then, he was so very thirsty! A very pleased and happy throng assembled at The Mitre until all too quickly trains and buses broke up the party.

TENOR MAN'S IMPRESSIONS

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight writes:—

I was very honoured when asked to stand in the record peal last Saturday with so notable a band, and must say that the ringing was first class throughout except that during the last hour the striking was not up to the standard of that of the first 7½ hours. This, of course, was only to be expected as we were rather tired by this time. Nevertheless, the ringing during the last hour could by no means be described as bad. It merely showed signs of tiredness in the band.

The peal went through without a hitch and with no trips, and Mr. Walter Judge is to be congratulated on his brilliant conducting. Walter possesses a quality which few others conductors of his high standing possess, namely, he knows how to 'keep his mouth shut' during a peal. A good many conductors spoil the pleasure of peal ringing because they will continually 'natter' during the ringing, but not so Walter. His mouth only opens to call the bobs and to correct a trip when necessary. This he does very quietly in a cool, calm and collected manner which would put even the most nervous ringer confidently 'on his feet.' I hope to have the pleasure of ringing many more peals with him. (I have got Exeter Cathedral bells for a peal of Stedman Cinques on October 5th and have invited Mr. Judge to conduct this. I know I can trust him to bring us through what must prove to be a difficult peal.)

The bells at Oxford are very difficult to ring. It is impossible to hear any but the back five. The strike and hum of the tenors completely overpower the others, both inside and out. This is a very great drawback to peal ringing on these bells. Any band of ringers who can ring a good peal on them certainly deserve credit. That is why I think the standard of the ringing last Saturday deserves more credit than that of the false record at Southwark. I have already been informed by a friend that a member of the Southwark 'peal' remarked to him that our ringing was nowhere near the standard of Southwark. Perhaps not, I don't know. But I challenge the Southwark band to ring a better peal of 12,663 changes on the Oxford bells than we did.

Stedman Cinques Record—continued

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

(1) **WALTER F. JUDGE**, Oxford. Born Kidlington in 1895, where he learned to ring, and scored his first peal there in 1912, but did not ring another till 1919. Since then he has rung in and conducted peals on all numbers from six to twelve, and among which peals he has taken part was the record 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton in 1932. He has rung peals in all standard and many Surprise methods, including Spliced Surprise, conducting many of each.

(2) **VICTOR J. F. BENNETT**, Oxford. Is a fine ringer who has taken part in some hundred or so peals in all standard and many Surprise methods on all numbers. He is secretary of the old Oxford Society and is most keenly interested in the records of the early days of this body, jealously guarding the books, etc., and also seeing that peal books are kept fully up to date.

(3) **ALFRED BALLARD**, Burbage, Hinckley. Rang his first peal (of Doubles) in 1927, which was conducted by Ernest Morris. Since that time he has progressed rapidly and is a competent ringer on any number in practically any method. He has rung over 200 peals and is also an accomplished handbell ringer, having peals on all numbers five to twelve to his credit. He is Ringing Master of the Hinckley District and representative on the Central Council for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

(4) **ARTHUR READ**, Taunton.

(5) **CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY**, Bushey, age 39, member of a famous family of ringers. Started to ring in 1917 under his father, the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, and the Rev. E. Bankes James, and rang his first peal in 1919. A capable conductor in all methods, he ranks in the forefront of handbell ringers. He holds an almost unique distinction of having rung most of his peals on handbells, which number 268 as against the total of 200 on tower bells, reached with the record peal at Oxford. He has rung in many parts of the country, but mainly around Bushey, Herts, where he was one of a distinguished handbell band under Harold G. Cashmore, which was known before the war for peals in many Surprise Major methods spliced, and this band's exhibition at the College Youths tercentenary dinner in 1937 is remembered by many who were present as one of the highlights of a memorable occasion.

(6) **SIDNEY T. HOLT**, of Crowle, Worcester, rang his first peal in 1920 and his first as conductor in 1922. Since then he has called some 300 peals in all methods, some of them in the little practised ones from Doubles to Maximus. He took part in the first peal at Buckfast Abbey when ringing was done from the narrow gallery round the tower, and also in the great performance of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral. He also took part in the non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus at Birmingham. He has rung well over 500 peals spread over a large number of counties and societies.

(7) **FREDK. A. H. WILKINS**, Oxford. A 'local' lad with a brilliant career. Competent ringer on all numbers and methods.

(8) **ERNEST MORRIS**, Leicester. Noted both as a ringer and writer on historical subjects. Among his noted tower performances, he has called 6,800 Doubles, 10,080 Minor, 7,008, 7,488, 9,760 and 13,440 Bob Major, 9,120 Ilkeston Treble Bob, 6,720 of both Little Bob and Little Canterbury, and taken part in 7,008 and 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major record, and 9,600 Worcester Treble Bob. Was one of the 12 secretaries who rang Stedman Cinques peal at Southwark, and of his 933 peals has called about half. He is author of the work, 'History and Art of Change Ringing' as well as 'Chronology of British Bellfounders,' 'Legends of the Bells' and other works. He has in course of publication a new book, 'Bells of All Nations,' and also in MS. ready 'The Church Bells of Leicestershire' and a thesis on 'Monoliths and Crosses of Leicestershire.' He is also an authority on genealogy. Was for 21 years secretary of Midland Counties Association and now vice-president of Leicester Diocesan Guild.

(9) **PAUL K. WILLIAMSON**, Oxford. Undergraduate of Cambridge.

(10) **RICHARD A. POST**, Oxford. An exceptionally good ringer of all standard and Surprise methods on any number, and a conductor of merit. The present record was his 150th peal. He took part in the Grandsire Caters record at Appleton in 1932, when 16,271 was rung in 9 hours 20 minutes.

(11) **RICHARD WHITE**, Appleton. A grand ringer—steady as a rock. Took part in two previous long length records, viz., the 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton and the world record of 21,363 Stedman Caters there in 12 hours 25 minutes in 1922. In both these peals he rang the 9th.

(12) **FRANK C. W. KNIGHT**, Walthamstow. Quite a recent recruit in the art, he organised the two Kent tours of 1945-6 and intends to conquer all tenors!

WHITWORTH, LANCS.—At the Parish Church on August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Allan Smith 1, Alwyn Taylor 2, Simeon K. Taylor 3, Arthur Fielding 4, James Taylor 5, John Meadowcroft 6, Frank Appleton (conductor) 7, Thomas L. Borrett 8.

Memorial Bell to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith

Questions were asked at the meeting of the Guildford District at Shere, on August 24th, as to the position regarding the memorial bell to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. Mr. C. E. Smith presided.

The Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) said that difficulties had arisen. It was not a sanctus but a sacring bell which it was proposed should be installed in the new Cathedral at Stag Hill, Guildford. The diocesan authorities felt that if the Guild gave them the bell now they had no place to store it. Secondly, they thought it was wrong to divert labour to the making of this bell, as some years might elapse before it could be used. Thirdly, the Cathedral architect was upset because he had not heard about the bell. He (the secretary) proposed to write to him and ask his permission to instal a 3 cwt. bell in the turret of the Lady Chapel.

Mr. R. Whittington asked if the authorities had been approached with the view to providing a temporary structure.

The secretary said he understood from the late Mr. Goldsmith that an approach was made. The present executive committee had no knowledge of any arrangement.

Mr. Frank Hawthorn enquired if it would be possible to have a peal of ten in the Cathedral.

The secretary said he had discussed this with the Archdeacon of Dorking. He asked the Archdeacon whether anything had been done to modify the complaint. For a peal of ten as designed, there was only eight feet of head space between the ringers and the bells, so there would not be much room for backstroke. It was news to the Archdeacon that there was anything wrong with the belfry.

The Rev. K. Davis said there was no hope of anything being done for five or six years.

The chairman reported that the Dunsfold Church Bell Fund was now closed and the matter was in hand.

Mr. J. Horstmann, of Shalford, was elected a new member.

LADIES GUILD AT IBSTOCK

A pleasant meeting of the local members of the Ladies' Guild was held at Ibstock on August 24th. Miss J. Poole was in charge, and Miss I. Rowley, with the assistance of her mother, looked after the local arrangements. Some fifteen members, along with a few merc male visitors, sat down to a nice tea at the headquarters of Toc II. One of the men had failed to send in his name for tea, but as he had brought sandwiches he was provided with a small table. Being a resourceful sort of chap he soon produced a tablecloth, but was not allowed to read it.

After tea, the 'Secret Society' atmosphere prevailed, and out went the men, lock, stock and barrel. Happily, one of them had the key of the tower, and as there were six of a kind the first 'all male' band of the afternoon managed to get a pull.

The 'mystic rites' of the business meeting being completed, the ladies returned to the tower, and very good use was made of the bells. The 'beginner element' got in useful practice and, needless to say, they took every opportunity of the chances offered. Later, a party of 'boy friends' who had been in a peal attempt joined in. A later report dealing with the 'mystic rites' informs us that Miss I. B. Thompson was elected vice-president, and Mrs. A. Beamish, Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mrs. H. J. Vann and Miss I. Rowley elected to the District Committee. Mrs. H. J. Poole and Miss I. Rowley were elected to the General Committee. Three new members were elected. It was decided to hold bi-monthly meetings, the next one being at Nuneaton on October 26th.—A MERE MAN.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION TOUR

Repeating the enjoyable tour in West Norfolk last year, Mr. E. H. Mastin, of Downham Market, again organised a delightful tour in Lincolnshire on August Bank Holiday. Members and friends from Cambridge, Downham Market, Ely, Lewisham, Marham, Snettisham, Shouldham, Terrington St. John and Walsoken met at Long Sutton at 10 a.m., and with a fleet of five cars the tour was commenced.

After some good ringing at Long Sutton on the splendid Taylor peal a move was made for Boston, which was reached just before noon. Welcomed by Mr. Dewey and others of the local band at the famous landmark of Lincolnshire, St. Botolph, the tower was ascended, and the ringing chamber reached after a perspiring and knee testing journey up the 190 odd steps. This, however, was soon forgotten with the pleasure of ringing on this magnificent peal.

After a good lunch at a local restaurant, Sutterton was the next call, and Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative tapped off on this tuneful peal. Pinchbeck was the next call, and the same methods repeated in good style. Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and daughter welcomed the party at Surfleet, and although the band was not strong enough for Cinques, some good ringing was enjoyed on the ten and back eight, a course of London coming to grief in the last lead.

Journeying back into Cambridgeshire, Wisbech was reached in time for tea. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mastin for the excellent arrangements made, the car owners for transport, and the ladies for tea commodities was passed with acclamation. The company afterwards went to the Parish Church and rang till 8 p.m. T.R.D.

EXTRACTS FROM THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG

PEAL RINGING—ITS PLACE

Dear Sir,—Peal ringing can be the life of the Exercise if used aright, or its death (by ill repute) if abused. If too many peals are rung in a tower surrounded by houses, for no reason apparent to the neighbourhood, they naturally begin to tire and complain, it not to the Vicar at least to each other, about ringers and ringing in general. However, I think peal ringing can be justified in moderation on two counts:—

- (1) To express joy or sorrow at a national or local event of importance, e.g., an anniversary, wedding or death of some well-known personage, welcome to a new incumbent, etc.
- (2) To help individual ringers to become efficient, and so to perpetuate the Exercise, e.g., if one or two members of the band are ringing their first peal, or first in the method, etc.

If these two points can be combined, as they so often are, so much the better.

I feel that anybody who has shown himself capable of ringing a good peal in a particular method should be, and generally is, a fairly reliable member of a band which is trying to teach somebody else to learn the method, though certainly there are countless reliable ringers of methods in which they have never rung peals. Again, peal ringers are often the potential conductors of the future (without which the Exercise would die), for in peal ringing especially one develops the power to ring a method more or less subconsciously, thus enabling conscious thought to be centred not only on where to call the bobs, but on keeping others straight, transposing and checking the ringing as it progresses.

The subject of non-attendance at divine service, raised by Mr. Ainsley, does not, of course, apply solely to 'Peal-grabbers Guilds,' but also to some service ringers. On this point I feel that bellringing (whether rounds or peal ringing) is primarily a service to God and to the Church, and much dissatisfaction and ill-repute will continue as long as some ringers fail to fulfil their obligation as church members by attending as far as possible services for which they ring.

As long as ringers are 'in short supply,' some will perhaps feel a certain amount of independence in this matter, since their services may be required at a strange church some considerable distance from their home, and by the time they have travelled each way and spent about an hour at the church ('before the service even starts, never mind ends') they feel they have done their share. Others may some times have other duties to perform during or soon after service time at some distance from the church (as I have during six months of the year), and find it impossible to be in two places at once. Others, again, have apparently no reason for leaving before the service except that they have fallen into a bad habit.

I think the only real and practicable answer to this problem is the development of the individual ringer's conscience. If every ringer would ask himself whether he really has a reason (not an excuse) for his regular or occasional absence from the congregation, and would act upon the answer he gives himself, I feel sure that much ground for criticism on this account would be swept away.—Yours faithfully,
Pudsey, Leeds. C. A. BENN.

REPLY TO CHELTENHAM ROVERS

Dear Sir,—As an answer to C. Rouse's criticisms the following are pertinent:—

- (1) The district secretary is acting merely as a stop-gap owing to the necessarily abrupt resignation of his predecessor (through illness).
 - (2) The secretary is a very busy man, new to the district, and only undertook the office under protest when approached by his proposer.
 - (3) The peal in question was already arranged when the secretary was elected, and was due to finish in ample time before the annual meeting. A late train upset the schedule.
 - (4) The secretary was present at the meeting.
 - (5) The secretary informs me that Mr. Rouse was told why arrangements for a district meeting broke down at the last moment, and that he (the secretary) thus missed both a meeting and a peal attempt to which he was invited.
 - (6) In so far as the secretary is a member of a clique, he is a member of a clique that rings excellent peals. That Mr. Rouse is a member of a clique is evident from his P.P.S., but it is recognised locally that its peal ringing abilities are very limited.
 - (7) So-called 'cliques' are harmful only when exclusive for other than technical reasons. Should Mr. Rouse's ringing reach a higher standard he would most probably enjoy ringing with a 'clique.'
- Cheltenham. THOMAS R. BOREHAM.

BLIND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—As I read on page 397 about the blind ringer of Finchley I was reminded of a pull I had one Sunday morning at Llandudno in 1937. I was informed by one of the band that the man who raised the 3rd was blind. If I remember correctly he subsequently rang the 3rd to Grandshire Triples.

Perhaps one of the Llandudno ringers can confirm or discount this.
Berrington, Shrewsbury. PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW.

Cater Ringing

Dear Sir,—The queries and comments on Cater ringing in your issues of August 16th and 23rd prompt me to write again on this subject. First, Double Norwich Caters.

In my recent detailed statement of the proof of this method I dealt with the 3rds place bob variation because it seems to be the one most frequently used. I am, however, tempted to agree with Mr. Hazelden that the 7ths place bob approaches more nearly the well-known Double Norwich Bob. Mr. Symonds' suggestion is interesting, and theoretically very sound, for not only does it provide for a normal Double Norwich Bob, but it also greatly reduces the chances of falseness. Its serious disadvantage is seen in practical ringing. With the 2nd retained in the hunt there are available only 24 Tittum courses, and of these only six have the 6th behind the 9th. There are likewise only 24 Handstroke Home courses, and of these there are only six of any musical value (the six courses with the 6th behind the 8th).

Proof of the 7ths place bob variation may be worked out in the same way as the 3rds place bob variation, and a similar schedule will be arrived at. The actual transposition figures are, of course, different, and the student who preserves both schedules for use should take care to label them so as to prevent the wrong one being used for proof.

Now for Grandshire Caters.

The touches you give in the issue of August 16th are not very inspiring. The old 305 (which, by the way, has not three courses in the Tittums) is very good, but it is well worn. The other short ones are really rather poor. May I offer the following?

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All these come round at hand the lead previous to the last course end.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's struggles are very interesting, and there can be no doubt that his experiments in pricking these courses will have done him far more good than any explanations by experts.

It is, however, quite true, as I have pointed out previously in your columns, that the Central Council Collection of peals of Grandshire Caters needs overhauling, and any new edition should certainly have a preface dealing with the notation.

If Mr. Felstead is still anxious to pursue the matter and cares to write to me privately I shall be pleased to send to him some detailed information.—Yours faithfully,
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham.

P.S.—I lay no claim to the touches. They have probably been composed many times. The above came to me from Mr. Morris J. Morris, of Birmingham.

HAWORTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query sent in by Mr. C. Cullen, the centenary of the Haworth Parish Church bells was celebrated on Sunday, March 10th, 1946, with a peal of Minor, 5,040 changes, rung by Messrs. J. I. Retershaw treble, H. Helliwell 2, S. Whitehead 3, V. Bairstow 4, E. H. Simpson 5 A. Bairstow (conductor) tenor, in 2 hours 55 minutes. The new bells came to Haworth on October 2nd, 1845, and were rung for the first time on January 4th, 1846, in the days of the Rev. Patrick Bronte. At a meeting of the Bells Committee held at the Black Bull Inn, Haworth, on March 2nd, 1846, Mr. Jos. Greenwood in the chair, it was agreed to have a dinner on Tuesday, March 10th, to celebrate the opening of the new bells.

The bells were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry, London, and hung by William Wood, of Haworth. The architect was Mr. Joseph Redman, Haworth. The weights are: Tenor, 11 cwt. 2 or. 27 lb.; 5th, 9 cwt. 19 lb.; 4th, 7 cwt. 9 lb.; 3rd, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.; 2nd, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.; treble, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

The first peal of 5,040 changes was rung on Good Friday, April 7th, 1849, in 2 hours 55 minutes. All the ringers were Haworth residents. From that year to 1903 only two peals are recorded, and then the next peal was in 1936, a lapse of 33 years. From 1936 to 1946 peals have been rung at regular intervals, including Victory peals. The inscription on the tenor reads: 'These bells were raised by subscription. The Rev. Patrick Bronte, A.B., incumbent. Mr. George Feather and Mr. James Lambert, Churchwardens.'

If Mr. Cullen is ever in the West Riding of Yorkshire and will let me know, I will gladly arrange for him to have a ring at Haworth.—
33, Main Street, Haworth, Yorks. ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Menaces. 5 Shunt. 8 Aware. 9 Reading. 10 Stedman. 11 Panda. 12 Ladies. 14 Unable. 17 Clang. 19 Candles. 22 Shingle. 23 Vista. 24 Pupil. 25 No ropes.
Down: 1 Meats. 2 Near end. 3 Cream. 4 Strong. 5 Sharpen. 6 Union. 7 To glare. 12 Locusts. 13 Engaged. 15 Bells up. 16 Screen. 18 Arise. 20 Never. 21 Stays.

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DEATH

SPICE.—On Friday, Aug. 30th, at his home at Tunstall (Sittingbourne), William Spice, in his 86th year.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Brighton, by invitation, on Saturday, Sept. 7th: Ringing at St. Nicholas' 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 5.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Evers-road, Reigate.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. H. Wardley King, Hungerford Vicarage, Berks.

ESSEX ASSN. — North-Western Division.—A meeting at Roydon, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — York, Sept. 7th. Minster 3 to 4, Bishophill 6 p.m. onwards. Members make own tea arrangements.—T. H. Foster.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — North and East District. — Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. — G. W. Steere and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting to be held at Balcombe, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Balcombe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. J. Foster, 3, Brookside, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley, by Sept. 9th.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whaplode, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4, followed by business meeting. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—W. A. Richardson.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.), College Lane Schools, 5.30. Numbers by Monday, Sept. 9th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District (Northern Branch).—Meeting at Eagle (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Dedication of rehung bells. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. G. E. Smith, The Bungalow, Eagle, by Sept. 12th.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Sept. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to me, without fail, by Tuesday, Sept. 10th. — Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Royal Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ESSEX ASSN. — Meeting at Felstead (8) on Sept. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — Henry A. Pratt, Hon. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN.—Crawford Cup Contest, Ordsall (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford, not later than 10th. Ringing after contest.—H. Denman, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at High Littleton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church House. Names, please, to Mrs. T. Kimber, Paulton Road, Hallatrow, Bristol, by Sept. 12th. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Accrington, Sept. 14th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Kirkham, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

PEAK SOCIETY.—Youlgreave (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at 5.30 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Great Crosby (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Cups of tea 5.—G. R. Newton, 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool 17.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, Sept. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. H. Haigh, Guider Bottom, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than Sept. 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Monthly meeting at Arley, Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3. Sandwiches provided.—Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Sept. 14th, for the induction of the new Vicar. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hillesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th. 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX, LEEDS.—The three 17th century bells at Kippax, near Leeds, recently recast and augmented into a peal of six by Messrs. Taylor, are to be reopened and dedicated by the Bishop of Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; bring food.—W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Hallaton (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 o'clock. Tea undecided.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Beckington, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sept. 14th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (near Holloway Road Underground station), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing 6.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Please advise early for tea to Mr. E. G. Oliver, Upper Hartfield P.O.—C. A. Bassett.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Tenby, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. For tea advise C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmarthen, by Sept. 7th.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Ashover (8), Sept. 14th, 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea obtainable in village.—Sam Scattergood, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (5), Sept. 14th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

BOLLINGTON.—St. John's, Sept. 14th. Bells (8). Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea available. Names, please, to Vicar, Rev. J. Kingdom, The Vicarage, Ingersley Road, Bollington, Cheshire, by Sept. 11th.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Beddington, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Train from Victoria to Hackbridge 2.19. Walk through Beddington Park. Tea 5 o'clock at the Grange, only for those who notify Mr. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Sept. 16th.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Cowbridge (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Berwick St. John (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Names for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Attenborough on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) at 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Douglas Parish Church, Parbold Lane.—The ring of 6 bells have been rehung and two trebles added and will be reopened on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will hold a dedication service at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome and tea will be served free in the Schoolroom. Admission by ticket only. Those wishing to be present should apply for tickets to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold Lane, not later than Sept. 14th, as no tickets will be sent out after that date.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—260th Anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 1/6 per head. Names for tea to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, not later than Sept. 17th.—Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 22nd, ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5.15 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. It is hoped to provide tea for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—The September general meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th, instead of Sept. 21st, to accommodate local circumstances. Full particulars later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) obtainable up to Saturday, Sept. 21st only. Resident members from branch secretaries, others from general secretary. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithin's (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Weekly practice now resumed Mondays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Sunday ringing mornings only, 10.30 a.m. Visitors welcomed.

MR. NEWTON'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. William Ambler and Mr. Rupert Richardson for their kind congratulations to me. I quite realise what a modest achievement mine is in comparison with the grand total of Mr. Richardson for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and I most heartily congratulate him on his fine record.

It was not myself that raised the query, "Can you cap that, Yorkshire?", as I was quite aware that my old friend, Mr. Joe Broadley, had reached 400 for the Yorkshire Association, and I am very glad to hear that he is still going strong. Mr. Ambler, in his P.S., asks: "Any more records, Lancashire?" I hesitate at present to make further claims.—Yours sincerely,

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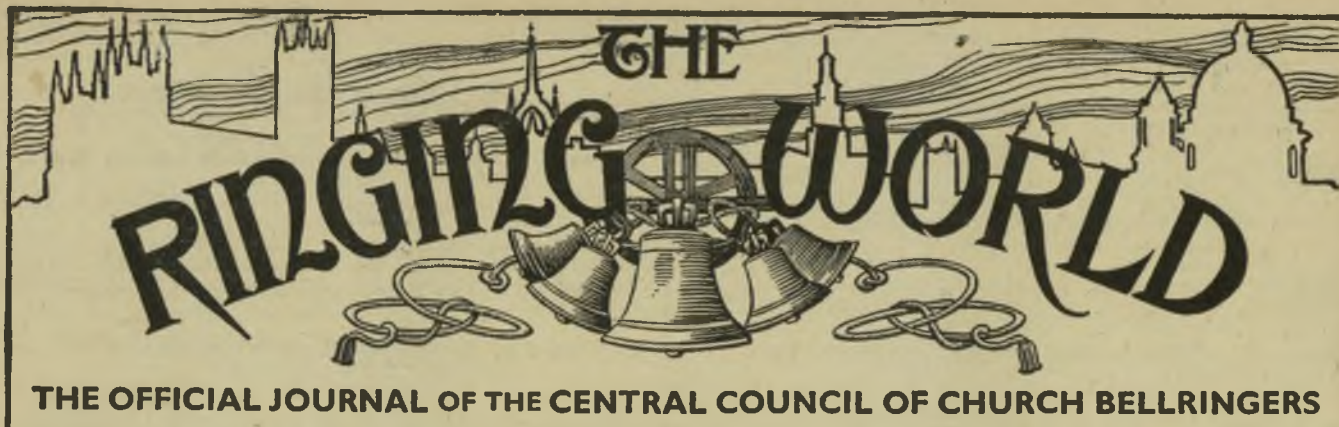
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THE VETERANS

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be.

Our quotation this week is from Robert Browning. No, we are not writing on a controversial topic which Browning's marriage suggests, but to give editorial emphasis about the dignity and achievements of age which have been suggested by recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Many of us have grown old together in our respective belfries. We think with pride of those ringers at Winchester Cathedral, where the average length of service of eight ringers is 38 years. Sunday by Sunday in their respective places they have rung for succeeding decades.

Youth is apt to regard age with askance. We would remind them of some lines of Cicero which, freely translated, run: "Senile debility, usually called "dotage," is a characteristic not of all old men, but only of those who are weak in mind and will.' Old age has indeed its champion in Richard White, of Appleton, who, as we mentioned last week, at 69 stood in the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford. He is a member of a famous family of ringers who have been associated with St. Laurence's Church, Appleton, since 1818. Record breaking is established as a tradition in his family, for his father and uncles were associated with such men as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook and others who broke records 60 years ago at Appleton.

This week, however, we are not thinking so much of the famous old men of the Exercise like Richard White, who will go down to posterity. A paragraph in this journal concerning the 46 years' service of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon as captain of the ringers at Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, has led to attention being called to a number of other old servants in the belfry. At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, there is Frederick J. Tillet with 63 years' regular ringing behind him, and at 79 he often rings the tenor of 32 cwt. But the palm of continuity of service in one belfry goes to Wednesbury, Staffordshire, where Walter Brittain has a record of 66 years. Horace Walpole in his letters wrote: 'Old age is no such uncomfortable thing, if one gives oneself up to it with a good grace.' These two veterans have learnt that good grace, and there are many men in our belfries to-day who can say with confidence:—

'I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER 1	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	FRED PRICE 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	JOHN S. MASON 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.
* 50th peal this year. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Maximus.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM... .. 1	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 7
HAROLD MARCON 2	H. LESLIE PASK 8
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 10
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST 6
FRED EVANS 2	JAMES WEBB 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 3	WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 8
FRED HARTMAN 4	ERNEST BENNETT 9
JOHN HAYES 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.
Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. William Jones, ringer and verger for 50 years at the above church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	†WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
*MARY E. DAVIS 3	*BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 8
†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
†WALTER G. ROSE ... 5	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on ten tower bells. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM GOLDSTONE ... 5
JAMES BRACKLEY 2	ARTHUR CROSS 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN B. HESSEY 7
EDWARD W. BUTLER ... 4	*FRED FAIRHEAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal. Arranged and rung for the 80th birthday of William C. Parker, steeplekeeper at the above church for 44 years.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... Treble	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.
* First peal in the method.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

Holt's Ten-part.	WILLIAM PRATT Treble	JAMES RUSH 5
	HARRY BROWN 2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 6
	*NAT. SAVAGE 3	JOHN SAVAGE 7
	*JAMES EDGAR 4	*THOMAS DUNWOODY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PRATT.

* First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR C. PIZZEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 2	PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. ALMOND Treble	GEORGE R. RANGLES ... 5
MISS NORAH BIBBY ... 2	THOMAS H. HORRIDGE... 6
*JOHN LUNHAM 3	†ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).	ERNEST WILSON Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
	*A. OLIVER LEWIS ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN 6
	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 4	JAMES F. NASH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Johnson's Variation.	LEONARD TUFFEY Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5
	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
	HENRY H. FEARN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
	GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JOHN S. MASON Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wilfred E. Box, towerkeeper.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM AMBLER 5
CLIFFORD ELLISON 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
EDGAR DEAKE 3	*ROLAND KENDALL 7
SAM BLUNDELL 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON <i>Treble</i>	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
JILL POOLE 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
*STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
J. STUART ILIFFE 4	ERNEST MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from treble.

**OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

WM. H. B. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN FREEMAN 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	*NEIL I. ALLNATT 7
*JAMES HIGGINS 4	RICHARD A. POST <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Walter F. Judge has now 'circled' the tower.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

Thurstans' Four-part.	JOHN FREEMAN <i>Treble</i>	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
	MADLINE M. LYON 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	*HAROLD A. MAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* 50th peal.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. JOYCE FINN ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*GEORGE W. MOODY ... 2	*PHILIP BARNES 6
*HAROLD JUDD 3	*RONALD H. DOVE 7
JACK BRAY 4	WALTER AYRE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 550th peal.

**MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALKELDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... <i>Treble</i>	ROLAND PARK 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Major on the bells.

**BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*H. VON DER HEYDE ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS HARRIS 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
BETTY SPICE 4	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

**BEDALE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	ROLAND PARK 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER 5
MRS. JEAN M. BAILEY ... 2	HARRY HALL 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	JAMES E. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.
First peal on the bells since being overhauled in 1939.

**EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F. sharp.

C.C.C. No. 98.	*THOMAS G. FOX <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS 5
	ALAN F. THIRST 2	†ROBERT H. BEGRIE 6
	†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
	EDGAR J. RAPPLEY 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. HIGDON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*GEORGE CREED 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*BERYL LOOK 4	HENRY J. SANGER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal of Major.

**CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	PERCY PAGE 6
*WILFRED W. RING ... 3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.



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SIX BELL PEALS

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

FREDERICK VICKERS ... Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 4
*JOAN M. NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM A. TWIDELL ... 5
REGINALD J. SCOTT ... 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
†JOHN E. COOK ... 2	*CYRIL WARD ... 5
*ARCHIE T. LOWMAN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in eight methods. † First peal.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. POWELL ... 4
MRS. L. BAINHAM ... 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 5
*JACK WORRALL ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.'

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS H. COCKERILL Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... 4
*THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ... 5
*PERCY E. KNIGHT ... 3	*ROY W. BUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor in Minor.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKER ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal of Minor on the bells. All the band have rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT J. CHAMBERLAIN Treble	†REGINALD T. JONES ... 4
*MATTHEW H. EARLSTONE ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
†ERNEST C. WELCH ... 3	*L. G. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on August 15th, 720 Plain Bob: H. W. Pratt 1, Miss H. Gorringe (first 720, aged 15) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, Rev. B. P. Sheppard 4, W. Gorringe 5, L. W. Fisher 6.—On August 18th, 1,248 Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. Nicholls 5, B. D. Price 6, John Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1946, in Two Hours, and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS JEAN FREER ... Treble	†LEONARD H. LOCK ... 4
†BERT CHILVERS ... 2	†W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
†LESLIE FORSTER ... 3	†BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Stamford; (2) Beverley; (3) Norwich; (4) London, Wells; (5) York, Durham; (6) Norfolk, Primrose; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON Treble	*CECIL WADE ... 4
CHARLES WOODS ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eleven methods.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; H. Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS SCOTT ... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 4
TREVOR RODERICK ... 2	HARRY BOYCE ... 5
ARTHUR HOARE ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal of London by the band and for the association, also believed to be the first of London in Wales.

HANDBELL PEALS

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. and Sun., Aug. 24 and 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 92, BUTCHER'S ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK H. HICKS ... 1-2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

ORAYFORD, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2 | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2 | *ALBERT W. BOND ... 5-6

FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4 | R. GORDON CROSS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First handbell peal away from the trebles.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6

WALTER AYRE ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

THORNE, YORKS.—On July 29th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Bob Minor: Leonard Gerrard 1, Thomas D. Leask 2, J. Martin Thorley 3, James Thorley 4, Ernest J. Padgett 5, Charles Thorley (conductor) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, LONDON.—On August 18th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. C. Birt 1, E. Lankester 2, D. K. Judd 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, A. Cutler 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, F. A. Finch 7, W. G. Wilson 8.

BOLTON, LANCES.—On August 18th for the triple jubilee of St. George's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Inch (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Kenyon 2, F. Rushton 3, E. Ford (conductor) 4, H. Owen 5, J. E. Owen 6, H. Rushton 7, R. M. Young 8. Four of the band have just returned from H.M. Forces.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On August 18th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,464 Bob Major: Mrs. Rose Dorking (first quarter of Major) 1, A. H. Everett (conductor) 2, A. H. Edwards (first quarter) 3, J. Shadrack (first quarter of Major) 4, A. W. Church 5, H. W. Shadrack (first quarter in method) 6, C. F. Jaggard 7, W. Dorking 8.

DEPTFORD.—On August 18th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, H. Belcher 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, W. H. Hewett 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, J. Phillips 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On August 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, G. W. Townsend 3, I. H. Trueman (first quarter of Triples) 4, W. H. Trueman 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, H. W. Bishop 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Bob Minor: B. Tubb 1, L. Tubb 2, R. Charge 3, T. Bevan 4, G. Charge 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6. Rung for the occasion of the birth of a son to the Rector of Finchley.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On August 24th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 1, C. Cantrill 2, F. Cheal 3, F. Richardson 4, H. Springate 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, B. F. Baker 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. Rung after a peal attempt for Double Norwich.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On August 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cox 1, R. Biggs 2, W. Lee 3, Miss D. R. Fletcher 4, Miss K. E. Fletcher 5, A. Levett 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On August 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): C. Bransom 1, A. L. Ford 2, M. Stephens 3, R. Chapman 4, P. Inskip 5, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 6. Also on August 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Lockety (first quarter) 1, R. Chapman 2, M. Stephens 3, P. Inskip 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 6.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Robinson 1, E. C. Elliott 2, Miss Myra Tiller 3, B. Tiller 4, R. E. Tiller 5, G. W. Arnold 6, C. A. Hughes (conductor) 7, R. Hawkins 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3, 4 and 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Martin on August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Page 1, H. Theobald 6, R. E. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8.

MERTON, SURREY.—On August 18th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss Vera Fortin (first quarter) 1, Miss Audrey Castle 2, E. W. Gibbons 3, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 4, W. A. Conning 5.

SHEFFIELD.—On August 22nd, 1,344 Bob Major: B. Holland 1, J. Thorpe 2, E. Thorpe 3, J. E. Cawser 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (conductor) 5, J. R. Brearley 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, J. A. Brearley 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter and granddaughter to the ringers of 3 and 2 respectively.

SOMERLEYTON, NORFOLK.—On August 24th, 1,440 Doubles, 480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain, 480 Grandsire: R. W. Laws 1, G. Lee 2, E. T. Chapman 3, K. L. Brown 4, E. W. Brown (conductor) 5, T. E. Crowe 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan Taylor (a local ringer) to Mr. E. Eardley. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 6. First as conductor.

SUTTON, HEREFORD.—On August 17th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: John J. Jordan 1, George Cousins, jun. (conductor) 2, Austin T. Wingate 3, S. Yapp 4, George Cousins, sen. 5, W. Kinsey 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—At the Parish Church on August 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Skinner 1, F. Dimond 2, B. Pidgeon 3, F. Bastin 4, J. L. Glanvill 5, J. Skinner 6, J. Brown (conductor) 7, G. Rendall 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—For evensong on Sunday, August 18th, 1,120 Bob Major, with 9.10 covering: A. Upsall 1, F. Wigmore 2, J. Phillips 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Freeman 6, W. Jarvis 7, H. Means (conductor) 8, G. Duffield 9, F. Moyes 10.

WANDSWORTH.—At West Hill on August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Allsop 1, G. Allsop 2, J. Stephenson 3, W. J. Paice 4, H. R. Newton 5, A. B. Houghton 6, H. Langdon (conductor) 7, L. Heath 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and tenor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On August 23rd, at the Church of St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 240 each of Stedman's Slow Course and New Doubles, 120 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: Miss M. J. Lawrence 1, J. Shatford 2, B. F. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal in seven methods for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

From November 1st 'The Ringing World' will receive an extra
allocation of paper and in consequence will be in a position to accept
new subscribers. Orders should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J.
Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Eight of the ringers at St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, are also
members of the choir, six being under 18 years of age. Harmony in
the belfry!

Not all our readers enjoyed the crossword puzzle. One who declared
it was a waste of space writes, 'What about a few cookery recipes
or patterns for knitting socks? They would be far more useful.'
Thank you, candid Croydon.

A late train necessitated a change of method at Aston by the St.
Martin's Guild. A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung instead of
Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The company lost a peal at St.
Martin's on August 26th after 3½ hours' ringing with only two courses
to go owing to the indisposition of one of the band. Hard luck!

The first peal in Ireland since about 1938 was rung at Holywood
Parish Church on August 24th. Four of the company, all of whom
were local members, rang their first peal. They were first introduced
to change ringing last November.

Latest recruits to husband and wife peal ringers are Mr. and Mrs.
Leslie F. G. Bainham, who were ringing together at Llanfrecifa,
Mon., on August 24th. Mrs. Bainham formerly rang as Miss Gwyneth
M. Smith and this was her first peal since her marriage. The peal
was rung as a farewell to Mr. Jack Worrall, who is joining H.M.
Forces.

A back in 'Civvy Street' celebration took place at Hanbury, Worcs.,
on August 25th, when two old friends, Tom Lewis (R.A.F.) and Jim
Nash (Welsh Guards), now demobilised, rang a peal together. Both
served over three years in North Africa and Italy, yet never met,
though often only a few miles apart. They kept in touch by cor-
responding and by passing on 'The Ringing World.'

Congratulations to Mr. John J. Webb on shepherding five fellow
ringers at St. Weonard's, Hereford, through either their first peal
or first 'inside' on August 25th.

Watch 22-year-old G. W. Critchley, of the St. Martin's Guild. He
commenced to ring about 18 months ago and has rung over 60 peals,
of which about 50 of them are in Surprise methods. His first as a
conductor was on August 26th—Cambridge Surprise Major from a
working bell. He had previously never called a bob in the method.

Harold A. May, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, rang his 50th peal on
August 28th. He has now completed the circle of this Cathedral
Church, no mean achievement in a peal ringing career of 18 months.

From St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia, we learn
of the death of Mr. James L. Murray, who rang with the English
tourists in 1934. This society has elected the following officers: Cap-
tain, Edgar B. Knott; vice-captain, W. Ford; secretary, G. Ross;
sleepkeeper, H. Ross.

THE VETERANS LONG SERVICE IN BELFRY

Mr. G. E. Symonds, Ipswich, writes: Referring to the query in your issue of August 30th of any ringer with more than 55 years in one belfry, in Ipswich we have Frederick J. Tillet, born in 1867, who commenced ringing in 1883, making 63 years a ringer at St. Mary-le-Tower. On December 5th, 1885, he rang a peal of 5,007 changes of Stedman Cinques (nearly 61 years ago). Now at the age of 79 he often rings the tenor, which is 32 cwt.

Mr. A. Hingley, of Darlaston, writes: We have ringing at Wednesday Parish Church Mr. Walter Brittain, who is 82 years of age and 66 years' service in the one belfry. Surely this is a record for a man in one belfry.

Mr. A. C. Lygo writes: At St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, the ringers' captain, Mr. George Nowell, has been a member of the band for 57 years and still continues to be a pillar of strength to all his colleagues. Mr. H. Spencer, who passed away in June last, had also completed 57 years' regular attendance. Mr. F. Spencer has done 45 years and Mr. S. Loach 40 years all in the service of the same church. I am sure these records will take some beating.

Mr. W. H. Coles, Hayes, Middlesex, writes: We are fortunate at St. John's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, to have as two regular and active members Mr. J. J. Pratt, our captain, and Mr. W. Honor, who have each completed over 55 years' ringing at one church. In the case of Mr. Honor, the period is nearly 62 years, and for Mr. Pratt about two years less. Happily they both have the appearance of being able to carry on the good work for many more years, a source of great satisfaction to all of us. Congratulations to the other stalwarts recently mentioned in 'The Ringing World.' May they enjoy many more years in the service and pastime for which there is no equal.

Mr. Charles J. North, Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex, writes apropos the Winchester Cathedral band's record, published on page 394, that it shows an average for eight ringers of 38 years, as against an average for seven ringers of 28 years of the Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, band. The writer is the only survivor who was attached to the old Cathedral band and which was disbanded by the Dean and Chapter before any of the present ringers were members. The late Mr. W. H. George was appointed as captain, and with several expert ringers from Eastleigh started instruction in change ringing. The former old band only rang call changes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MEETING AT MALDON.

A successful and enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Maldon on August 24th, the bells of St. Mary's and of All Saints' being kept fully employed during the afternoon and evening.

The service was held at St. Mary's, being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Short, who, instead of an address, gave an interesting talk on the history of the church, pointing out salient features. Mr. Gilbert was at the organ, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was £1 11s.

Tea was served at Brooks' Restaurant, and before the meeting commenced the District Master, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, extended a warm welcome to all the visitors present from other districts and to Mr. French, an hon. life member, who was doing much for the Chelmsford ringers.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rector, Misses E. and J. Coker, of Maldon, were elected probationer members, and Miss R. M. Elkington, of Danbury, a ringing member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boreham on October 19th.

On behalf of all present, Mr. E. J. Runter thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, and he also thanked Canon Seymour for the use of the bells at All Saints', Mr. Gilbert for playing the organ, and Mr. Mansfield for arranging for the tea and meeting.

Members were present from Gt. Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Gt. Totham, Harwich, Thorington, Mistley, Sible Hedingham, Black Notley and Baldock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FULL BAND IN EVERY TOWER FOR JUBILEE.

Middlesex County Association celebrate the 50th anniversary of its formation in 1947. At the meeting of the North and East District at Northaw on August 17th, members were reminded of this occasion and urged to recruit more learners so that every tower had a full band to enable the bells to be rung for every Sunday service.

Over 30 ringers and eight affiliated towers were represented at the meeting. Messrs. D. Watson, Wirral, A. Murphy, Crayford, F. Bye, Enfield, F. H. Hicks, Hailsham, W. Rogers, Rotherfield, and H. W. Knight, Cleve, and Miss Betty Spice, Sittingbourne, were elected members.

The Rector (Rev. A. Cheetham) was thanked for conducting a church service and for the welcome extended, and those present spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening ringing rounds and a good variety of methods.

THE RECORD PEAL TENOR MAN EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid there has been rather a serious misunderstanding regarding my letter published in this week's 'Ringing World.' This letter was definitely not for publication and I apologise for not making this clear to you.

I do admit my remarks were indiscreet and offence at these could quite easily be taken. If this is the case I should be glad to tender my sincere apologies to all concerned. Especially to Mr. Langdon, the conductor of the false Southwark peal. When I 'challenged' the Southwark band to ring a better peal on the Oxford bells I had no intention that this should be taken literally. Far from it—knowing full well that this for many reasons would be impossible. However, it would be very interesting to hear the Oxford peal 'critics' make a better job of it than we did.

Also, regarding 'nattering conductors',—my remarks were not directed to anyone in particular. If any individual is under the impression that I was referring to him I apologise. But I must add that 'If the cap fits—!'—Yours truly,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

16, Gloucester Crescent, Camden Town, N.W.1.

THE CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—I note that Mr. Frank C. W. Knight is a comparative newcomer into the field of campanology and would like to suggest to Mr. Knight that before he is in a position to challenge the Southwark band to equal or emulate the record peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Oxford, he should gain more practical and theoretical experience in the art.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Hampton Wick.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—As the sole survivor of the band who rang the longest handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, I wish to convey my hearty congratulations to Mr. W. F. Judge and his band on ringing 12,663 at Oxford. Such performances clearly show that grit and ability will still survive great tests.

The three accounts are very interesting and, like the gospels, they differ. Mr. Post tells us there were very few trips. Mr. Morris records the peal as rung from beginning to end without a hitch of any kind whatsoever. Mr. Knight says it went through without a hitch and no trips. Mr. Post writes that the trips which did occur were picked up by the conductor very quickly. I hope nobody will think I am critical over a peal which deserves nothing but admiration and praise, and though the impressions are slightly different, one great factor remains, that a very fine performance has been accomplished, one that has again made history and deserves our best congratulations.

Just a friendly word to Mr. Knight. In his keen desire to conquer all tenors I am afraid that at Exeter he will not be permitted to try 'Grandson's' single-handed for a peal. Some years ago the authorities stopped peal attempts with one man on the 72 cwt. tenor, but whatever the circumstances, here's my best wishes for many conquests in the future.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIES

We are able to publish additional biographical details to those given in our last week's issue respecting the following:—

(4) ARTHUR H. REED, aged 40, learnt to ring at Staplegrave, Somerset, in 1922, where he rang his first peal, and has now reached a total of 120. He is a leading ringer in his home district and is secretary of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. Not well placed for much peal ringing, he nevertheless has steadiness and an ability to strike his bell, which makes him an asset to any band. He has taken part in the first peals in various Surprise methods in his own district.

(7) FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS, a son of William H. B. Wilkins, well known in Kent ringing circles and later in Oxford. Did his early ringing at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, but did only a moderate amount of ringing between his first peal on May 1st, 1922, and the late war. Returning to Oxford last year after demobilisation, he soon became one of Walter Judge's team and has since become known to many peal bands, up and down the country, as a good ringer and striker. He has rapidly advanced to Cambridge Maximus standard, although as yet has not succeeded in scoring a peal of it. He is 38 years of age and has about 80 peals to his credit.

(8) PAUL K. WILLIAMSON. The youngest of the band, he stood in at short notice and put up a show such as would have been a credit to a man twice his age. Twenty-one years of age last May, he has been ringing only two years, having learnt to handle a bell while at Cambridge, where he is studying. He scored his first peal on March 28th last year, being one of Bob Major 'in hand' for the Universities Association, conducted by John E. Spice. He rang his first tower bell peal at Shilton, Warwickshire, September 1st, 1945, and has now scored 28 peals, including Spiced Surprise in four methods. A safe ringer and good striker, he should go far in his ringing.

A MISCELLANY OF READERS' VIEWS

University Societies

THEIR JUSTIFICATION CHALLENGED

Dear Sir,—There are, I am sure, a good many ringers who, while not questioning the measure of success achieved by the Universities' Association in their recent tour, are not entirely in sympathy with the tenor of your recent leading article.

Now that the country is fully covered by territorial bodies, it is difficult to see what justification there can be for the existence of any exclusive body, be it university, clerical, police or any other guild, and still less for the representation of any one of these on the Central Council. You would not, I suppose, support an application by, say, civil servants, who must be quite a numerous body in the Exercise, if they banded together into an association and claimed representation on the strength of their numbers, which, on precedent, they would have an equal right to do. And if civil servants, why not railwaymen, parish clerks and, in fact, any other similar body of men? The whole thing would be too absurd.

If it is desirable for 'seats of learning,' old or new, to have their own organisations, let them by all means do so, but, as Mr. C. W. Roberts suggested at a recent gathering where the subject was fully discussed, let them be as branches of the association in whose territory they are situate. For the purpose of representation on the Council they would then be on the same footing as other ringers.

Exactly how the Universities' Association can claim to send a member is hard to understand. It may be true to say that her election was unchallenged, in that no votes were cast against it, but the voting was 'nem. con.' and not 'unanimous' as was reported at the time. Probably opposition would have been stronger had not the Council just awoken from its war-time sleep, and so many members been new to its meetings. But one member at least, the late Mr. C. T. Coles, was strongly opposed to the whole idea, and, had he lived, it was his intention to raise the matter at Norwich this year.

After all, what is the Universities' Association? A nomadic body, whose sole use would appear to be that it enables the favoured few to ring peals in other people's territory without the inconvenience of paying five shillings to join the local association. It is an open question, moreover, whether the ordinary ringer could obtain access with the same facility to some of the towers which they have used.

Every ringer, of course, has a perfect right to make up a specific party for the purpose of peal ringing, but hitherto it has not been necessary to describe the result as an 'association,' and why this should be 'an influence for good' I fail to see.

Let me make it clear that for some of the ringers concerned I have the greatest respect. It is the principle of assessing the value of a ringing organisation by educational rather than campanological standards that most ringers will deplore. And the people concerned have no more right to be described as 'potential leaders of the Exercise' than any other ringers, until they have proved their eligibility for consideration by something of greater value than the accumulation by largely inexperienced ringers of what cannot be other than indifferent peals. For example, no peal of Cinques in 3 hours and 19 minutes, with a 30 cwt. tenor, by a band largely unaccustomed to twelve-bell ringing could be otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent

E. A. BARNETT.

ROUNDS FOR THE LEARNERS

Dear Sir,—In accounts of ringers' meetings we often read of methods rung and 'rounds for the learners.' Why should this be? What is easier than to ring plain courses of Grandsire with learners on the treble and second with someone behind them explaining what they are doing? They can generally hunt their way out all right, but the difficulty is getting them back to lead again. I get over this by letting them come down behind their course bell. Then there is always one who can 'beat the drum,' so that's three learners given a show that will please them much more than ringing rounds. I fancy I shall hear critics telling me it is all wrong and that the result would be terrible. I know it isn't so at Stamford, and in any case the ringing is not likely to be worse than a messed-up course of, say, 'London.'

Of course, a lot depends on the man standing behind a learner. I have noticed some men wait until their protégé has completely lost him or herself before they come to the rescue and the result is a breakdown. So I hope we shall in future sometimes see in accounts of ringers' meetings 'with plain courses of Grandsire for the learners' instead of 'rounds' for them.—Yours truly,

Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

A. REEVE.

ERRONEOUS FIRST CLAIMS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Double Norwich at Lydd, Kent, on August 2nd, 1946, was not the first peal in that method on the bells. The first peal of Double Norwich was rung at this church on June 14th, 1930, conducted by T. E. Sone.

Also in 'The Ringing World' dated August 9th, 1946, it was stated there had been no peals rung at St. John the Baptist's, Margate, for 35 years before the peal of Grandsire Triples in 1936. This is incorrect. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on February 25th, 1928, conducted by E. G. Buesden. Also a peal of Stedman Triples on October 19th, 1929, by the same conductor at this church.—Yours truly,

Mrs. H. BAKER.

An Ex-Service Guild?

SUGGESTED REASONS FOR FORMATION

Dear Sir,—It seems that my proposal to form an 'Ex-Service Guild' has in some circles been misunderstood. Let me try to set out some of the reasons that led to the formation of the idea. All ringers acknowledge the Central Council through their local guilds and associations. Thus there is the tie between all ringers, but this tie is very indirect.

The Central Council, whilst being the clearing house, shall I say, of general information, does not, as yet, attempt to publish, as the Bristol United Ringing Guilds did some 12 or 13 years ago, a directory of church bellringers. This directory, brought up to date, would be of invaluable aid to the Service ringer now and also to other ringers when away from their home towers. One of the best ways of collecting information is by meetings, and who can give this information better than the men who have to travel around 'this ringing isle'?

The Services have bound us together, but it is now an irksome tie which a real brotherhood could transform into a pleasure. That transformation can be effected by the bond of ringing, and it will keep alive the spirit of brotherhood which can so soon be lost after demobilisation.

The ringing of this country is not uniform in attainment. This is a physical impossibility, but this guild of ex-Service men meeting at various places would tend to speed up the flow of ideas and methods from the more advanced guilds to those who have only a little of this knowledge. It would allow a ringer who learnt new methods while in the Services to keep his hand and eye in and to disseminate this learning at home. I know that this is already being done by a group of people to whom I apologise for copying the idea, which is one of the best ever seen in the ringing fraternity, but I think it needs to be carried out at a nation-wide level.

As to the formation of cliques, well there one can skate on thin ice, and it is human nature to band together in small groups. The British Legion has shown what can be done by brothers of the fighting services of two wars. Surely this lead can be followed by other forms of guilds in other walks of life and with other hobbies. Then perhaps it would help the Dominion ringers, who have one of the hardest jobs in ringing. They have long distances to travel to the next tower and other great difficulties which they alone can fully appreciate.

This guild may also win some recognition from the military authorities, who are inclined to take the view that ringing does not count to men, and they take no steps to allow ringers a little latitude in time off when the time of ringing does not coincide with off duty time. By this I don't mean that ringers have the right to put ringing before duty, but surely a ringer should be able to arrange that ringing and duty do not clash. Let ringers do their share of duty on days and nights when there is no ringing. These are some of the thoughts that have led to the idea of this guild. Call it The Ex-Service Guild or what you will. The name is unimportant. The spirit that is latent can do the work if it is awakened. Of that I feel sure.

Would all ringers who are interested in any way please let me know what they think of the idea? E. V. WILLIAMS, R.E.M.E. c/o Mr. P. R. C. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth, Cornwall.

YOUTH AT THE HELM

Dear Sir,—I have had two attempts to obtain the record age of a band to ring a peal, and want to try again, but I am 'stumped' for ringers. It would probably only be Grandsire Doubles, but it would be a peal. I wonder if any young ringers would like to take part. It would be at Keymer, Sussex, some time in October. It is quite easy to get to the church from Hassocks Station. Will those interested please communicate?—Yours sincerely,

2, North View, Blackstone, Henfield, Sussex.

P.S.—Any ringers will have to be below the age of 14 years 6 months.—S.W.

BOURNEMOUTH DINNER AND RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—In order to help Guild secretaries and others who may be required to fix dates for annual meetings, etc., in the South, the committee have decided to fix the date of the above proposed function for Saturday, January 25th, 1947.

It was felt that to accommodate the caterer and also to ensure fairly plentiful vacancies for any ringers wishing to stay the weekend in Bournemouth, it would be advisable to keep well clear of the summer season. Tickets and further details will be available about the end of November or the beginning of December.—Yours faithfully,

116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

MR. W. KEEBLE

Dear Sir,—I visited Mr. W. Keeble last Sunday and he asked me if I would write to 'The Ringing World,' as he is totally helpless. How many ringers are still alive who rang with him in the record peal of London on May 11th, 1903, at Kings' Norton? He would be pleased to see any ringer visiting Colchester at Ward 12, Severalls Hospital.

J. NEWMAN.

London Road, Feering, Kelvedon, near Colchester.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM SPICE.

As announced in our last issue, the death of one of the oldest members of the Kent County Association in the person of William Spice, of Tunstall (Sittingbourne) occurred at his home on August 30th. He was in his 86th year and until a few months prior to his death he had enjoyed remarkably good health.

The funeral service and interment took place at Tunstall on September 3rd. Some 20 ringers from the surrounding districts were among the large number of friends who gathered to pay their last respects to this veteran ringer and churchman.

It was at Charing some fifty odd years ago that William Spice took to bellringing, and at no time during his long life did his interest in bells and bellringers wane. Leaving Charing in 1900, he went to Penshurst for four years, and for the past 42 years until his death he was captain of the Tunstall band.

Besides being a keen ringer, he was from boyhood a chorister and staunch churchman. His three surviving sons, William Spice, jun., of Tunstall, Percy Spice, of Bromley, and George Spice (now general secretary of the K.C.A.C.R.) followed in their father's footsteps, and his grandchildren, John E. Spice and Betty Spice, have given their grandfather much joy and pleasure by their achievements as campanologists.

'Bill' Spice, as he was familiarly known, served on the central committee of the Kent County Association for a great number of years as one of the representatives of the Rochester district. His genial and likeable disposition at the meetings, inside and outside the tower, will be sadly missed.

Altogether he rang 340 peals on tower bells, mainly in the county of Kent, in 73 different towers, and five peals on handbells. Of these peals he conducted 38.

His peals record is as follows, viz.: Grandsire Doubles 1, Doubles in four methods 1, Plain Bob Minor 1, Minor in three methods 3, Minor in four methods 5, Minor in six methods 1, Minor in seven methods 62, Surprise Minor in seven methods 1, Bob Triples 1, St. Clement's Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 61, Stedman Triples 60, Bob Major 23, Oxford Bob Major 1, Victory Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 39, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 38, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Grandsire Caters 4, Stedman Caters 20, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Canterbury Pleasure Royal 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1; total 345.

MR. HARRY S. BROCKLEBANK.

The death took place on September 1st of Mr. Harry S. Brocklebank at the age of 76 years. He had been a ringer and tower keeper at St. Saviour's Church, Orton, Birkenhead, from the time the bells were hung in 1895 until early this year, when ill-health forced him to retire. During this time, except for a period of about 10 years, he was also tower captain. The 'go' of the bells is a testimony of the care and attention he lavished upon them. His life was devoted to Sunday service ringing.

In 1914 he was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, retaining the position for 32 years. During his period of office he endeared himself to his fellow members by his tact and friendliness. He had also represented the Guild at the Central Council.

As a boy he sang in the choir at St. Saviour's and he was a faithful attendant throughout his life. For the last ten years he had been a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

In May, 1945, he received a presentation from the members of the Wirral Branch on completing 30 years' service as hon. secretary and treasurer. On his retirement from ringing a fund was opened by the Church Council to enable a presentation to be made, but unfortunately his untimely end prevented him from receiving the same.

The funeral service was on September 4th at St. Saviour's, followed by interment at Landican Cemetery. Members of the local band rang the bells half-muffled before the service, and fellow members of the Wirral Branch rang after service.

AN APPRECIATION.

Our old friend Harry was buried at Landican Cemetery. Prior to this a service was held at St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Blow, who also gave an address, during which he paid high tribute to the worth and excellence of the many high qualities possessed by our late colleague. He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow ringers, one of whom had rung with him the whole of the 51 years of their friendship. Harry Brocklebank has passed on to a well-earned rest mourned by many, but he has set a very high example for all of us to follow.—G.R.N.

MR. JAMES L. MURRAY.

At the annual meeting of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell-ringers, Melbourne, Australia, at which the Dean of Melbourne presided, on August 7th, regret was expressed at the passing of the late James L. Murray on July 3rd at the age of 85 years. Mr. Murray had been a member since the opening of the Cathedral, and previous to that rang at the old Cathedral of St. James.

The late Mr. Murray in November, 1934, was one of the band who rang with the visiting English bellringers a peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5,038 changes, in 3 hours 39 minutes, conducted by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Outings in Brief

WINDSOR RINGERS IN SURREY AND SUSSEX.

Windsor Parish Church ringers and friends held their annual outing on August 10th. The seven oldest members and the youngest rang the opening touch of the day—Grandsire Triples at Old Woking. The total age of this band was 543 years, there being three over 80 and three over 70.

Ringing took place at Warnham, Wisborough Green and Billingshurst, where ex-secretary Leonard Stillwell met the company. At Pulborough, Mr. Stilwell provided a splendid tea for the party. He recalled that when he left Windsor in 1939 the company promised that the next outing would be to his tower (Pulborough). All enjoyed their ringing at Pulborough and also on the fine ring of eight at Petworth.

Over 3,000 changes were rung during the day, the methods being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Harding, Stilwell, Glass and Judd.—N.V.H.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

The St. Paul's Society held their annual outing on August 24th, and the full band, accompanied by their wives and friends, set out by coach for a tour of Shropshire. Before leaving, the ten bells of St. Paul's Church were rung in peal in honour of the North Staffordshire Regiment and the Staffordshire Yeomanry, who received the Freedom of the Borough during the afternoon.

Leaving Burton just after 1.30 p.m., we halted at the beautiful Shropshire village of Claverley, and after inspecting the fine old Norman Church of All Saints, the peal of eight bells was rung in several methods. At Bridgnorth tea was taken at the King's Head Hotel, and the bells of St. Leonard's Church were rung merrily to the strains of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The younger members of the party were catered for, and they were able to join in the ringing of 'rounds' and call-changes.—B.G.K.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.

The first tower visited on our annual outing on August 24th was Abbotts Ann, a quaint village of thatched cottages. After ringing the company was entertained to a glass of 'good beverage' by the daughter of Mr. Wilson, of Blandford.

Longparish, Whitechurch and Hurstbourne Priors were visited. Unfortunately, at the last-named tower, which has a tenor of about 30 cwt., the bells were out of order.

We arrived at Wonstone, where the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild were holding a quarterly meeting in time for the address and were invited to the Rectory for a really good cup of tea. Our last ringing of the day was at King's Somborne.—A.J.H.

BUCKS TOWERS VISITED.

Buckinghamshire towers of Great Kimble (6), Ellesborough (6), Stone (6), Dinton (6), Cuddington St. Nicholas (6) and Haddenham (8) were visited by the ringers of Farnham Royal, Clewer and Fulmer on August 17th. At Dinton tea was provided by Mr. Gregory, captain of the tower, and at Haddenham refreshments were served on the village green by the youth of Farnham Royal band.

The ringing was under the supervision of Mr. William Henley, which was decided by all to be first class. The tour was arranged by Mr. E. J. Briden, of Chalfont St. Peter.—S.L.P.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE.

On August 24th, Rotherham ringers with their wives and friends revived the annual outing with a tour of several Lincolnshire towers.

Leaving Rotherham at 8.30 a.m., the party journeyed by motor-coach to Washington. The Church of St. John, a beautiful building of stone, is partly Norman and later styles, and has a peal of eight bells, tenor 12½ cwt. After a pleasant hour of ringing a move was made for lunch, then on to Metheringham and the Church of St. Wilfred, a large building in Norman and Gothic styles, with a peal of eight bells, tenor 7½ cwt., rung from the ground floor. Here again standard methods were rung.

At the 13th century Church of All Saints, Ruskington, thanks to Mr. C. Muxloe, the party enjoyed half-hour's Minor ringing. The next church was Heydour, a spacious edifice of stone in Norman, Early English and later styles, with a grand new peal of eight bells, tenor 13 cwt. After refreshments at Bottesford, a move was made to the grand old Church of St. Mary, a 14th century building of stone. This fine tower is crowned with a crocketed spire and contains an equally fine peal of eight bells, tenor 22½ cwt. These were soon set going to Stedman, Grandsire and Little Bob. Striking throughout the day was maintained at a good level.—A.F.

ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM.

Hastings was the destination for the outing of the ringers of St. Margaret's, Rainham, on August 17th. On the outward journey ringing was enjoyed at Marden and at the grand old tower of Hawkhurst standing amid the ruins of the church.

After lunch at Hastings, the party found the bells up at All Saints' and quickly got into stride. Tea was at Rye. Here a start for Major came to grief through the second rope breaking, but Minor ringing was adjourned. The veteran captain was waiting at Rolvenden, where ringing concluded for the day. Changes of a different character were afterwards rung at the Eight Bells opposite the church at Tenterden.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of the Rev. Roger Douglas St. John Smith, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Smith, The Chaplain's House, Ravenstone, Leicester, and Frances Mary, younger daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Calderbank, Calverley Vicarage, Leeds.

SILVER WEDDING

ATKINS—CANNAN.—On Sept. 13th, 1921, at St. Peter's Church, Isham, Edward Maurice Atkins, to Frances Alison Cannan. (Present address, 18, Westbere Road, N.W.2.)

LOST

COPY OF TROYTE'S 'CHANGE RINGING,' with name of H. Leslie Pask, 15, Horton Street, Lincoln, on fly leaf. Will any ringer coming across this book kindly communicate with the above-named.

DO YOU 'COLLECT' TOWERS? IF YOU WANT to keep your records in apple-pie order invest in a 'Delight' Ringers' Record Book.—Write for details to Will H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whaplode, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4, followed by business meeting. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—W. A. Richardson.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Sept. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Royal Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Sept. 14th, for the induction of the new Vicar. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Beckington, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sept. 14th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (near Holloway Road Underground station), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing 6.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Please advise early for tea to Mr. E. G. Oliver, Upper Hartfield P.O.—C. A. Bassett.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Ashover (8), Sept. 14th, 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea obtainable in village.—Sam Scattergood, Local Hon. Sec.

BOLLINGTON.—St. John's, Sept. 14th. Bells (8). Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea available.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Beddington, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Train from Victoria to

Hackbridge 2.19. Walk through Beddington Park. Tea 5 o'clock at the Grange, only for those who notify Mr. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Sept. 16th.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Cowbridge (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Berwick St. John (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Names for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Attenborough on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) at 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Douglas Parish Church, Parbold Lane.—The ring of 6 bells have been rehung and two trebles added and will be reopened on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will hold a dedication service at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome and tea will be served free in the Schoolroom. Admission by ticket only. Those wishing to be present should apply for tickets to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold Lane, not later than Sept. 14th, as no tickets will be sent out after that date.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—260th Anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 1/6 per head. Names for tea to C. D. Lauder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, not later than Sept. 17th.—Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 22nd, ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5.15 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgell Road, Ealing, W.13.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. It is hoped to provide tea for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Sept. 21st, Church Lawford, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 16th latest.—H. G. Summers.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano, Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Eversholt (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. C. Hillyard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thornford, near Sherborne, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Visitors welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Flixton on Sept. 21st at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN. & MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN. (Burton-on-Trent Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Names for tea by Tuesday to E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names to Mrs. E. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by Sept. 18th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Christchurch Branch on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Fordingbridge (8) 2.30. Tea at Ringwood 5.15 p.m. Business meeting. Ringwood bells in the evening. Names for tea to W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood.—Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following. Names to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th, without fail.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Walsden on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided in Schoolroom at 5.15 p.m.—I. Kay.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Kirdford (6), Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; please bring food. Wisborough Green (6) available during evening.—Ernest Treagus.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Deeping St. James on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tea will only be supplied to those who let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.15 p.m.; bring own food.—S. Taylor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Broadhembury, Sept. 21st. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own food. Payhembury bells available.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall. Will members do their best to attend.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Berrv, Hon. Sec., Leine Cottage.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Mary's, Liscard, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Lunch 1 p.m., Euston Tavern, opposite St. Pancras Station. Tickets 6s., strictly limited, obtainable from secretary. Ringing: 11 to 12.30, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury; 3.30 to 5, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster; 3.30 to 5, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge; 5 to 6.30, St. Margaret's, Westminster; 6 to 7, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.—H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Quarterly meeting, Heath, Sept. 21st. Executive and business. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—J. W. Price.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Litton Cheney (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 16th.—C. H. Lathey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting at Lechlade (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Card for tea to Mr. A. J. King, 6, Hambridge Lane, Lechlade, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Pinner, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea from nearby shops. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall and District Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Brandon, on Sept. 21st. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea (108, London Road) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—L. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m., at Diseworth (6). Service 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—H. Myott, Hon. Sec., 1, Beveridge Street, Barrow-on-Soar.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Lower Heyford (6). Dedication of new bells and branch meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 18th.—Miss H. M. Smith, Hon. Sec., Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea (3s.) for those who notify Mr. A. S. Bayley, 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, by Sept. 25th.—E. D. Poole.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting West Hallam, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. M.C.A. reports to hand.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) obtainable up to Saturday, Sept. 21st only. Resident members from branch secretaries, others from general secretary. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithin's (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Service 4 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at Victoria Cafe. Names by Sept. 26th to F. Tingle, 16, North Street, Ripon. General meeting immediately afterwards at the Black Bull Hotel, Old Market Place.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 to 3.30 and after meeting. Tea followed by meeting 4 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. E. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton, by Sept. 25th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 24th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

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OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Aston, near Bampton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 21st, to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Annual meeting at Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells at 1 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 2s. 6d. each. Names to be sent before Wednesday, 25th, to Mr. T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton.—W. H. Shuker, 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester; F. Wilson, 118, Langham Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Combined meeting, Beccles, Sept. 28th. Bells (10), from 2.30. All welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Hazel Grove (Stockport) on Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All invited.—Mary Elkins.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Melton Mowbray, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Colles Hall. Names to Mr. H. J. Cook, New Street, Ashfordby, Melton, not later than Oct. 2nd. No names, no tea.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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SECULAR RINGING'S CONTRIBUTION

Many a ringing friend of the editor's would have consigned Churchwarden Dark's letter to the wastepaper basket. We think it should be given publicity; bell-ringers must be ever ready to face critics and the views of Churchwarden Dark are shared by a number of people. Confusion of thought will always arise, until there is a recognition of the fact that, since the Reformation and before, the ringing of church bells has never been confined to liturgical purposes. The science of bell ringing has been developed not by ringing for services, but by the secular side. This old English pastime has emerged from the jangling and making a merry noise in the Middle Ages. Out of chaos came order and method, and from the methods has evolved the science of the Exercise with its rules and regulations.

Thus on the pastime side the Exercise by series of standards of achievement has witnessed a steady and continual advance. Individual or collective accomplishments evoke a pride not only among the actual performers, but among those who are conscious of the effort behind them. Really to comprehend what is achieved by swimming the Channel one has to have not only a knowledge of swimming, but to have experienced the difficulties of say struggling against the current. It is the same concerning the record peal of Stedman Cinques. To appreciate the achievement one has for example to know the Stedman method, then be conscious of the added difficulty of eleven bells changing and finally to have stood in a peal. Without this basic knowledge the true significance of the record established will not be fully understood.

With the passing of years there has been a drawing together of the two sides of bellringing. The body controlling the Exercise is the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Coupled with the enjoyment of the pastime side there is a strong sense of duty to the Church as exemplified by service ringing. A ringer who does not take his share of service ringing is regarded with as-kance by his fellows. Instead of a jangling of bells, much of our service ringing to-day is of great beauty and is enjoyed alike by ringers and the public. But this perfect ringing would never have been developed had it not been for the pioneer work of those early ringers. It is a case of a pastime being placed at the service of the Church.

A NORFOLK TOUR

Rung for the Cambridge University Guild.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. F. MOOR (King's)... <i>Treble</i>	DR. A. M. CUNNINGHAM
REV. H. G. BENSON	(Trinity) 5
(King's) 2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 6
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 3	REV. E. G. BENSON (St.
*DR. F. MOOR (Trinity) 4	Cath's) 7
	G. DODDS (Emma) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LEWIS.
* First peal.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. ATKINS (St. Cath's) <i>Treble</i>	*J. F. MOOR (King's)... 5
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's)... 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St.
*E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) 3	Cath's) 6
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 4	*S. DARMON (St. John's) 7
	F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
* First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ... <i>Treble</i>	J. F. MOOR (King's) ... 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 2	*D. BIRKENSHAW (Corpus) 6
REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 3	D. J. WHITE (Queen's) 7
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)... 4	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW
	(Selwyn) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal on eight bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 25 cwt.

F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Treble</i>	†B. D. PRICE (Emma)... 5
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 2	‡R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 6
*S. DARMON (St. John's) 3	‡P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7
*G. DODDS (Emma) ... 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major.

BEOCLES, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) <i>Treble</i>	G. DODDS (Emma) ... 6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 2	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) 7
†S. DARMON (St. John's) 3	†B. D. PRICE (Emma) ... 8
REV. E. G. BENSON (St.	J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) 9
Cath's) 4	F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Tenor</i>
*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 5	

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.

NORWICH.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*†S. DARMON (St. John's) <i>Treble</i>	B. J. WHITE (Queen's) 6
F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 2	*†B. D. PRICE (Emma) 7
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 3	P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 8
G. DODDS (Emma) ... 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) 9
*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 5	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*KENNETH WAGSTAFFE ... <i>Treble</i>	*T. VERNON JENNISON ... 6
*FRANK BROWN 2	FRANK BRADLEY 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
WALTER NICHOLS 4	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 9
HAROLD PALING 5	FREDK. A. SALTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. SPICE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
PETER LAFLIN 3	RICHARD BENSON 8
DAVID VINCENT 4	FRANK VARTY 9
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.
First peal of Royal on the bells.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER F. JUDGE <i>Treble</i>	†ROBERT HIGGINS 6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	REGINALD W. REX 7
*WILLIAM JUDGE 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 8
†JAMES HIGGINS 4	†CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 9
*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*CEDRIC CURSON 5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	FREDK. W. MIDDLETON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
*PATRICIA HOLMES 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 6
JOHN D. A. CLEAVER ... 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
HENRY HODGETTS 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Two Hours Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 5
JILL POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., in B flat.

GEORGE W. SLACK ... Treble	ARNOLD COLE 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 2	HARRY DAVISON 6
*MISS HAZEL COOKE ... 3	*MISS K. PITCHFORTH ... 7
†ALFRED SMITH 4	SYDNEY BARRON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal, both age 15 years. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

HERSHAM, SURREY.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD NEWMAN ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
*SQUIRE CROFT 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS 7
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
ALLEN MORGAN 3	DENIS R. MORRIS 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.
* First peal of Major.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT H. BRITAN ... Treble	JOSEPH H. BRITAN 5
*WILLIAM J. LEACH 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
KENNETH PRAIT 3	GEORGE L. RODEN 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	†ALBERT R. KIRKLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. G. Key.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS... Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
*MADELINE M. LYON ... 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

LEONARD TREVOR ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS 6
MRS. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 4	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by H. HOWELL. Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

HENRY R. NEWTON ... Treble	JAMES H. RUMLEY 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rumley's daughter Rosemary (granddaughter of the late Mr. James Willshire) to Mr. James Hughes Jones.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 2	†HAROLD A. MAY 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First of Major in the method.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR 5
ALBERT WALKER 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal on the bells for 45 years.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROWLAND NEWSON ... Treble	ALAN WHITE 5
H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 2	*HAROLD V. FROST 6
ARTHUR DAY 3	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	GEO. W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, WITTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS WILKINSON ... Treble	GORDON LAWRENCE 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 6
ALBERT H. BOOTH 3	HARRY PARKER 7
MISS D. C. OSBORN 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*MISS M. J. FREER ... Treble	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 5
LEONARD H. LOCK ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST ... 5
*HAZEL CLOSE ... 2	*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JOHN HAYES ... 4	HARRY PYE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by H. PYE.

* First peal of Kent 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

*MISS JEAN FREER ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 4
LESLIE FORSTER ... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
LEONARD H. LOCK ... 3	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in five methods.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*H. COX ... Treble	*A. BROWN ... 4
*F. J. WHITE ... 2	A. CALLOW ... 5
P. COX ... 3	*H. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by P. COX.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

A. MAWDSLEY ... Treble	R. CRITCHLEY ... 4
C. ACKERS ... 2	J. POUND ... 5
J. LUNHAM ... 3	W. COVE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. COVE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Critchley on his 68th birthday.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*WILLIAM PIGGINS ... Treble	CHARLES PERKINS ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 5
*KEN DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the centenary of the church.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On August 11th. 720 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss M. Jann 1, A. Holmes 2, W. Redruf (conductor) 3, A. Scott 4, W. Holmes 5, D. Stainsby (first in the method) 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Scott 1, Miss M. Jann (first in the method inside) 2, A. Holmes 3, W. Holmes 4, D. Stainsby 5, W. Redruf (conductor) 6.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 4
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.

First peal on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., Double Court, Single Court, Ipswich, London, Primrose, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES BLACK ... Treble	CECIL WADE ... 4
CHARLES WOODS ... 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 5
WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung for the tenor ringer's 65th birthday.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... Treble	JOHN POUNDS ... 4
WILFRED CARE ... 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, who was inducted the same day.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5340 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3	THOMAS ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry S. Brocklebank, who was interred on September 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... 7-8

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

*PERCY BRAYSHAW ... 1-2	*ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 7-8
*BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 9-10
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6	*MARY E. DAVIS ... 11-12

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal on twelve bells, + 25th peal. First peal of Cinques 'in hand' by all. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
IN THE SACRISTY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD TREVOR ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 3-4	MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal in hand.' The first handbell peal rung in Cornwall.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS. — At St. Michael's on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Denyer (first quarter) 1, Miss Betty Stewart 2, R. S. Clist 3, T. E. Denyer 4, W. Denyer 5, C. W. Denyer 6, W. H. Viggers (conductor) 7, E. W. Mills (first quarter) 8.

BANSTEAD SURREY. — On August 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, D. N. Layton 4, N. Hobden 5, H. Cheesman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter in method on 'inside' bell by ringer of 6. All are members of local band.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On August 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter André (first quarter) 1, P. A. Corby 2, I. Emery 3, O. Gilbey 4, D. H. P. Buxton 5, D. G. Brown (first quarter of Grandsire as conductor) 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, William Packer (first quarter) 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS. — At the Minster Church of St. John on Aug. 25th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: G. F. Williams 1, R. Owen 2, S. Briggs 3, C. Glenn (conductor) 4, L. Daggitt 5, G. Dowling 6, A. E. Sellers 7, F. Osgerby 8, L. Rodmell 9, F. Braithwaite 10.

BRADFORD, YORKS. — At the Cathedral on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Kathleen Higgins (first quarter) 1, Alfred Ashton 2, Joe Hardcastle 3, J. W. Cundall 4, C. Vassey 5, E. Rayner 6, Ernest H. Simpson (conductor) 7, C. Barker 8.

BATH. — At St. Michael's, on August 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, T. K. King 2, S. J. Shellock 3, R. Lawrence 4, T. Hayward 5, R. Fry, jun. 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, K. Medway 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 8.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS. — On August 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Boswell 1, B. Fisher 2, A. Freeman 3, V. Adams 4, R. Perkins 5, M. Cook (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Cyril Dickens, a ringing member of the Clifton Reynes tower.

FULHAM, LONDON. — On August 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Stephenson 1, F. Smallwood 2, C. Pothecary 3, M. Chilcott 4, W. Paice 5, J. Chilcott 6, A. Houghton 7, W. Elson 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, G. Debenham 10.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON. — On August 18th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carter 1, J. Payton 2, A. Butler 3, R. Newman 4, T. Bevan (conductor) 5, J. O'Dell 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Linn 1, G. Green 2, Ina Halls 3, P. Green (conductor) 4, L. Ainger 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. — For evening service, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, Ina Halls 3, Dr. S. S. Poole 4, H. Carter 5, P. Felton 6, P. Green 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS. — On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Kentish (conductor) 1, I. Smith 2, D. Ellingham 3, W. Holmes 4, R. Cochrane 5, A. White 6, A. Lawrence 7, S. Clarke 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. I. Smith.

HATFIELD, YORKS. — On September 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor: L. Gerrard 1, J. Martin Thorley 2, E. Thorley 3, E. T. Newbury 4, J. Thorley 5, E. J. Padgett (conductor) 6.

HENBURY, NEAR BRISTOL. — On August 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Russell 1, C. Gould 2, C. R. Harding 3, R. C. Harding 4, B. Huddleston 5, H. Bromfield (first quarter as conductor) 6, A. Hilliar 7, F. Lewis 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Bryant, daughter of Mr. Bryant, churchwarden.

HOLLOWAY. — On August 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Green 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, R. Newman 4, G. Dodds 5, R. H. Begrie 6, R. Charge 7, J. Bullock 8.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. — At the Parish Church on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Filer 1, Miss A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Mrs. A. Diserens 5, H. G. Ridge 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, A. R. Turner 8.

KIRBY-LESOKEN, ESSEX. — On August 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: V. M. Russell 1, U. H. Wildney 2, L. E. Sharpe 3, W. A. Rouse 4, G. Waterman 5, E. E. Davey (conductor) 6, H. A. Wright 7, W. A. Southgate 8. Longest length of Major for ringers of 1 and 3. Rung after a peal attempt failed.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On September 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, W. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. C. Dowding 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Preb. E. V. Cox 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, G. S. Morris 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE. — On August 31st, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Madcley 1, F. Price 2, A. Pritchard 3, W. J. Chester 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 6, 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to George Hall, a local ringer, who was interred the same day.

MORECAMBE, LANCS. — On August 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Betty Schofield 1, J. Skeats 2, K. Hall 3, A. Tomlinson, jun. 4, S. Clifford 5, W. Taylor 6, J. E. Burles (conductor) 7, H. S. Palmer 8.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On August 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: T. G. Cross 1, F. G. Southgate 2, E. Naylor (first quarter of Major) 3, B. W. May 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 7, S.B.A. W. Court, R.N. 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Court, who is being demobilised, and thanking him for his help while stationed at Chatham.

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for December quarter become due on October 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Tell your friends about November 1st, the day 'The Ringing World'
will be able to take on additional subscribers. Send your order
without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston,
Great Yarmouth.

They have been checking watches at Oxford. The official time for
the record peal of Stedman Cinques is 8 hours 48 minutes. 'Go' was
called at 8.42 a.m. and the peal concluded at 5.30 p.m.

Those not ringing at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday next might like to listen
to the broadcast of Watford Parish Church bells. It is hoped that
the two new trebles will be installed by then.

St. Hilary, Cornwall, figured frequently in the news on account of
the broadcast of plays from the church and also through the cases in
the Consistory Court. With the first peal rung on its six bells, which
are hung in three tiers of two, it is now ringing news.

Something worth penning!—The peal of Cambridge Minor at Holt,
Wiltshire, on August 17th. This was the first of Cambridge Minor by
all the company and the first peal as conductor by Mr. Frank Penn.

They are blushing at Wrexham. The local newspaper, in recording
the recent peal of Kent Treble Bob, states, 'The same party set up
a record in London recently when they rang a peal which lasted 18
hours.' Indeed, to goodness! No claim for such notoriety is made
by the conductor in 'The Ringing World.'

Coincidence! The day the Cornish tourists rang at Penzance they
went by boat to St. Michael's Mount. It happened to be the cen-
tenary of the visit of Queen Victoria to the Mount.

Idler tells this story of a Yorkshire village. A ringer enquired of
a greengrocer as to the whereabouts of the Vicarage. 'You've got
me there, chum,' was the reply. 'I know 'em all round here, but
there's no pub of that name here!'

Mr. A. Davis claims that the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung in
St. Peter's belfry, Bournemouth, on September 3rd, was the first
'in hand' rung in Hampshire and for the Winchester and Ports-
mouth Guild by a resident band. Mr. A. H. Pulling states that the
first peal of Grandsire Cinques recorded for the Guild was rung by
a mixed company in London on January 13th, 1923.

The ringing of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Speldhurst, Kent,
reminds a correspondent of the time when this village was the centre
of a good deal of ringing activity. The Card family, a member of
which, George A., afterwards became well known as secretary of the
Cumberlands, lived there. Seventeen peals were rung on the bells in
1891 and ten in 1892, including 11,200 Bob Major on March 19th con-
ducted by Thomas Card. The villagers must have been well trained
in those days, as there were often two or three peals in a week. The
bells are now only rung at infrequent intervals.

Two months after the wedding of her sister, Miss Sylvia Joy
Harman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, of 27, Poplar
Avenue, Leatherhead, was married at Leatherhead Parish Church on
September 7th. The bridegroom was Mr. George Edwin Coldman,
only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Coldman, of Dorking. The bride's father
is Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the bridegroom's father
captain of Dorking Parish Church ringers. The bells of the Parish
Church were rung and 'fired,' and there were handbells at the recep-
tion. In other words, a good ring was had by all. Both bride and
bridegroom are members of the Guildford Guild.

VACATION ACTIVITIES IN KENT, NORFOLK, CORNWALL AND SOMERSET

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

During the first week of August a short tour was held in Kent, the party of 15 past and present members being accommodated at the Royal Crown Hotel, Rochester. While only two peals were scored—namely Kent Treble Bob Royal at Rochester Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter) and Kent Major at Gillingham, as reported in a recent issue, the ringing in the other peal attempts and in various practices was of a high standard, and touches of Spiced Surprise Major were rung. The thanks of the society are due to the secretaries and towerkeepers at Frindsbury, St. Mary's Chatham, St. Margaret's Rochester, Northfleet, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Milton-next-Gravesend, St. George's Gravesend, Newington, Upchurch and Rainham for the use of these bells.

Eleven present members of the society met during the fortnight from August 24th-September 7th at the Worcestershire Volunteer Agricultural Camp at Weston Sub Edge, near Campden, Glos., and took advantage of the bells in the neighbourhood for practice in the evenings and week-ends. Three members of the party—Misses Preston and Spice and Mr. H. von der Heyde—took part in a peal of Double Norwich at Badsey on August 31st, and the party joined with local ringers for Sunday service ringing at Mickleton, Badsey, Evesham and Worcester Cathedral. Week-night practices were held at Willersey, Bretforton and Badsey.

IN SOMERSET

The Societies of the Universities of London and Bristol combined in a ringing week in Somerset from August 24th to August 31st. The main purpose of the tour was to provide ample practice in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman for those members of the two societies who have been ringing for a short period only. No peal attempts were made during the week (and hence there were no failures). Unfortunately, the party was small, but the ratio of experienced to not-so-experienced ringers was good.

The party assembled in Bristol, where the first week-end was spent. Saturday was rather a hectic day owing to the fact that only six members had arrived. Nevertheless, we were able to ring at several of the more well-known towers. On Sunday, of course, we rang at several towers for services. We left Bristol on Monday morning, cycles being the means of transport for the week. There was one member who, not possessing a bicycle, made good use of his legs and became quite experienced at 'hitching.' Monday and Wednesday nights were spent at Crocombe Youth Hostel, near Wells, Tuesday night at Street Y.H., and Thursday and Friday nights at Crowcombe Youth Hostel, near Taunton. From the time we left Bristol until we dispersed after ringing at St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, we rang at some 23 towers, including Wrington, St. Cutlberts', Wells, Chewton Mendip, Bridgwater and Minehead.

The thanks of the two societies are due to all those who made the arrangements, especially to the various incumbents and tower secretaries who met the party.

A CORNISH HOLIDAY

The peal columns of 'The Ringing World' will show that a few ringers have been on holiday in Cornwall. Headquarters for the week was at The Parsonage, Carbis Bay. On the first Sunday morning handbells were rung before service, this being a good substitute for the one bell which was out of action in view of the forthcoming erection of a new ring of eight in the tower.

On Monday a peal of Grandsire Triples was started at Gulval, and it was a disappointment that this did not materialise as it would have been the first peal for Victor Wood, one of the local band. Tuesday took the party to Kenwyn Church, Truro, where various methods were rung—Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Bob Major and a course of Double Norwich—on this fine eight. Afterwards the party joined the Truro Cathedral ringers at their practice, and rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, a course of Bob Royal, etc. Mr. W. H. Southard, the Ringing Master, welcomed the visitors.

On Wednesday three six-bell towers near Carbis Bay—Towednack, Zennor and Ludgvan—were visited and various Minor methods rung. An interesting feature was there were no Doubles. Wednesday evening saw the first handbell peal to be rung in Cornwall brought round in Carbis Bay Church Sacristry—one of Bob Major.

On Thursday the first peal was rung at St. Hilary—a little ring of bells which has often been 'on the air' in days gone by when plays were broadcast from the church. This church, too, has been the centre of much controversy regarding ritual, and has figured in Consistory Court cases. On Friday a good peal of Bob Major was rung on the fine eight at St. Mary's, Penzance. Miss Marie Cross was the successful conductor on the two days.

Saturday took the party to another fine eight, in the finest tower in Cornwall—Probus. Here a peal attempt for Kent Treble Bob Major lasted nearly two hours. Such a visit as this does Cornish ringing good, and gives Cornish ringers opportunities which they would not otherwise get. The 'find' of the week was Alan Carveth, a young Truro ringer still at school, who had the misfortune to be in the two lost peals, but he was by no means the cause of the failures. Another, who has given a lead to Cornish ringing by his progress, Mr. Cyril Lanxon, is now back after six years of Army life, and had the misfortune to be in the Probus failure.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

A 'week' was held in Norwich, Sept. 2nd-7th, and may claim to be one of the most successful ever held by the Guild, both in numbers present and in methods rung. Activity started on the Monday afternoon, when an attempt for Cambridge at St. Miles' went west as one ringer 'coom all over quær' after an hour's ringing.

On Tuesday morning Bob Major was scored at Hethersett, and Double Norwich was lost after an hour at Wymondham—the latter party then went 'off the programme' by finding and ringing on a fine eight at Hingham. The organiser made his first mistake by fixing lunch at a 'dry' house and tea at a 'wet' one. During the afternoon members rang at Dereham, Mattishall and Honingham, whilst some went to ring for the induction of a fellow Cambridge man at Acle. At practice night at Mancroft more new friendships were made. After this the large dormitory at the Y.M.C.A. (where members were made very welcome and comfortable) came into its own, as a place for handbell ringing, etc., as well as sleep.

On Wednesday, Kent was scored at Swaffham, and Cambridge was lost at North Elmham, after an attempt lasting 3 hours 3 minutes. Others practised at Dereham. Reepham provided fish and chips and beer, after which the magnificent church of Salle was inspected and rung at. Winding up the 15th century font cover by its massive contemporary crane is one of the attractions here. The ten at Aylsham were visited and the usual good tea here followed. The day finished with visits to Marsham and St. Giles', Norwich.

On Thursday, Cambridge was scored at Redenhall, Bob Major at Saxlingham Nethergate, and others practised at Pullham St. Mary Magdalene. After lunch four went to help celebrate the Vicar's daughter's wedding at Long Stratton, and the rest went to St. Mary's, Bungay. The tenor clapper here broke, apparently about the middle, and we heard the queerest noise as it hit her waist whilst being lowered. After Stedman Triples, when it was difficult to realise you couldn't hear the tenor, on to Barsham, where you see your bell ringing, from the churchyard, and where you can ring sitting on seats or on the floor if you like, also where it would need oxen and wainropes to keep the second up for long. A lovely little church nevertheless. After a grand tea at Beccles, Bob Royal was scored there. The rest rang at Loddon and Brooke, and finished most of the peal ringers' supper. However, Y.M.C.A. liberality is such that it was easy to put the contents of four plates on to eight. Others were more easily refreshed elsewhere.

Friday provided an exciting climax. The Cathedral spire was climbed—the second time during the week—this time handbells were brought and courses were rung 300ft. above ground level. The afternoon provided a rapid tower grabbing expedition among the Broads. Ranworth, with its priceless screen, was visited, South Walsham and Acle; at each place the time allowed for ringing seemed to get shorter, and by the time we got to Ludham it seemed quite the usual thing to find a grand old five, tenor reputed one ton, a truly magnificent mediæval rood painted on boards in the chancel arch—with Elizabethan arms on the reverse. We Norfolk people get so used to seeing great sails apparently sailing in the fields that this feature seems hardly worth adding to the list. After a fine tea at Ludham Bridge, Stedman Caters was scored at Mancroft.

On Saturday, members attended Holy Communion at the Cathedral, and had before the final break up an attempt for London at St. John de Sepulchre lasting an hour, followed by touches of Spiced Surprise, etc. Altogether a very successful week. The following members took part: The Rev. A. C. Blyth (president), R. Speed (Master), J. Moor (secretary), Dr. Cunningham, Major Freeborn, Dr. Poole, the Revs. B. F. Sheppard, E. G. Benson, H. G. Benson, Lord Wrenbury, Messrs. E. M. Atkins, S. E. Darmon, G. Dodds, F. E. Haynes, R. Leigh, E. J. Lindley, B. D. Price, B. J. E. White, P. Williamson, C. W. Woolley, D. Birkinshaw and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (organiser). Also Mrs. Moor, Christopher Moor and several kind friends at the various towers, to whom we are most grateful for the arrangements they made to help us. A.G.G.T.

MEDIÆVAL BELFRIES

An interesting point was made by the Rev. A. S. Bryant in his address at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Upwey on August 24th, when he answered the problem why mediæval belfries were detached from cathedrals and churches, as at Salisbury and Glastonbury. He said neither iron, nails nor metal of any sort was used in the erection of the thirteenth century churches and cathedrals. This was after the model of Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem and both buildings ushered in periods of peace after devastating wars. Iron was used to shorten life, but the altar was the symbol of peace between God and man.

In the case of Upwey Parish Church, the monograms of the masons, the mark of the founder, and the dedication cross were still clearly visible. The poetic florealion of the capitals, among the earliest of the country, showing the acanthus and other plants warding off evil, were not simply adornments, but were originally intended to preserve peace and goodwill among men.

After the service the ringers adjourned to the school for tea by invitation, and Canon Markby presided at the subsequent business meeting.

CONTROVERSIES BEFORE THE EXERCISE

Universities' Association

A SPIRITED DEFENCE

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Barnett has been arguing from wrong premises in his recent attack on the Universities' Association.

With regard to his first paragraph, I admit his point. Any ringer has a perfect right to agree or disagree with your leading article. It would be a strange world if one could please everybody.

But turning to his second and subsequent paragraphs, his arguments are fallacious in the extreme. He first describes the Universities' Association as 'a nomadic body formed to enable the favoured few to ring peals in other people's territory without the inconvenience of paying five shillings to the local association.' That description, of course, would fit the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the Secretaries, Ladies or any other extra-territorial association. I do not propose to defend the Ladies' Guild, the College Youths, etc., here, but my following arguments could be equally applied in any attack on or defence of them.

Is his description correct? The Universities' Association was formed with the express purpose of encouraging and extending the study and practice of the art in the universities, both old and new. In the past societies had existed at both Oxford and Cambridge. During the war years the former society reached a height which has played no small part in the rebirth of the Exercise since the ban. New blood has been introduced which is proving its worth in fields as far distant as India. The Cambridge Society had passed through a period of depression, but is, as a result of the new association, entering a new lease of life. At London there now exists a strong ringing nucleus and I believe similar nuclei exist in Bristol and other university towns.

It is to be appreciated these students only remain in their university for three or four years when they go down to their various jobs all over the country. Here they cannot fail to be an influence for good, bringing new life and new ideas to often decadent territorial associations. In time many of these potential parsons, doctors, lawyers, school teachers, university professors, high grade civil servants, business men, etc., cannot fail but become leaders of men—and what would be better for the Exercise than to have a sympathetic ear in high places? This is a long term view which you, Mr. Editor, have ably expressed in your leader. I agree, Mr. Barnett disagrees. He feels that the leaders of the Exercise must come from other sources. Time alone will tell.

Now why did these 'peal grabbers' visit Norwich last year and Kent this year? Was it really to ring peals? If so they seem to have had an extraordinary run of bad luck between the two week-ends. The first week-end they scored four peals and the second week-end five peals with one peal mid-week. No! During the week they were doing the work for which the association was formed, i.e., to encourage and extend the study and practice of the art. The 45 'largely inexperienced ringers' seem to have done quite well to be ringing methods ranging from Grandsire to Glasgow (the latter is usually regarded as one of the most difficult methods to ring), Spliced Surprise and 'indifferent' Stedman Cinques.

Now to conclude this part of the argument. What has this association achieved? Peals, yes, and by very young bands, but far, far more important the 'inexperienced' people have now become more experienced. They can now return to their own universities or associations and with confidence proceed to impart their newly-acquired knowledge. One remembers here the tragedy of the Oxford University Society in the pre-war years struggling along with a very keen Ringing Master who himself could not ring Plain Bob. It was only when John Spice went up to Oxford with a certain basic knowledge that the society was able to advance to its present heights. The same applied at the other universities. Now one knows these societies can never really die. They will have their periods of depression as heretofore, but with the active co-operation and encouragement of the town ringers of Oxford, Reading, Birmingham, Cambridge, Bristol, Durham, London, etc., together with these regular ringing weeks, the Exercise cannot but benefit.

The question next raised is, does the Exercise itself want an association of this sort? Nobody can deny the right of the members to form an association, but it is for the Exercise to decide whether the association should be represented on its central body. I thought that the Universities' Association had applied for membership, quoting its case as above and been accepted with nobody objecting. Now it appears the Council was asleep and only a few persons heard the fatal words and voted on it. Strangely enough, those awake all voted for affiliation. Why did not Mr. Barnett object then? He is, I understand, a member of the central body. Was he asleep together with the other objectors?

Finally, Mr. Barnett, it was a pity to spoil a letter by criticising other people's peals. If a band likes to ring a peal of Cinques in 3 hours 19 minutes or 3 hours 59 minutes is a matter for the conductor and band to decide. Providing the result to the outside public is satisfactory, and I hear in this case it was, then 12 people have enjoyed themselves, made progress and become less inexperienced.

R. G. CROSS, Instr., Lt.-Condr., R.N.

18, Second Avenue, Hove.

An Outsider's Viewpoint

RECORD PEAL: NO JUSTIFICATION

Dear Sir,—Although not a ringer, I frequently have an opportunity of reading your most interesting paper, as there is a young enthusiast in my office; he is, at this moment, quoting extracts from the current issue.

As a churchman, I was disturbed to read of the record peal at Oxford, as I can honestly see no justification for such a performance.

Few people object to ordinary ringing, for church services and other liturgical purposes, but the percentage of people who really enjoy change ringing is very small, the great majority finding the 'music' a disturbing discordance. Therefore, to inflict such a row upon the innocent inhabitants of Oxford for over eight hours (even in vacation) is, to say the least, selfish and unreasonable.

Those wishing to vindicate the peal say it is a wonderful feat of endurance; so was pole squatting, a popular pastime in the United States some years ago; neither performance can be considered elevating. Another argument my young friend advances is that the accomplishment encourages learners to strive after greater perfection; this is nonsense; at my church the ringers are constant and regular; they ring every Sunday morning and evening and they are doing real church work. I cannot see that prolonged janglings, interesting though I know they are to the actual performers, and the few who understand what is happening, can do anything to further the mission of the Church Catholic; quite the reverse—such selfish performances are trying to the nerves, in these difficult days, and eventually keep people away from the church.—Yours faithfully,

Wells Road, Bristol.

S. V. DARK, Churchwarden.

UNIVERSITIES AND EX-SERVICE GUILDS—A PARALLEL

Dear Sir,—There seems to me to be a great difference between a University Guild as attached to a particular university and formed for the purpose of attracting and instructing recruits and the Universities' Association, apparently formed with the intention of distinguishing those who in the past have enjoyed the privilege of higher education from those who have not.

The former can obviously do untold good, but the latter seems to me to be plain 'swank.' So far the Exercise has been more or less free from snobbery and class distinction, although there have been some outstanding exceptions, and the formation of the Universities' Association was, to my mind, a bad precedent. I think that any association whose constitution automatically debar from membership all but the privileged minority for reasons totally unconnected with ringing should be actively discouraged.

There seems to be a definite parallel between the Universities' Association and the suggested Ex-Service Guild, for which the advocates make such a poor case. Just as a university education depends largely upon the financial resources of the parent and to a lesser degree upon the ability of the pupil, so military service or otherwise depends upon age group, physical fitness and occupation, all matters largely beyond the control of the individual.

The question of who is an ex-Service man or woman is highly controversial and could easily lead to invidious comparisons, and for this reason alone a so-called 'Ex-Service' Guild would be most undesirable.

If the instigators of the suggestion have only in mind the preservation of the spirit of comradeship, surely the British Legion or some other ex-Service organisation would meet the case and a ringing association for the purpose would be superfluous.

There is, as Mr. Barnett rightly points out, no end to the possibilities in the formation of associations, and I, for one, hope Mr. Williams and others will think again and drop the whole idea.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

70, Morris Lane, Leeds 5.

MAKE 'PEAL GRABBING' OBSOLETE

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to prolong this correspondence or to encroach upon your space, but as Mr. Stenson charges me with missing the spirit of his letter and also gives me some valuable advice, I feel that he has also missed—the mark, if nothing else. I did not pen my letter in the confines of a peal-grabber's castle (whatever that may be like I do not know), but with a full knowledge of the status of the so-called small fry from first hand.

My usual Sunday programme is: Ring at Daybrook 9 a.m., at St. Peter's, Nottingham, 10 a.m., and again at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. I also spend at least three nights a week (sometimes more) at various practices—occasionally reaching the dizzy heights of Double Norwich—while every fourth Saturday finds me at a district meeting, to say nothing of the time taken in arranging these meetings.

I think this outline should satisfy most ringers that I happen to know the subject, and I do not withdraw one word that I said regarding 'small fry.' I will add that when they start to arrange their own peals instead of waiting for invitations after all the donkey work is completed, they will, if sufficiently interested and capable enough, be able to book up many towers and so defeat the hated 'peal grabbers.' They might even become 'peal grabbers' themselves, or alternatively this double-barrelled word might become obsolete.

Nottingham.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

OBITUARY

MRS. P. BEAMS.

The death of Mrs. P. Beams, widow of Mr. John Beams, of Ewell, Surrey, occurred on August 28th after a short illness. The burial service was held at All Saints', West Ewell, the body being afterwards interred near the foot of the tower of St. Mary's Parish Church at Ewell. Ringing friends of Mrs. Beams and her late husband from Ewell, Ashstead, Epsom and Leatherhead rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich on the open bells in their memory and to celebrate the passing through death into life. Aged 78 years, she leaves a son and daughter.

Mr. John Beams, who died six years ago, had been a member of the Guildford Guild since its inception and had completed fifty years as a member of the Surrey Association. He will be remembered also for his illuminated lettering in the peal books of more than one society and for his constant efforts to interest more people in the art of ringing.

MR. J. J. JUTSON.

News has been received of the death of Mr. J. J. Jutson at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. Barrett, at Takata, Nelson, New Zealand.

He was well known in the Peterborough district and for over 30 years was vergar and steeplekeeper at St. Mary's Church. Not being well received by the ringers of that time, he taught himself to pull a bell and used to cycle to the outlying villages to learn the intricacies of change ringing. During the first world war he taught a band of lady ringers, some of whom became very proficient in the art. His home was always open to visiting ringers and many have enjoyed his hospitality.

Mr. Jutson took great interest in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and from its formation was a member of the Central Committee. He was also a representative on the Central Council for three years. By his passing the Exercise has lost a very keen supporter and ringers a very firm friend.

It was not possible to ring a peal, but St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled after the evening service on September 9th by some of the local ringers as a token of their esteem.

MR. ALFRED KNIGHT.

A veteran Bristol ringer, Mr. Alfred Knight, of St. Ambrose Guild, met his death in tragic circumstances on September 5th. He was knocked down by a pedal cyclist on September 5th and received severe head injuries, from which he never regained consciousness. Aged 77, Mr. Knight was a founder member of St. George's, Bristol, Guild in 1888, and had been a regular Sunday service ringer ever since.

The funeral was on September 11th and was attended by William Lansdowne, another founder member of St. George's, and also a septuagenarian, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore, representing St. Ambrose's Guild.

Muffled ringing at St. Ambrose's Church the same evening was done by three other founder members of St. George's, all over 70, together with members of the Guild. Floral tributes included a wreath from St. Ambrose's Guild. Truly a good record, 58 years a regular Sunday service ringer.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting, held on August 24th at Calverley, was one week earlier than usual in an endeavour to avoid clashing with a new peal dedication.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. J. McGlenn) was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Idle, Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey and Sherburn. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwarden and local company was proposed by the president, seconded by Mr. W. Barton, who said he thought that members did not pay sufficient attention to this item and accepted as a matter of course the privilege of ringing on different peals and in different towers where meetings were arranged.

The next meeting will be at Rothwell on September 28th.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Beverley and District Ringing Society has been formed as the outcome of a meeting on August 19th of representatives of the following towers: Beverley Minster, St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Cottingham, Hedon, Hesse, Holy Trinity (Hull), St. Mary's (Hull), Kirkella, Middleton-on-the-Wolds and Sutton-on-Hull. Market Weighton, Nurnholme and Patrington were unable to send representatives, but letters from them were read in strong support of the formation of the society.

The necessity for the society is that there are insufficient ringers in any one tower in the area to give the necessary tuition to learners.

Mr. G. F. Williams (Holy Trinity) was elected the first president; Mr. Clem Glenn (Royal Navy), Ringing Master; Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley Minster), secretary and treasurer. Committee: Miss Liddle (Holy Trinity), Messrs. Tyson (Bridlington Priory), Rodmell (Patrington), Dook (Middleton-on-the-Wolds), Robinson (Sutton) and Hunter (Hedon).

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A CHOICE OF THREE MEETINGS.

Leicestershire ringers had a good choice of meetings on September 7th, there being three within easy reach of the city. Twyford, the venue of the Melton Mowbray District, apparently was the main attraction; here there is a handy ring of six bells recently put up by Taylor, and good use was made of them during the afternoon and evening. Something like forty ringers and friends attended, representing the majority of the towers in the district. A short service was held in the church, at which a collection was made for the Belfry Repair Fund. This was followed by a tea in the Schoolroom, and what a tea! Certainly it was an unexpected surprise.

At the usual business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. D. Mount, one new member was elected and Asfordby was chosen as the place of the next meeting on October 19th.

In addition to the ringers having a treat at Twyford, Twyford also had a treat when a national figure complete with cycle of ancient vintage pedalled down the village street—no, he did not measure the tenor, but he did have a pull, then left for an unknown destination before tea—now he knows what he missed by leaving early (unlucky Jim).

Leaving Twyford well supplied with ringers to keep the bells going, Rothley was chosen as the next port of call, where the Syston District members were holding a meeting. The youngsters appeared to be having a good time and made good use of the bells. When not ringing, one of the Sibley ringers got on the organ and put the 'Harmony Four' through their paces. Amongst the visitors to Rothley were some who had attended the Leicester District meeting at Ratby.

The convivial hour which terminated the proceedings was reminiscent of similar affairs, which brought to a close the Leicester gatherings of pre-war days. Needless to say, the 'Harmony Four' were in good form, but it is a pity they cannot always remember the words; still, they made a good show with the 'Yorkshire National Anthem', assisted by a co-opted member.

LLANDEGAI, NORTH WALES

The 13th century church of Llandegai, containing a peal of six bells by Taylors, and situated in surroundings acknowledged to be the most beautiful in North Wales, and set in the model village on the Penrhyn Estate, was the place visited by a few friends with the object of introducing half-pull ringing to the local company on August 26th.

The Vicar introduced the lecturer, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who gave a comprehensive talk on the history of bells and their uses. This was followed by a course of Doubles and Minor on the handbells by Messrs. V. Child, A. J. Hughes (Master of the North Wales Association) and W. W. Wolstencroft.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association held a meeting at Bridlington on August 31st, which was attended by about 65 ringers from Barnby Don, Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Cottingham, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hesse, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Pudsey, Scarborough, Seiby, Sutton-on-Hull, York and the local company. A short service in the Priory Church was conducted by Canon Lamb. Tea was served in Newman's Cafe and was followed by the business meeting in the Church Institute. Eight new members were elected: Messrs. J. A. Parker, W. Tyson, C. Cocks, R. Claxton, J. Porter, H. Parker and J. Welbourn, of Bridlington, and Alan Scott, of Cottingham. Cottingham was selected as the next place of meeting. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a collection for the association's bell repair fund realised 15s.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at Collaton St. Mary on August 24th, when members and friends attended from Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth (St. James'), Newton Abbot, Paignton, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Plympton and Plymouth.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles during the afternoon, and this was followed by a service in church conducted by the branch chairman (Rev. W. R. D. Mills, who is Vicar), who gave a short address. Mr. John Lay, of Teignmouth, was at the organ.

Despite catering difficulties, an excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills presiding. In his opening remarks, the chairman mentioned the severe loss to the branch by the tragic death of Mr. C. R. Walker. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

Apologies for absence of ringers owing to other duties were received, including one from Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter. Mr. C. F. Austin was elected to fill a vacancy on the general committee caused by the death of Mr. Walker, and a letter was read from Mr. Walker's relatives expressing appreciation for the floral tribute sent from the branch to the funeral.

It was unanimously resolved that three members be elected, and that the next meeting be held at Highweek, Newton Abbot, subject to the usual permission being obtained, on November 2nd.

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LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Beddington, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Train from Victoria to Hackbridge 2.19. Walk through Beddington Park.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Kirdford (6), Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; please bring food. Wisborough Green (6) available during evening.—Ernest Treagus.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.15 p.m.; bring own food.—S. Taylor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Broadhembury, Sept. 21st. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own food. Payhembury bells available.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall. Will members do their best to attend.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Litton Cheney (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. H. Lathey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Pinner, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea from nearby shops. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall and District Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Brandon, on Sept. 21st. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea (108, London Road) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—L. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea (3s.) for those who notify Mr. A. S. Bayley, 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.—E. D. Poole.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting West Hallam, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. M.C.A. reports to hand.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) obtainable up to Saturday, Sept. 21st only. Resident members from branch secretaries, others from general secretary. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithin's (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Service 4 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at Victoria Cafe. Names by Sept. 26th to F. Tingle, 16, North Street, Ripon. General meeting immediately afterwards at the Black Bull Hotel, Old Market Place.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 to 3.30 and after meeting. Tea followed by meeting 4 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. E. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton, by Sept. 25th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 24th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Stanford-le-Hope (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Note: Crusader Band will be in attendance. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Aston, near Bampton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 21st, to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Blewbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Notify before 25th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Annual meeting at Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells at 1 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 2s. 6d. each. Names to be sent before Wednesday, 25th, to Mr. T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton.—W. H. Shuker, 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester; F. Wilson, 118, Langham Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Combined meeting, Beccles, Sept. 28th. Bells (10), from 2.30. All welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Hazel Grove (Stockport) on Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All invited.—Mary Elkins.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Parish Room.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Alfriston, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 24th inst.—John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Amersham, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Sept. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m., at the 'Rose' P.H. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Cambridge.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform K. W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln, by Wednesday, Sept. 25th.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than Sept. 25th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon, Towcester.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 2.30 p.m. Names by 24th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Oakley (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Light tea 5 p.m. Deane bells (6) after tea. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Sept. 24th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Final meeting, Sept. 28th. Leicester St. Margaret's bells (12) open from 3 to 5 p.m. Tea (only to those notifying me by 24th) in Schools 5.30, followed by meeting and presentations. All Saints' (6), St. John's (10) open 7 to 8 p.m.—Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Long Buckby (5), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Meeting at Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth, by Monday, Sept. 23rd.

BRISTOL RURAL.—Almondsbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Card for tea by Sept. 23rd to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Harpden (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea at Swallow Cafe, 5 p.m. sharp.—R. Darvill, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Freshford, Sept. 28th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Woodlesford on Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Buses from Leeds Bus Station, D. platform, 10, 30 and 50 minutes past the hour; E. platform 20 minutes past hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Annual Festival, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 28th. Bells of St. John's and Fenham available in afternoon. Committee, St. John's, 3.30. Dinner, County Hotel, 6 p.m. Service being arranged.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Meeting at Mortimer, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service at 3.30 at St. Mary's, followed by tea at the Vicarage. Names to Miss Ford, Victoria Road, Mortimer, by the 24th inst.—E. G. Foster.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Ilmington on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Six bells. Tea provided.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Melton Mowbray, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Colles Hall. Names to Mr. H. J. Cook, New Street, Ashfordby, Melton, not later than Oct. 2nd. No names, no tea.

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourn, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (for names or numbers only), followed by business meeting.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Important: Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Mr. W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Cottenham (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

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NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Quidenham (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting to follow. Kenninghall bells (8), also during evening. One mile distant. Names by Oct. 1st.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 4.45. Short service at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea must notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30, not later than Wednesday, 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Bolsover (8), Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Castle Restaurant, for those who write Mr. J. Saxton, 51, New Station Road, Bolsover, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—H. Chaddock.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Carlton Cafe, 5 p.m. Names to T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, by Oct. 2nd.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Epsom St. Martin's (10), on Oct. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Capitol Cafe.—A. H. Smith.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—The new ring of 8 bells (Messrs. Taylor & Co.) will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Welcome to all from all parts. Week-end accommodation: Hendra's Hotel, Karenza Hotel. All G.W.R. main line trains serve Carbis Bay.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

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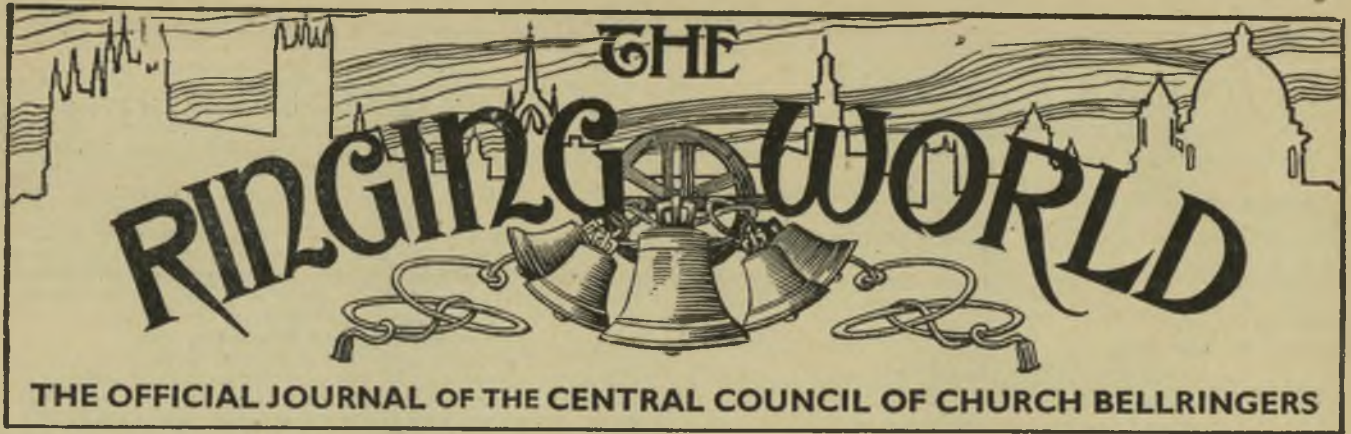
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Paragraphs in 'Belfry Gossip' have twice directed readers' attention to the fact that as from November 1st approximately 40 per cent. more paper will be available for 'The Ringing World.' The proprietors, the Central Council of Church Bellringers, have, through 'The Ringing World' Committee, decided that this extra paper shall first be employed in meeting the substantial unsatisfied demand for copies of this journal which has been mounting up weekly during the past three months. 'The Ringing World' is not just a journal for peal ringers; it is designed to meet the interests of all church bellringers. As the official medium of the Central Council, it is desirable that a copy should be in each belfry so that the Exercise as a whole may be knit together into one fellowship. Officers of affiliated associations would be doing valuable work for the Council if they could make certain that 'The Ringing World' circulated adequately in their respective territories.

There are two methods of obtaining 'The Ringing World.' The first is by becoming a postal subscriber and to these we can guarantee delivery. Would-be subscribers are asked to send their remittances without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth. Regarding copies purchased through newsagents, 'The Ringing World' is not sent direct by its Editor to any newsagents. It is published by the Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Brems Buildings, London, E.C.4. They send copies to area wholesalers, who, in turn, distribute to local wholesalers and eventually the copies reach the newsagents. While the utmost care is taken by the publishers to ensure a satisfactory delivery, difficulties on occasions arise, particularly in rural areas. If readers are anxious to get their copies through their local newsagent we would advise them to quote the name of the publisher.

The Editor does not anticipate that the whole of the 40 per cent. increase will be absorbed by circulation, and hopes that occasional 16 page issues will be possible. The material at our disposal would enable this to be accomplished without any difficulty. The immediate problem is to maintain a true balance between peals, quarter peals, reports of meetings, correspondence, notices and advertisements, but with extra pages in reserve this will not be so acute. To the many correspondents who help us to give a comprehensive summary of ringers' activities and news, the Editor, on behalf of the Council, extends his sincere thanks.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	HERBERT W. PERKINS... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	† LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 3	* ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
* ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	† COLIN HARRISON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 11
* REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6	† PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* FREDK. J. WHITWORTH Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 2	JOHN E. EATON ... 7
† A. OLIVER LEWIS ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5	† ARTHUR BARRATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal. Mr. G. E. Large's 200th peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPIN ... 7
STAFFORD GREEN ... 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 8
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
A. LEONARD SIMMONDS 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. M. R. Sinker as Vicar.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

* HAROLD A. MAY ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 9
GEORGE C. GOODMAN... 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
* TOM PAGE ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

* HERBERT G. JILLINGS... Treble	KEITH W. WHITTILL ... 5
* LESLIE FOSTER ... 2	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 6
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	* SIDNEY W. ARBON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. James W. Jennings, district secretary of the Guild.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HAIR ... Treble	GEORGE OLIVER ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
ALAN D. STEEL ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 7
* WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by R. REEVES. Conducted by A. W. HALL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the centenary of this church. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cartlidge for their silver wedding.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

Pitstow's Variation.	
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Spice, sen., of Tunstall.

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	FREDERICK S. ALMOND... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 5
GEORGE DAVIS ... 2	ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

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On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS LUCILE M. HUBBERT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
RONALD H. DOVE 2	ERIC A. DENCH 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	FREDK. A. COLEY 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM 4	JAMES E. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part Tenor 17½ cwt.

HAROLD WILLETT ... <i>Treble</i>	† HARRY PRICE 5
* FRED C. LYNE 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
† VIVIAN B. HUNT 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7
† CLARENCE R. STEED ... 4	FRANK LAWRENCE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD A. REED 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER 6
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	JOHN E. COLES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

* MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
* MISS PATRICIA HOLMES 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
* JAMES HIGGINS 3	* FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
GEORGE GILBERT 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

* HUGH TAYLOR <i>Treble</i>	HARRY CORSER 5
* GEORGE HARWOOD 2	WILLIAM PROCTER 6
FRED LONGWORTH 3	ALBERT MORLEY 7
TOM HILLMAN 4	FRED READ <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. Harwood.

SIX BELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM TYLER 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 2	FREDERICK PRICE 5
MISS D. RICHARDSON ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY PURCHASE <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL J. STEVENS 4
WALTER STEVENS 2	CLAUD W. J. TARR 5
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... <i>Treble</i>	DENIS A. BAYLES 4
MISS MARGARET FIDELL 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung to mark the 101st patronal festival.

ASHBRITBLE, SOMERSET.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

* GEORGE SPARKES <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 4
† WALTER STEVENS 2	CLAUD W. J. TARR 5
HENRY PURCHASE 3	† WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

* PAT GILBERT <i>Treble</i>	* ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	C. HENRY HARDING 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on being elected a vice-president of the Beds Association.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CURSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
* MISS IRIS ROWLEY ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in seven methods for the Guild.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 1½ cwt. in G.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
CYRIL POOLEY 2	ERIC DURRANT 4
*JACK KING 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE DELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 7-8

Composed by I. J. ATTWATER.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4	GEORGE W. CECIL 7-8

*RAYMOND OVERY 9-10

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by F. I. HAIRS.

* First handbell peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE W. CECIL 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4	RAYMOND OVERY 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. OVERY.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 3-4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

MRS. C. W. ROBERTS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
*MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* 300th peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS',

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 in C.	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 3-4	*MISS C. DUNNINGTON ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On August 11th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Saddington 1, D. Toon 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, H. Bell 5, J. H. Cook (conductor) 6.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—720 London Surprise Minor: A. Holmes 1, H. M. Day 2, W. Waldron 3, C. Wade 4, W. Holmes 5, W. Redrup (conductor) 6.

BY CAR, COACH AND STEAMER

BY OLD FATHER THAMES

Sixteen ringers, representing St. Martin's (Gospel Oak), St. Mary Magdalene's (Holloway) and St. Mary's (Finchley), with families, friends and distinguished guests from Burnham, Isleworth and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, embarked at Staines on the specially chartered launch 'Windsora' for an up-river ringing trip on August 17th. On the first stage of the trip at Old Windsor, where Mr. Cross had the bells up ready, ringing to suit all tastes and capabilities was enjoyed on the charming light eight of St. Peter's. The party disembarked at Windsor for lunch and quenching of thirsts. Bray, the next port of call, was reached more than an hour behind schedule, and just too late to do some altruistic ringing for a wedding. The tower was eventually penetrated, and Plain Bob and Grandsire were brought round on the grand heavy six of St. Michael's.

The party went up one of the most beautiful reaches of the Thames to Cookham, where a much-wanted tea was enjoyed before ringing on the newly-augmented bells. Handbell ringing on the launch beguiled the journey back to Windsor, and more handbell ringing was heard from a certain Southern Railway coach on the journey home.—G.F.C.

WOKINGHAM RINGERS IN NORTH BERKSHIRE

On August 31st about 30 ringers and friends of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, representing some ten towers in the branch, held an outing in North Berkshire. Leaving Wokingham at 1.30, the first call was at Harwell, where some good ringing was enjoyed on this pleasant peal of eight.

At St. Nicholas', Abingdon, the easy going peal of six were set going to Doubles and Minor, and the party had tea at Salter's Restaurant. Many of the younger members had their first experience of ten-bell ringing. At St. Helen's Church, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, also Triples and Major, were rung and the bells lowered in peal. The last tower of the day was Dorchester Abbey, where Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung. B.C.C.

A SECOND OUTING

On September 7th a party of ringers and friends from St. Bartholomew's, Norton, left for the second of their 1946 outings, when the venue was Marchington. By the kindness of two good friends, who are non-ringers, but take an interest in the belfry, cars were placed at the disposal of the party.

The outward journey was broken at Uttoxeter. At Marchington the visitors were received by Mr. Wainwright, the leader of the local band, and the bells were soon raised in peal, and the first party were soon busy with touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and London Surprise. At the kind invitation of Mr. Wainwright, the party went to the Village Hall, where cups of tea were waiting, and after appropriate thanks had been tendered the ringers left for the belfry for more touches, which included York, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise. The evening's ringing concluded by dropping the bells in peal and expressions of thanks to Mr. Wainwright.

At Uttoxeter the appetites of the ringers were quickly appeased by the splendid meal which had been prepared at the Red Lion Hotel, followed by a pleasant hour. Mr. J. Walle expressed the thanks of the ringers to Mr. Buckley and Mr. Jack for their kindness in providing the cars.

WARMINSTER VISIT NEW FOREST

On September 7th, 25 ringers from Warminster had a full day's ringing tour of the New Forest district. At Sherfield English they had their first ring on the light eight. Beautiful Romsey Abbey was the next stop, and a very enjoyable hour was spent ringing and sight-seeing. The six at Lyndhurst were sampled.

After a good lunch at Brockenhurst there was just time for a touch on the fine peal at Lymington before the Bournemouth band arrived for a peal attempt. An old friend, Mr. A. Martin Stewart, was encountered, and went with the party to Milford, which was reached in time to ring for a christening. A sumptuous tea was enjoyed there. By 6.30 the band was testing the Ringwood bells—then on to Fordingbridge for the seventh and last ring of the day. C.N.P.

SLOUGH RINGERS IN SURREY

St. Mary's, Slough, ringers visited a number of Surrey towers on August 31st. At Chertsey the younger members of the party acquitted themselves well on those long draught ropes which are rung from the ground floor. After ringing at Old Woking, the titbit of the day's programme was a touch of Stedman in the true Pulling style at Holy Trinity, Guildford. At Shalford the Vicar welcomed the visitors and the Vicarage grounds were available for lunch. The eight bells were then rung to standard methods up to Double Norwich. Another teaser for the youngsters was the light ten at Haslemere. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Treble Ten were brought round successfully. The ringing on the fine eight at Farnham was enjoyed and finally, after a spot of bother with a broken stay, ringing took place on the eight bells at Yorktown. The height of the sallies made the company wonder what broodingagian ringers occupied this belfry. W.B.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTED, SURREY.—On August 29th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, Miss Sylvia Harman 3, H. Cheeseman 4, G. Marriner 5, G. Cook 6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss Sylvia Harman, who is leaving for Bromley, Kent.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On September 7th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Anstey 1, F. A. Munday 2, C. P. Oler 3, E. P. Austin 4, J. Chesterman 5, H. E. Balaam 6, W. Hibbert 7, J. B. Woodley 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Charles W. Munday and Miss Gertrude A. Clayton.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, W. Redrup 8.

BITON, GLOS.—On September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Owen 1, L. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, W. Stowell 4, J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, R. O. Fry (conductor) 7, F. Brine 8. First quarter of Triples for 3rd and tenor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Superlative: S. Warne 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, Miss Hilda G. Snowden 3, R. Martin 4, R. Suckling 5, H. Felton 6, E. Jennings 7, A. Wiffen 8. Arranged by E. Jennings. Conducted by R. Suckling.

BOSBURY, HEREFORD.—On August 21st, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 360 Bob, 360 Canterbury, 540 Grandsire): J. Hill 1, W. Nutt (conductor) 2, K. Hill 3, H. Hill 4, J. Foster 5, E. Jones 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled after interment of Capt. T. S. Hone.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On September 1st, at St. James' 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. W. Ottley 4, R. H. Begrie 5, H. G. Andrews 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Prockson 8.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Stead (aged 12, first quarter) 1, T. E. Stead 2, J. D. Rock 3, E. P. Rock 4, L. Evans (conductor) 5, D. Steplens (first quarter) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On September 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Jones 1, F. Smallwood 2, A. Jones 3, F. Blondell 4, E. B. Hartley 5, P. Corke 6, F. A. Finch 7, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Blaby 1, A. Newton 2, D. Cox (first quarter of Major) 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. G. Janes 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Newton 7, W. Lee (first quarter as conductor on tower bells) 8.

MANCHESTER.—On September 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Reynolds 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, H. Longden 3, A. Burgess 4, H. Hollinworth 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, R. Benson 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, R. Longden 10.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.—On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, J. Ingham 3, Winifred Park 4, J. Ingham 5, A. Bottomley 6, F. Greenwood 7, J. Parker 8.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—On September 1st, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Smith 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, Miss Mary Cole 3, Miss Nora Shorter 4, F. Hopgood 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. Simmonds (conductor) 7, R. Lathbury 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 3.

RUNCORN, LANCS.—On September 1st, 1,376 Bob Major: A. Dugdale 1, T. H. Mather 2, A. Billington 3, C. S. Benwell 4, J. Orme 5, E. H. Hughes 6, D. J. Maddock 7, W. Allman (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major by the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 6, 7. First quarter of Major as conductor.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On September 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Joan Winterbourne 1, Miss Nora Honey (first quarter) 2, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 3, H. Farmer 4, T. Bond 5, F. White 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On August 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: William T. Prior 1, Walter Prior 2, T. Jordan 3, G. Saunders 4, H. White 5, H. Watts 6, F. W. Tharby 7, H. Walter Smith (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the brothers Prior.

THORNE, YORKS.—On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Gerrard 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, E. Thorley 4, J. Martin Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, T. D. Leask 8. Ringers of 3 and 6 have rung at this church for over 60 years.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Wednesday, August 28th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Harrison 1, D. Bagshaw 2, E. Gratton 3, W. Birmingham (Slough) 4, F. Bagshaw 5, G. Chapman (conductor) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Timms 1, H. L. Long 2, S. H. Hoare 3, P. H. Watts (first inside) 4, Dr. F. S. Poole 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, F. H. Crook 8.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Peskett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin (first quarter inside) 2, F. S. Smith 3, J. S. Walton 4, A. H. Fisher 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH.—On September 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. R. Newton 1, H. Belcher 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, W. J. Paice 5, R. W. Green 6, W. S. Langdon 7, H. Langdon (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 3rd and 4th.

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for December quarter become due on October 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Among the towers where the Battle of Britain anniversary was com-
memorated by a peal was Sherborne Abbey.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Thomas on ringing her 300th peal at 24,
Suffolk Road, Enfield, on September 8th. It would be interesting to
have on record the names of ladies who have exceeded 300 peals.

Regarding the peal at Somerton on August 31st, the ringers of the
4th and tenor should be A. Bown and H. Bown respectively. They
are not members of the Brown family.

A point for Surprise specialists. Mr. W. B. Cartwright has now
called a peal of London from each bell in the octave. Any other
claimants?

They said birthday felicitations at Bishop Auckland to Mr. G. W.
Peverell, the local belfry captain, with a peal of Cambridge Surprise.
The day was his 67th birthday.

Unsuitability of the bells of Wilton, Wilts, for peal ringing and
also lack of time resulted in the bells being called round half-way
on August 28th, when 2,520 Bob Minor was rung by F. E. Manns 1,
L. Page 2, C. F. Haines 3, H. Abrahams 4, W. A. Theobald (con-
ductor) 5, L. Tremear 6.

The many ringing friends of Major T. G. Hawkins, R.E., formerly
of Stoke Poges, and now in the British zone of Germany, will be
pleased to learn that he is recovering from an attack of diphtheria,
which has been causing much anxiety during recent weeks. He is
at present in the 6th British General Hospital, Iserlohe, B.A.O.R.

Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stourton, was elected a life member of the
Gloucester and Bristol Association at their meeting at Malmesbury
on September 14th. The detached tower containing a ring of five
was found to be in a dirty state, but the bells went fairly well con-
sidering the obvious lack of attention. Ringing ceased at 7 p.m. with
an excellent 'fall,' and the jackdaws were allowed to re-enter into
undisputed possession of the tower. Why undisputed possession?

At Knowle, Warwickshire, Mr. G. F. Cantrill, of Maidstone, was
taught to handle a bell. While on holiday he was asked to call a
peal in this tower on September 4th, to celebrate the 40th wedding
anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams. The peal was aban-
doned owing to a late start, but 2,520 Grandsire Doubles was rung by
J. Statham (longest length) 1, G. F. Cantrill (conductor) 2, D. Smith
3, W. Hayes 4, J. Smith 5, W. H. Smith 6.

'Weeping Sally,' the most obnoxious female in the Exercise, shed
her unwanted charms on a young Guildford ringer at Witley. He
vows he will never court her again wearing an open neck shirt. This
was the only lost peal over which he has shed no tears, although the
failure was not due to 'Sally' or any fault on his part.

A fund has been opened by Mr. E. A. Knight, of Longwood Cottage,
Stanwick, Northants, to augment the ring of five to six at Stanwick
Parish Church. Quarter-hour chimes added to the bells were dedi-
cated by the Bishop of Peterborough on August 24th. The musical
peal of five was rung before and after the service to Plain Bob. Grand-
sire and rounds by Raunds and Stanwick ringers. A keen band of
young ringers, whose ages range between 12 and 14, are attached to
the church.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION—CONCLUDING LETTERS

Members' Wishes—a Justification

Sir,—I have often regretted that lack of time has prevented me from entering the arena of your correspondence columns—for example, the matter of the weight of Chester Cathedral tenor was a sore temptation, as I have more than once published this as 29½ cwt. in contrast to the local figure of 33 cwt., and I was very glad to see the weight given still more accurately in Mr. Laffin's letter—but Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter in your issue of September 13th is one to which a reply must be given.

Many adjectives might be applied to Mr. Barnett's letter, which seems to me to be ill-conceived in the widest sense of the term. In many ways your correspondent's attitude is similar to that of the adherents of the 'closed shop' policy, and reflects the urge for regimentation and control so unhappily prevalent in these times. Fortunately there have been recent indications that the Exercise, as such, is vigorously opposed to these trends in its own sphere, and it is, therefore, unlikely that the sorry day will dawn when a ringing society will be ordered to disband on the grounds that it is unnecessary.

Of course the Universities' Association is unnecessary, and so are all other ringing associations in the sense that they are purely voluntary organisations and that people join them because they like to. But the assertion that the Universities' Association is unnecessary in a special sense, i.e., on the grounds that the Exercise is fully covered by a territorial network, and that, because of this, there is no justification for its existence, is, to say the least, completely beside the point, and admission of the validity of this argument would be highly dangerous to the future well-being of the Exercise. The sole justification for the existence of this association is that its members wished to form it; that is also, ipso facto, the complete justification for its existence, and it is vital to the health of the Exercise that such a reason shall continue to find, as it has done in the past, general acceptance. (Mr. E. V. Williams' letter is an excellent illustration of this point.)

Mr. Barnett also cites the exclusive nature of the Universities' Association (and of similar vocational organisations) as a reason against their continued existence. My answer to that is that the Ladies' Guild, the College Youths and the Cumberlands are all partially exclusive; the first by its very nature, the second and third by reason of their rules—and I leave your readers to imagine what the reactions of these organisations would be if Mr. Barnett proposed their annihilation on grounds of exclusiveness. As to the right of the association to be represented on the Central Council, precedent is not unimportant in these matters, and, in view of the representation of Oxford and Cambridge on the Council, the position would be anomalous if similar recognition were not given to the Universities' Association. Representation is also given to the Ladies' Guild, the College Youths and the Cumberlands. Why is this? Simply and solely because it is generally realised that the importance to the life of the Exercise of these three bodies is sufficient to justify this form of recognition; and the answer is the same in the case of the Universities' Association for the reasons which you, sir, so cogently summarised in your issue of August 30th.

I think I express the general opinion of the Universities' Association when I say that we realise that we must work our passage in order to establish the reputation which we hope ultimately to gain, both on the Central Council and in the belfry, and on this point I feel that Mr. Barnett's concluding paragraphs are perhaps ungenerous. We of the Universities' Association desire above all to be regarded as ringers and to be judged on our merits as such. The distinction which Mr. Barnett makes in this respect is his, not ours. As for his implication that we use our association to avoid payment of non-resident membership fees to other associations, the answer here is that, although it is difficult to set a price on the value to ourselves of our activities, the figure would certainly be higher than any non-residential subscription, and I have no doubt about what we would do if—a remote contingency, I think—an association, in whose territory we proposed to ring in our own name, were to require payment of non-residential subscriptions.

Mr. Barnett's final point concerns the peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury in 3 hours 19 minutes. I was not in it, so I can answer him without any axe-grinding. My answer is this. Let that peal be judged, not as a Universities' Association peal, but as a performance by a young and, for the most part, unseasoned band. If Mr. Barnett can find a band of similar age and experience who can put up a better show, let him do so and then make his criticism. We would be the last to claim equality with experienced peal ringers, but I disagree most strongly with Mr. Barnett's sweeping assertions that our peals must be indifferent because they are rung by young and relatively inexperienced people (incidentally, the youth factor tends to make for fast ringing). Again I say let us be judged truly on our merits. In connection with the Canterbury peal, I am told that a ringer who heard both this and the recent long peal at Oxford said that the former compared favourably with the latter; and this particular ringer is well qualified to judge.—I am sir, etc.,

J. C. E. SIMPSON.

29, Holland Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

Scrap Life Membership Suggested

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to see Mr. E. A. Barnett's criticism of your leader on the Universities' Association. I imagine that many of your readers must have been surprised (and amused) when they read it.

I doubt very much if the territorial bodies do, as you suggest, expect very much from the university guilds and associations or look to them for potential leaders. Why should they? Except for a very few individuals on the theoretical side of the Exercise the universities have signally failed to produce any leaders. On the contrary, the parent Guilds of Oxford and Cambridge have, up to now, set a standard of practical ringing lower than any territorial association of which I know, and the Universities' Association does not seem to have aimed any higher. They have not yet perceived the relative values of quality and quantity.

I do not suggest that all the members are poor ringers. Indeed, I know many among them who are first class, but, on the other hand, it is not uncommon to meet at meetings and elsewhere university ringers who have rung peals in advanced methods, but who still cannot ring a bell properly in rounds.

As for representation on the Central Council, Mr. Barnett's remarks on the Universities' Association might also well be applied to the parent Guilds of Oxford and Cambridge.

Ringing at Cambridge was only kept alive by the late Mr. Boughey and since his death it has fallen flat. The representation of the C.U.G. is based on the large number who were induced by Mr. Boughey to take up life membership while they were in residence, the vast majority of whom lost any interest they may have had as soon as they 'went down,' and have long since ceased to be ringers.

At Oxford ringing among the university men was dead until Mr. J. E. Spice went up. The present activity is only a passing phase and in time will give place to the moribund state of a few years ago.

I would suggest that the university bodies should scrap their life membership and impose an annual subscription instead. This would show whether their representation on the Central Council was justified or not.—Yours sincerely,

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

'Something to Offer'

Dear Sir,—It seems regrettable that Mr. Barnett should append his case against the universities with distasteful allegations; for instance: (1) That their sole use is to enable a favoured few to evade a few shillings outlay when ringing peals; and (2) to enable inexperienced ringers to ring indifferent peals.

Whilst any reader is entitled to comment on your leading articles and express his views, criticism of other ringers' performances should not be of a circumstantial nature, but should be factual and supported by reliable witnesses. It does not necessarily follow that a peal of Cinques on bells, tenor 30 cwt., is indifferent because it was rung in 3 hours 19 minutes. Further, I note that at least two-thirds of the band had previous experience of peals on 12 bells.

The activities published in 'The Ringing World' prove that much good work has been done that would not have been done had the Universities' Association not come into existence. Live branches at universities mean that young ringers, going there from diverse parts, are brought quickly together and introduced to all the ringing activities, and many young people introduced to the Exercise who would otherwise not have been. No sensible person will deny that the material available to the universities of which to make ringers is ideal; youth, intelligence and communal life, giving above average opportunity for practice together. Those becoming competent ringers will often be in an advantageous position, after leaving the university, to spread their knowledge and enthusiasm to new recruits. It is noticeable that the Universities' Associations have produced numerous new young ringers, our greatest need to-day.

Such organisations as the above mentioned, the Police, Clerical and Ladies' Guilds, cannot be condemned on the grounds of being non-territorial associations. It is significant that many of their leaders are some of the most usefully active in their own territorial associations.

Is the Ancient Society of College Youths (who are represented on the Central Council) to be condemned on the grounds of being a non-territorial organisation?

It is erroneous to hold the view that there is something to be got out of being represented on the Central Council. Rather is it an opportunity for putting something into the Exercise. If the universities have something to offer (and I think they have), then their representation is justified.—Yours, etc.,

Whiston, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

MORE HISTORY FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

TURRAMURRO, Sydney, N.S.W.—On August 25th. at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Stacey 1, K. Roberts 2, H. Short 3, W. M. Rowe 4, J. B. Watts (conductor) 5, L. Butcher 6. First quarter in method by all the ringers, as conductor, on the bells and in New South Wales. It was also the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 2.

A Column of Letters

OFFICIALS AND THEIR RECREATION.

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the correspondence on 'peal grabbing,' since that is what the original subject has developed into.

'S. Truggler's' letter appeared to me to be simply a case of washing his Guild's linen in public. If he had gone direct to his branch secretary on the matter he would no doubt have got an adequate reply.

Executive officers of a Guild undertake a job when they are elected, not a glory, and should not put peals before business meetings, but at the same time ringers should realise that these officers are mainly the hardest workers in the Guild and are deserving of their recreation. If their recreation takes the form of peal ringing, then good luck to them.

When I was first elected secretary of this branch (Salisbury) I was out five nights a week helping beginners, in some cases cycling 10-12 miles after work to get to towers and also committed to one meeting per month. Thus with Sunday service ringing I had about three or four free days a month. On these I chose to go peal ringing where possible. Yet I was told by one ringer that I should throw over my own ringing altogether and devote my few free days to extra practices for beginners.

My feelings are best imagined, yet this is the attitude of quite a lot towards their executive officers; they forget that if they put as much time and study in that they could attain the same ends. In my opinion, half the arguments against peal ringing are prompted by jealousy and are not acceptable. Although cliques are to be avoided, yet it must be admitted that such cliques are very efficient ringers, usually above the average, and if the moaners would only 'get their fingers out' and follow their example in study and practice that ringing would be all the better and then they themselves would probably form cliques and thus swing their opinions over.

In conclusion, to 'S. Truggler' I would say if you have grievances take them to your Guild meetings and have them thrashed out openly and if your officers are indeed so cliquey and selfish as to neglect your Guild, which I strongly doubt, then you have your remedy at the next elections.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

A BLIND RINGER PEAL

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Purslow's enquiry on page 421 of 'The Ringing World' about a blind ringer at Llandudno, I confirm his statement. Mr. Gerald Bromley does ring with us when he is in Llandudno. He is not only a capable and good ringer, he can also correct other ringers during a course of change ringing. His memory is exceptionally good and it is stated he can ring a new method after being 'told' the method once. He always rings an 'inside' bell.

MARJORIE JONES.

Note.—Mr. Bromley rang the fourth to a peal of Bob Major at the Church of St. David, Bangor, on December 17th, 1938.

Dear Sir,—Further to the letter of Philip J. L. Purslow on page 421 with reference to the blind ringer at Llandudno, I think the Sunday in question was August Sunday, and Clifford Bird and myself stood in the band of Grandsire, and I, then Miss D. Ditcham, was the first lady the blind ringer had rung with. The names were entered in the visitors' book, and I think he was from Cambridge University and have since often talked of him and wondered what had happened to him.—Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. L. MOORE.

Member, Ladies' Guild and Norwich Diocesan Association.

Dear Sir,—The late Mr. John Brady, of Debenham, Suffolk, was totally blind. Several years ago I had the pleasure of ringing a touch of Stedman Triples with him. He rang some peals in different methods and once he had turned half a circle, facing the wall on the completion. On an occasion when ringing was temporarily stopped owing to sickness I heard him say, 'If I were ill there would be nothing more heavenly than the sound of the bells ringing.'

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

A MIDLAND COUNTIES VETERAN

Dear Sir,—Your article regarding veterans brings to my mind my old friend Walter White, of Cotgrave, who joined the Midland Counties Association in 1888 and has thus been a member of that association for 58½ years. It would be of interest to know if there is anyone else still active in ringing who has been a member of the M.C.A. for a longer period than this. Mr. White has been a regular member of the Cotgrave band since it was formed, I think in 1886, i.e., for 60 years.—Yours faithfully,

J. OLDHAM.

Shepshed, Leicestershire.

HE RANG FOR 76 YEARS

Sir,—Re long service in belfries. Recently, while visiting Wells Cathedral, I came across a memorial plaque to a ringer (I forget his name) who had rung there for 76 years and who died shortly before his hundredth birthday.—Yours faithfully,

CECIL L. CUY.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

Ringing in London

SUGGESTED COLLATION OF INFORMATION.

The question was asked at the meeting of the London County Association at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on September 14th, whether any steps could be taken to collate all information regarding ringing arrangements in London. Those present expressed themselves in favour of such a course.

The medium suggested for publishing the consolidated information was the London County Association Report. To this end it was suggested that, with the approval of other ringing associations concerned, the ringing masters or other responsible officials of all towers in an agreed area should be invited to allow the standing ringing arrangements of his tower to be published in this way. The information would thus be made available for the good of resident and visiting ringers in London with possibly advantageous results to some of the towers incorporated. The area envisaged was a 10 mile radius of a central point, such as Charing Cross. The views of ringers, and in particular tower officials in the area involved, would be appreciated at an early date.

Other business included the following elections: Ratifications: Miss S. E. Harris, Isleworth; Messrs. Ernest Morris, Leicester; W. J. Paice, Kensington; G. A. Barber, A. Williams, R. F. Hart and R. Copley, of Battersea; S. T. A. Russell, Rotherfield; and W. A. Kitchenside, Mayfield. New members: Messrs. E. J. Rowe, Hornsey; D. J. Charnley, Isleworth; A. Butler, Hampstead; and E. J. Lindley, Epsom.

BORN A RINGER!

Fourteen-year-old Miss Christine Dunnington, of Mablethorpe, Lincs, must have been born a ringer. Her latent ability was discovered when a Leicester peal enthusiast and his wife and family spent a holiday at Christine's home town.

While there he sent the following postcard: 'Having a good time dodging the showers.' We knew, however, he must have meant dodging with a pair of handbells, because back home he said Christine would be spending a week-end with him and his family.

Friday night saw her ringing her first touch on ten tower bells. This was at St. Margaret's, Leicester, where later in the evening, with our 'Ernest' on the trebles, Christine rang her first course on eight bells (7-8 to Bob Major). Showing such versatility, it was decided to attempt a handbell peal the following day.

Such an achievement is possible by one of normal ability who lives in the right environment, but to ring a 5,000 without previously having rung a touch in the method, and, further, 360 changes being the longest number rung at one time, bears out that Christine is a born ringer!

W.P.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHANGES CONTEMPLATED IN DISTRICTS.

Despite the inclement weather on September 7th, a goodly number of ringers turned up at Hungerford for the autumn meeting of the Newbury Branch. Members were present from Beedon, Beenham, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Hungerford, Thatcham, Peasemore and Chively, with visitors from Swindon, Reading, Aldbourne, Woolton Hill, Bramley and Chilton Foliat.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Wardley King), who extended a cordial welcome to the ringers. Tea was due to the generosity of the Hungerford Church congregation, which kind gesture was greatly appreciated in these rationed times.

At the business meeting, presided over by the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), members were warned that subscriptions might be raised next year, and that the re-grouping of some branches was under consideration. It was hoped that no alteration in the Newbury Branch would be necessary. The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on November 16th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

JOINT MEETING AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

Sixty members and friends attended the joint meeting of the Loughborough Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on August 31st. Ringers of all types were catered for, Mr. E. Beadmore being in charge of local arrangements. There was a pleasant surprise at tea, when it was announced that the Vicar and wardens were defraying part cost of the tea.

Before the break-up after tea a collection was made for the Belfry Repair Funds of the two Guilds. All who attended agreed it was a splendid gathering, and it is to be hoped such a joint meeting will become an annual feature.

COLLEGE YOUTHS

The summer meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at Brighton on September 7th, was a great success and was enjoyed by all. Over thirty members attended from the Metropolis and provinces, and ringing took place at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's. The star touch of the day was a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal at St. Nicholas', in which Mr. George Williams, the father of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one of the experts of the Brighton Society in their heyday, rang the 2nd in flawless style. The thanks of the society are extended to Mr. Keith Hart and Mrs. F. I. Hairs for their hearty welcome and for having everything in readiness.

A.B.P.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY HARRIS.

With the passing of Mr. Henry Harris at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on September 21st, Holy Trinity, Guildford, has lost its oldest ringer. Since 1899 Mr. Harris has been ringing either at Holy Trinity or St. Mary's, Guildford, though for a number of years he was away at Canterbury. Of latter years deafness prevented him from hearing his beloved bells, but he was nevertheless in his accustomed place Sunday by Sunday to perform his service ringing. In his younger years he rang a number of peals and was an enthusiastic supporter of Guild activities. His penmanship was beautiful even in an age of good writers, and he took a special joy in writing the peal book of Holy Trinity Society. A widower, Mr. Harris was 71 years of age and was a pensioner from Messrs. Dennis Bros' motor works.

MR. WALTER FERN.

Rarely has any church had a more faithful and continuous worker than Mr. Walter Fern, of Whitwick, whose death has occurred at the age of 66. As a chorister, sidesman and member of the Church Council he rendered lifelong service, but it was in the belfry where his influence was most pronounced.

He became a member of the Midland Counties Association in 1899 and in 1904 rang in what was then a record peal, every member of the band being regular choristers and Sunday service ringers. Although he only took part in 22 peals, most of which he conducted, he was a most reliable ringer of Grandsire and Stedman, and when opportunity offered he was equally at home in the more advanced methods.

For 26 years he was captain of the local band, and through good times and bad he was always to be found in his place, ready to give advice and encouragement to the beginners. The writer had the privilege of ringing under his leadership for about 25 years and can testify to his infinite patience in teaching the complicated art of campanology.

The Exercise is undoubtedly the poorer by his loss. On Sunday evening, September 15th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following on the bells he loved so well: J. W. Waterfield 1, J. A. Walton 2, H. Gerratt 3, J. W. Bowley 4, H. Moulton (conductor) 5, H. Kirby 6, H. Powdrill 7, W. Adams 8. J.A.W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT WELLS.

We do not know whether the success of otherwise of a meeting is to be judged altogether by numbers, but if it is, then that held at Wells on August 24th was the most successful that the West Norfolk Branch has had during the 18 years of its existence. Forty-six people were present, almost all of them ringers from various parts of Norfolk and elsewhere, including the president and ringing master of the association.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, chairman of the branch, with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as organist.

Ringing to suit the varying capabilities of those present was carried on during the afternoon and evening on the eight at Wells, and after tea also on the six at Holkham Church in the park of the Earl of Leicester's estate.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The autumn meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Tamworth on September 14th. At the service the Rev. C. H. Barker read the prayers, and the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Coxon) delivered an interesting address. More than seventy sat down to tea in the College Lane Schools, followed by the general meeting, the Vicar presiding. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. A. D. Collins, Ringing Master (through illness) and Messrs. A. Roden, W. Peart and C. Wallater. Seven new members were enrolled from St. Paul's, Burton. On the proposition of Mr. G. E. Oliver and seconded by Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. Thomas Benton, of Cannock, and Mr. Arthur Bowler, of Lichfield, were elected honorary life members. A bi-quarterly meeting is to take place at Penkridge on Saturday, November 2nd, and the next quarterly at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on January 18th.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

A successful and enjoyable meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at Tenby on September 14th and the bells were fully employed. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. C. Edwards), who welcomed the ringers and paid tribute to Mr. H. Jenkins (captain), who hails from a family of ringers, and also to the other ringers of Tenby. Tea was served at the Peerless Cafe.

At the business meeting a hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Oxford, and also to Canon E. L. Hamer, of Cardigan. Mr. J. Williams, of Morriston, Swansea, was elected Guild Ringing Master and Canon E. L. Hamer a vice-president. Mr. W. F. Scudimore, of Llandilo, was made a ringing member.

A bell restoration fund was formed, which realised a collection of £1 1s., and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Llanely on December 14th. Mr. E. J. Thomas thanked the Rector for giving the ringers a very nice tea and also for presiding over the meeting.

Essex want Peals Proved

MEETING AT FELSTEAD.

When the Northern District of the Essex Association met at Felstead on September 14th, a resolution was adopted for the attention of the General Committee that particulars of each peal, with its composition, should be sent to the peals secretary within 14 days to enable it to be proved and filed.

The meeting, presided over by Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master), also decided to send a letter of greeting to Mr. William Keeble conveying best wishes and reminding him of the record peal of London rung in 1903. Seven new members were elected and Halstead chosen for the next meeting on November 23rd.

Customary votes of thanks included those to the Rev. K. Ford for conducting the service, and to Messrs. Farrow and Forster. Mr. Farrow appealed for assistance in teaching a young band change ringing. Ringing ranged from call changes to Superlative. Members and friends attended from Bocking, Braintree, Dunmow, Black Notley, Felstead, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Sawbridgeworth, Sudbury, Stansted, and Hatfield, Herts.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The most successful meeting of the Guild since the lifting of the ban was that at Llanfagan, near Brecon, on August 17th. The programme included ringing, service (conducted by the Rev. T. A. Davies) and picnic tea in a field near the church with a beautiful view of Brecon Beacons.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold a practice for learners once a month, the first at Llangatock, followed by Bronllys and St. David's, Brecon. Thanks to the Vicar were expressed by Mr. D. G. Williams (general secretary). The bells were kept going until 8 p.m. to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Cambridge Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Sawston on August 17th and was attended by 23 members and friends from Great Barford (Beds), Benenden (Kent), Blunham (Beds), Cambridge, Chevington (Suffolk), Exning, Fulbourn, Harston, Newmarket, Sawston, Slimpling (Suffolk), Stansted (Essex), Sudbury (Suffolk) and Trumpington.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. K. Irwin), followed by tea in the Institute. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when belfry elections of Mr. J. Moor, of Norwich, and Mr. M. Harford, of Milford-on-Sea, on July 27th, were ratified. During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung, ranging from rounds for beginners to London Surprise Major. H.L.M.

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BIRTHS

DEBENHAM.—On Sept. 9th, to Pauline (née Garner), wife of Gilbert E. Debenham, of St. Albans, a son (Richard Edward).

SMITH.—On Sept. 22nd, at Hilbury Nursing Home, to Elsie Mary and Harold Smith, the gift of a daughter (Gillian Mary). — Address, Church Street, Melksham, Wilts.

SITUATIONS VACANT

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted after Oct. 12th. Good references. If husband a ringer, or willing to learn, eight bells available. Work found. Children welcome. —Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ARE ALL YOUR TOWER'S PEALS ON PEAL-boards? If not, you should keep complete records in a 'Delight' Ringers' Record Book.—Write for details to Will H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea (3s.) for those who notify Mr. A. S. Bayley, 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.—E. D. Poole.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Service 4 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) served at 5 p.m., at Victoria Cafe. General meeting immediately afterwards at the Black Bull Hotel, Old Market Place.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 to 3.30 and after meeting. Tea followed by meeting 4 p.m.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Stanford-le-Hope (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Note: Crusader Band will be in attendance. Everybody welcome.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Blewbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Combined meeting, Beccles, Sept. 28th. Bells (10), from 2.30. All welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Parish Room.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Alfriston, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Amersham, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m., at the 'Rose' P.H. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Cambridge.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Oakley (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Light tea 5 p.m. Deane bells (6) after tea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Harpden (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea at Swallow Cafe, 5 p.m. sharp.—R. Darvill, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Annual Festival, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 28th. Bells of St. John's and Fenham available in afternoon. Committee, St. John's, 3.30. Dinner, County Hotel, 6 p.m. Service being arranged.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Meeting at Mortimer, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service at 3.30 at St. Mary's, followed by tea at the Vicarage.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Magdalene's, Gillingham (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, from 6.30 p.m.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Ilmington on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Six bells. Tea provided.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting Norton-Fitzwarren, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. H. Reed, Branch Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Tilney, All Saints' (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

CRAYFORD.—Beginning Oct. 1st, practice at St. Paulinus' will revert to Tuesday of each week. All welcome.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Melton Mowbray, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Colles Hall. Names to Mr. H. J. Cook, New Street, Ashfordby, Melton, not later than Oct. 2nd. No names, no tea.

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourne, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (for names or numbers only), followed by business meeting.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Important: Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Mr. W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Cottenham (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Quidenham (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting to follow. Kenninghall bells (8), also during evening. One mile distant. Names by Oct. 1st.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 4.45. Short service at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea must notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30, not later than Wednesday, 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Bolsover (8), Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Castle Restaurant, for those who write Mr. J. Saxton, 51, New Station Road, Bolsover, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—H. Chaddock.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Carlton Cafe, 5 p.m. Names to T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, by Oct. 2nd.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Epsom St. Martin's (10), on Oct. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Capitol Cafe.—A. H. Smith.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Great Barton (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Hon. Dis. Sec., Horringer.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Barnsley and Doncaster Societies' joint meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in Hagenback's Cafe. Names to Mr. D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, Oct. 2nd.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Slaugham, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Bury (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. A. Williams, 243, Manchester Road, Bury, before Wednesday, Oct. 2nd.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Polstead (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting, Women's Institute Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 28th.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Sonning (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Bere Regis, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring own eatables. Bus leaves North Square, Dorchester, 3 p.m. Numbers by Sept. 30th to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN. — Tunstall (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Cups of tea will be provided; bring own food.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — Autumn meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District. — Weston-under-Penyard, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Walford Road, Ross.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Warkton (5), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Cups of tea only.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch. — Mossley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Badger, Lloyds Bank, Thame, Oxon.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in Reading Room. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 1st Rev. Foster-Pegg, Barrowby Rectory, Grant-ham.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Please bring 'eats.' Business follows. Guild reports to hand.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Carbrooke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. No business. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. C. Johnson, Carbrooke.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Christ Church, City. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approximately) 5.15 p.m. Business to follow.—C. H. Wood, Branch Sec.

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Tower open for ringing, Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Bradley, Ringing Master.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby, by Oct. 3rd.—T. H. Foster.

CHESTER GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4. Tea at the Grosvenor Arms. Names by Oct. 3rd.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — The new ring of 8 bells (Messrs. Taylor & Co.) will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Welcome to all from all parts. Week-end accommodation: Hendra's Hotel, Karenza Hotel. All G.W.R. main line trains serve Carbis Bay.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

LADIES' GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—South-Eastern Area (Kent and Sussex).—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. It is hoped all lady ringers in this area will make an effort to attend.—E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Honiton Clyst, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 7th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. Phone Budleigh 719.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's 4.30. Tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and names for tea must reach me not later than first post Oct. 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Puckington (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 8th, for tea. — J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Wroxton and Hanwell (5), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30. Service at Wroxton 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Banbury (10) later. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Yorktown (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea is being arranged. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Details next week.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Oldswinford, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea. Business. Bring own eats.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will anyone who is coming up next term and who can ring or wishes to learn, please get in touch with me as soon as possible?—R. F. B. Speed, Caius College, Cambridge.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—It is proposed to put a memorial in the above church in memory of Petty Officer H. T. Chandler, Royal Navy, who lost his life while serving his country. All donations to Mr. T. Jones, 64, Headbrook, Kington, Herefordshire.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Portsmouth District Secretary, R. J. Stone, c/o W/O and Serpts' Mess, S.E.L., Martinique Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

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THE VOICE OF SARUM

To hand this week is the sixtieth report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild embracing the year 1945. It is more than a report in the ordinary sense; it could well serve for ringers in Wessex as a Guild compendium. That production on such an ambitious scale can be accomplished so soon after the war with the many restrictions on printing is a feather in the cap of the Salisbury Guild.

A diamond jubilee is a justifiable period of retrospect. During this period the Guild has had only eight masters, viz., the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (1884-98), Mr. H. H. Palaret (1898-04), Capt. Acland (1904-10), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (1910-13), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (1913-19), Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth (1919-23), the Rev. R. H. Grundy (1923-40), and the present holder, the Rev. C. C. Cox. Continuity in the conduct of Guild affairs is to be found in the unique service record of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who has been secretary and treasurer since 1913, while his membership of the Central Council dates back two years previously. The Guild operates through eight branches, viz., Salisbury, Devizes, Marlborough, Calne, Dorchester, Wimborne, West Dorset and North Dorset.

Clerical interest has always been a strong feature in Guild affairs. The Rev. C. Carew Cox in his Master's notes presents this visionary picture: 'It is too much to expect, perhaps, that the Bishop of the Diocese should be seen often at our annual meetings or in our belfries, but, who knows, there may come a day when more of our Bishops are practical ringers. I know the ranks of clerical ringers are increasing, and among them may well be potential Bishops. In the dim future the records of a peal rung entirely by Bishops may not be improbable!' Bishop Lovett, at the end of his episcopate, paid a graceful tribute to his ringers, writing: 'I shall never forget the welcoming bells of the village churches. They ring in my ears, when I allow myself to recall the happy Sundays when I travelled up and down . . . and came within sound of the Belfry again.'

One of the happiest phases of the report is that all branches testify to a vigorous revival of activities in the belfries and a gratifying influx of young members of both sexes into the ranks of the Guild, while the peal records give proof of the good work done by instructors. This influx is the voice of Sarum to the Exercise, and all the time young people are attracted to our belfries there is no danger of this ancient English art of change ringing dying out.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	JACK BRAY ... 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 11
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 6	JAMES BENNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
This is the 100th peal rung in the tower.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	*HERBERT C. JILLINGS ... 7
*FREDK. A. J. STEWARD ... 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	FRANK FISHER ... 9
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
HARRY LISTER ... 6	*OLIVER G. BARNARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle, who entered his 96th year the previous Wednesday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

Pitstow's.	JACK F. HODSON ... 5
*JEAN METHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
CYRIL WARD ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... <i>Tenor</i>
*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 4	

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble. Rung for the patronal festival.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES WARD ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY PARKER ... 5
†DENNIS MADDOCK ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
*ALBERT BELLINGTON ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 13, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

H. BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BEST ... 5
JAMES WEBB ... 2	*JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 6
MISS N. M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANDLE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of London.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*MISS S. MOTTISHAW ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST COOPER ... 5
MISS L. MOTTISHAW ... 2	†MRS. I. SOMERVILLE ... 6
*MISS NORAH HOLMES ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
MISS L. MOTTISHAW ... 4	BEN BIRKETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal. † First in the method.

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On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM SHERATON ... <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 5
*WILLIAM F. SHERATON ... 2	ARNOLD W. BRUNTON ... 6
ROBERT BELL ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	JOHN H. MASTERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT ... 6
†RONALD F. CONSTANT ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Compared by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Kent. ‡ First peal of Major.

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On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE F. NEWTON ... <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES W. KNIGHT ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
*MISS M. FIDELL ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
JAMES MARSII ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. SPICE ... 5
*MISS JOAN WEBSTER ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
*MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHOM ... 4	THOMAS ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells and first in the method.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 30 cwt.

DENNIS MADDOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
*ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
HARRY PARKER ... 4	*LEONARD BRADBURN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.



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On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
ALBERT WALKER Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
LESLIE W. MORRIS 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

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

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.	
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	ALBERT WALKER 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS 2	HARRY L. MARTIN 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by REV. JOHN P. PELLOE.
A farewell peal for the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, chaplain to the Bishop of Ely, before his departure to Wisbech.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 80 lb. in B.	
*REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
WALTER C. MEDLER 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
HERBERT C. READ 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
ERIC DURRANT 4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
*JACK BRAY Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	HARRY MORGAN 7
WALTER TOMLINSON 4	†GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
* 350th peal. † First peal of Bristol, also first peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble	†ARTHUR C. LANGFORD ... 5
*HORACE E. LILLEY 2	‡EDMUND T. EXETER 6
GEORGE W. CECIL 3	ALBERT E. LAKER 7
†ERIC H. KNAPP 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First eight-bell peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
HAROLD A. MAY 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY 6
NORMAN V. HARDING 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

WAREFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.	
HILDA M. TAYLOR ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	HAROLD A. MAY 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 3	NORMAN V. HARDING 7
GEORGE C. GOODMAN 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.	
FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Treble	*BRIAN J. E. WHITE 5
VERNON J. BENNING 2	ALAN WHITE 6
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 4	GEOFFREY DODDS Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ rwt. in F.	
*STANLEY BONES Treble	*GEORGE SAUNDERS 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
RONALD SUCKLING 3	ROBERT YOUNG 7
*PHILIP A. F. CHALK 4	*HAROLD PARTRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal in the method.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18½ rwt. in F.	
*ALEX. T. WEEKS Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
STANLEY R. COCKELL 2	HERBERT MARSH 6
*HAROLD SMITH 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
ARTHUR J. WEST 4	CYRIL GIBBONS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.
* First peal of Triples.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*JOHN HILLMAN Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER 5
*FRED LONGWORTH 2	ALBERT MORLEY 6
ARTHUR HATCH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JAMES BARNES 4	FRED READ Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung in connection with the peace celebrations.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.	
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... Treble	ARTHUR W. CHURCH 5
*PETER J. EVES 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
A. B. BARTHOLOMEW 3	CHRISTOPHER F. JAGGARD ... 7
†ARTHUR EDWARDS 4	WALTER DORKING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fifteen different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.
*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT *Treble* | †STANLEY N. BRISTOW... 4
HENRY PURCHASE ... 2 | CLAUD W. J. TARR ... 5
EDGAR QUICK ... 3 | †HARRY COMINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford, three extents of Kent and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*DEREK PUGH ... *Treble* | JOHN ALWYN TAYLOR ... 4
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2 | HAROLD HAMER ... 5
ALLAN SMITH ... 3 | ALBERT HOYLE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. HAMER.
* First peal.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF B.V.M.,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
ARTHUR BELLAMY ... *Treble* | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 4
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2 | WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5
HARRY RICHARDSON ... 3 | ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.
First peal as conductor.

MUNDFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... *Treble* | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4
CHARLES F. G. BANHAM... 2 | *CYRIL J. BERNES ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 | GEORGE SAVER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
WILFRID R. MORETON... *Treble* | *E. PETER ROCK ... 4
*JOHN D. ROCK ... 2 | GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.

NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.
*REV. B. RUSSELL ... *Treble* | MICHAEL POWELL ... 4
TREVOR HAYWARD ... 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
†JOHN M. STALLARD ... 3 | KENNETH MEDWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... *Treble* | LT. FREDK. H. CRAWLEY 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 2 | JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 3 | GEORGE GARDNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
* First peal of Surprise.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*FREDK. BEDDOES ... *Treble* | TREVOR JONES ... 4
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 2 | JOHN F. BULLER ... 5
*MISS BESSIE CARTER ... 3 | *THOMAS DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. S. Woolam.

HANDBELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 33, HARTINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4 | THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2 | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* 500th peal (125 on-handbells).

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4 | *A.C.2 F. REED, R.A.F. ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal 'in hand' and first of Stedman.

LIVERPOOL.

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4 | *PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 131).
Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First handbell peal of Major and in the method.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 4, FAIRLEIGH TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 1-2 | JACK N. A. PUMPHREY ... 3-4
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5-6

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QUARTER PEALS

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—On September 9th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gunning 1, G. Davis 2, M. P. Moreton 3, J. T. Barrett (conductor, first quarter) 4, A. J. Scott 5, W. F. Moreton 6, J. L. Glyde 7, C. H. Lathey 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On September 11th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor (Central Council No. 144): Arthur J. Abrams 1, Eric Smith (first inside) 2, Wilfred E. Young 3, Stanley Murphy 4, Claude Gimbert 5, William Seekings (conductor) 6.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway (Basingstoke, first quarter) 1, T. Elliott 2, H. W. Lloyd 3, J. Tudball 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (conductor) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Herod 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On September 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, H. Platt 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. C. Goby 4, F. Croft 5, E. W. Winters 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, G. Cherry 8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On September 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andre 1, S. Ball 2, E. Jones 3, E. Warner 4, W. Packer (first quarter) 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8.

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON.—On September 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: G. L. Joyce 1, W. R. Killingback (first quarter) 2, A. W. Brighton 3, C. N. Austin 4, G. Dawson 5, E. W. Furbank 6, W. Gant (conductor) 7, E. D. Smith 8.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On September 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Hill 1, G. Wilkinson 2, J. Hughes 3, T. Edwards 4, Edgar Sharratt 5, A. Rider 6, Edwin Sharratt (conductor) 7, D. G. Davis 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine's on September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Swinfield (first quarter) 1, S. Harrison 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, S. Burton 4, W. H. Clarke 5, J. Bramley 6, G. Oliffe (conductor) 7, J. Deacon 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. W. Kenney and Miss Ella Thorrel, both ringers at this church.

LUTON, BEDS.—At St. Mary's on September 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Newman 1, A. King 2, A. J. Smith 3, A. Davis 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, J. Wing 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—At St. Nicholas' on September 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Harding (conductor) 1, F. Slaford 2, Ron Harding 3, E. Hitchins 4, L. Hitchins 5, Roy Harding 6.

PENTRE RHONNDA.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Edwards (first quarter) 1, J. Lovett 2, T. Page (conductor) 3, W. Page 4, J. Evans 5, W. J. Cross 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Roberts 8.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On August 28th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lilian M. Dare 1, W. Howarth 2, H. Barlow 3, B. Thorpe 4, J. Bastow 5, C. Platt 6, V. Sykes (conductor) 7, J. T. Walmsley 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Gladys Wolstencroft to Mr. Ernest Samford.

PIMLICO, LONDON.—On September 8th at St. Gabriel's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Green 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. W. Ottley 4, R. H. Begrie 5, H. W. Rogers 6, J. Bullock 7, H. G. Andrews 8.

PURTON, WILTS.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Mills 1, Miss M. Booker 2, R. Shailes (conductor) 3, F. Sorsby 4, G. Webb 5, C. Shailes 6.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On September 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Roland Kendall 1, Arthur Skelton 2, Clifford Ellison 3, Edgar Drake 4, Paul Birkett 5, Albert V. Pickles 6, William Ambler 7, Sam Longbottom (conductor) 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On September 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Naylor 1, T. A. Cross (first quarter inside) 2, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 3, F. G. Southgate 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Hollands 7. Rung with tenor covering after meeting short for Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Spice, of Tunstall.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Smith 1, John E. Manners (first quarter, age 13) 2, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 3, C. E. J. Watt 4, W. M. Greenway 5, G. F. Capeling 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On September 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Barraclough 1, J. Hall 2, H. Ludkin 3, Miss Mary Walshaw (first quarter as conductor) 4, W. Kerr 5, F. R. Harris (first quarter) 6, H. Walker 7, R. Edwards 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On September 8th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Bish 1, A. Miller 2, S. Jessop (Boston) 3, C. W. Denyer (Aldershot) (conductor) 4, T. W. Wellbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman 7, S. Howard 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Pritchard 1, L. Barry 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Thain 5, T. Witts (conductor) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On September 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. J. Hector 1, G. H. Harding 2, J. J. Pratt 3, C. Butcher 4, J. Francis 5, W. H. Coles 6, P. Corke 7, E. Parker 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, W. R. Baxter 10. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer's grandson, who was married the previous day.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: A. Howell 1, G. Latham 2, L. Barry (conductor) 3, T. Pritchard 4, R. J. Thain 5, R. Sharpe 6.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham (conductor) 2, B. Latham 3, F. Garland 4, R. J. Thain 5, L. Cardwell 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

No subscription, no 'Ringing World.' Just a reminder to those
who forgot to send their quarterly subscriptions.

Another milestone passed! Edwin A. Barnett rang his 500th peal
at Crayford on September 16th. Congratulations!

Now who is 'S. Truggler's' Guild secretary? Why has he been
silent all these weeks?

November 1st is the day they elect new Mayors. It is also the
day 'The Ringing World' can take new subscribers. Canvass your
friends.

Suffolk is to have another ring of ten. The order has been given
for two new trebles to be added to the ring of eight bells at the
Parish Church, Mildenhall.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Helens on September
16th. There are asterisks against the names of three of the ringers,
but no explanation. We are not good at guessing footnotes!

Sgt. J. N. A. Pumphrey has been repatriated from the S.E. Asia
Command. He took part in a welcome home handbell peal at
Aylsham, Norfolk.

The peal rung at Ibstock, Leicestershire, on September 14th, was
arranged for the 20th anniversary of Ronald H. Dove's first peal,
which was rung on these bells, and three of the original band took
part. It was his 225th peal, also 25th with Mr. Ernest Morris, who
called his first peal there.

Apropos veterans in the belfry, Mr. P. D. Wenham, of Uford
Park, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, writes: There is a board in the
tower of Woodbridge, Suffolk, which reads: 'Andw. Fosdike went
up and down this tower 7 times in 27 mins. in the 69th year of his
age. March the 15th, 1753.' Those who know Suffolk towers commend
his agility.

Twelve of the sixteen ringers at Burford (Oxon) hold additional
offices in the church. The foreman and deputy foreman are members
of the choir, also representing the Church Council and Friends of the
Church respectively. There are three servers and choirmen, one
choirman, one sidesman, two choirboys, the organ blower, the verger
and the organist. Is this a record for at least variety of offices?

Sixty-four years ago Mr. A. J. Abrams learnt to ring on the treble
at Gestingthorpe, Essex. He was back on this bell on September
18th, when he rang a peal of Cambridge Minor to celebrate his 77th
birthday. Mr. Abrams has a chance to rival Mr. James George, who
rang two peals when he was 81.

Mr. F. G. Baldwin, Ringing Master of the South and West District,
Middlesex County Association, has been subject to a certain amount
of 'leg pulling' on our account. At a recent meeting at Cranford
confusion arose between his name and that of Mr. F. J. Bedford,
which gave the erroneous impression that Mr. Baldwin had acted
as Master before being a member! Our apologies.

The history and records of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths
have been lost. Mr. J. H. Beacall, churchwarden, of Flery Beacon,
Painswick, Glos., appeals for any help in tracing back the 260 years'
history of this society. His greatest hope is that the minute books of
the society will be found in someone's lumber room.

MR. CHURCHWARDEN DARK AND THE RECORD PEAL

A Rector's Viewpoint

Dear Sir,—While thanking you for inserting Mr. Dark's letter, I must differ from him when he says that such a feat cannot be considered 'elevating.'

Ringing is as much a part of the service of God as is organ playing. Some prefer one and some the other. Both require skill which takes long to acquire; and both are arts which are difficult for outsiders. One requires one skilled man: the other requires as many men as there are bells.

On the other hand, bells need not, and should not, annoy anyone. This is a matter for the churchwardens. Has Mr. Dark done all he could to render the bells under his care less annoying than they need be? All exits for the sound should be blocked for about 6ft. above the bells. And 'silencers' should be fitted for all feats above one hour in duration. Neither of these necessary fittings need be very costly.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Uford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

THE MESSAGE OF BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dark, in his letter contained in your issue September 20th, does not tell us whether he represents the Vicar or the people.

I have read his letter very carefully more than once, and am still confused or maybe bewildered by his remarks. Remarks I must class them as rather than ordered reasoning. He rambles over such a wide field, from pole squatting to the emptying of churches. One could destroy his thesis point by point, but that would be uncharitable. Instead I would ask Mr. Dark to give much greater thought not only to bellringing, but to what bellringing stands for, what it represents, and what message it conveys to the majority of laymen.

Obviously Mr. Dark does not enjoy the sound of church bells even when properly rung unless perchance they are being used to remind his own particular flock of their duties. I submit, sir, that the ringing either for services or for peals may remind thousands that there are other elements in their lives, apart from secular enjoyment.

I do know that the bells of the parish church with their constant message are very dear to the real parishioner, whether in his own parish or elsewhere.

I ask Mr. Dark not to imagine that all ringers have taken up the exercise for the purpose of recording feats of endurance. Far be it from them any such intention. I believe that the great majority of ringers have a deep sense of their responsibility and glory in the fact that their ringing is a form of service, neither distasteful to God Himself nor to those who have Him in their thoughts.

Among the many millions who hear various peals there are no doubt some who through lack of understanding may not appreciate their appeal; but there is a great multitude to whom those bells convey a message, however slight. A company Christian by baptism, who seldom if ever enter a place of worship, yet who, hearing the tintinnabulation of the bells, turn their thoughts first to the Church, and instinctively to Christ the head of the Church, and who knows what may be in a man's heart.

Is there a churchman or churchwarden who would cast his shadow to prevent such a thought? Shame on you, Mr. Dark, for your slight endeavour to belittle any instrument used in the service of God to His honour and glory. Your letter is not in keeping with your office.

Watford.

'NON-RINGER.'

SOMERSET WRITES TO MR. DARK

Dear Sir,—You mention that your friend says that the Oxford peal was a wonderful feat of endurance, also that it would encourage other ringers to strive for perfection. Is that not what man has been doing through the ages? Is not one of the highest ideals in human nature to reach perfection or in other words to hitch his wagon to a star? Even in man's pastimes (billiards, football, etc.) does he not strive for perfection? What standard should we have reached in any direction had we not been encouraged by the examples of others?

I note that you think that lengthy ringing may not further the mission of the Church, but rather the reverse, even to the extent of keeping people from the Church. Surely our religion is very shallow if we allow such a thing as this to keep us from our Maker. You state that you have not much knowledge of bellringing. I would suggest that should you make a study of that most interesting and ancient art, then you might feel less irritated when you hear the wonderful variety of combinations of musical sounds that can be produced with ten or even eight bells.—Yours faithfully,

Douling, near Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

J. A. SMITH.

A QUESTION

Sir,—Churchwarden Dark is obviously so much 'in the dark' as regards ringing in general that his letter cannot be replied to, but as he accuses ringers of keeping people away from church I should like to ask him just one question, 'How many people have been kept away from church through the unpopularity of church officials, and through the attitude of the parson towards the social side of church life and also by the form of service used in churches?'

Burgess Hill, Sussex.

F. I. HAIRS.

Mr. Dark Returns to the Fray

Dear Sir,—The ringers' point of view, as expressed in your reply to my letter is interesting, and I would that more lay churchfolk see it. Many would, however, find your argument that the secular ringing, the pastime as you call it, is at least on an equal footing with liturgical ringing, a novel theory. Bells are associated, in the minds of churchpeople, with the worship of Almighty God; they were provided first and foremost with this object in view; I have never heard of anyone donating bells for any other purpose. Secular campaniles, as at Manchester Town Hall, come in a different category.

Your suggestion that the science of change ringing contributes to the standards of service ringing is open to question. In those areas where method ringing is not adopted there is striking as good if not better than in a large proportion of the half-pull belfries, and good call-changes sound as attractive to most churchpeople as good change ringing. No, I cannot see that long peals have been of benefit to the Church.

Ringers are privileged people, in that the instruments or tools needed for their pastime are provided and ready for their use with little or no effort on their part; their primary object should be liturgical ringing every time, with their secular hobby taking second place.

In conclusion, I would say that while change ringing is indistinguishable from the simpler ringing in the minds or ears of most people, there are plenty of us who are capable of appreciating the 'music' of your pastime. Many years ago I decided that two methods appealed to my ear more than others, and although I still know nothing of the manner in which they are produced, I can immediately recognise the Stedman principle, and Plain Bob. I can enjoy Stedman as rung by learners, but it takes a good hand, ringing the major method, to make it pleasurable to me.—Yours faithfully,

S. V. DARK.

Wells Road, Bristol.

CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PEALS

Sir,—Your editorial in this week's issue gives much food for thought. One must agree with it in its entirety, but a deaf ear cannot be turned to the type of person as Churchwarden Dark. He turns up from near most churches with a ring of bells, and although steps are being taken to prevent a 'disturbing' effect upon the uninitiated ear, there are many rings which are noisy in the vicinity of the church. There are a number of people whose nerves have not been improved during the war years. I like to ring a peal as much as anybody, but I either choose the place, time or the occasion for which the peal is rung.

What other steps could be taken to eliminate these complaints? Perhaps if the 'Conditions required for peals,' as published in the Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' were revised, much could be done, and I would suggest that the minimum number of changes be altered to 2,500. As the rules stand, only the persons who possess brain and brawn are capable of peal ringing. The reduced number of changes would give an opportunity for both brain and brawn. There would be nothing to prevent the record makers carrying on as now.

I am the last man to suggest a reduction in 'standards,' but are our 'standards' up to date? The present ones served their purpose well in 1891 and 1892, when the number of the higher methods was very limited and the number of changes was the primary consideration, but what is the state of the Exercise in 1946? A large number of Surprise methods, splicing, etc. What is going to be the trend in the future 5,000's or methods? Let us cater for the future. Advantages of the reduction would be many. The older members who still retain their mental faculties but are physically worse would still enjoy peals (not all men are James Georges or Richard Whites). The 'youth' as much talked about at Norwich would be brought in, 2nd and 3rd could be cut out of 6ths place in Treble Bob methods. The public would not be subjected to a (to some of them) disturbing discordance. Members would have opportunities to ring peals during the evenings without having to carry on until a late hour.

In my travels I have seen peal boards recording half-peals; they must have had similar thoughts. Then again, look through the columns of 'The Ringing World' and notice the increased popularity of quarter-peals.

PETER CROOK.

203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

SCARCELY AUDIBLE

Dear Sir,—No doubt everyone agrees on the value of criticism, but for goodness' sake let it be based to some extent on truth. Mr. Dark's words 'to inflict such a row upon the innocent inhabitants of Oxford' are ridiculous. Has he ever been to Oxford and heard our Cathedral bells? On August 24th they were scarcely audible from the street side of Tom Tower—less than 200 yards away. More than 99 per cent. of Oxford's citizens must have been innocent of the fact that the bells were being rung at all.

A pity Mr. Dark is so much in the dark regarding the true state of affairs.

'INNOCENT CITIZEN.'

Oxford.

Letters on Other Topics

S. TRUGGLER SUMS UP

Dear Sir,—Probably Mr. Theobald's very reasonable letter can be treated as the last contribution to the correspondence prompted by my letter to you and published on August 9th.

The literary attempts of some of your correspondents are enlightening enough and need no criticism from me to enable your readers to form fairly accurate opinions as to whether the writers favour putting self or service first.

The only persons other than myself who have any clue to my identity are you, Mr. Editor, and my general secretary, and why, therefore, I should be accused of washing any Guild's linen in public is beyond me, otherwise the points made by your correspondents are clear to me—alas, only too clear in some instances!

It may interest your readers, however, to know that S. Trugger is not really a struggler in the ringing sense. As a matter of fact, I am a fairly accomplished peal ringer.

Further, my general secretary (who prides himself on being blessed with a sense of humour and free from fanaticism) saw and approved my first letter before it was published, and we both agreed it would be interesting to hear the views of your readers on the points raised.

We have met again, summed up and arrived at the following conclusions:—

(a) That Guild officers should be free to ring in peals which clash with meetings of their Guild, provided the peals do not detract from the attendance at and usefulness of the meeting; and

(b) That Guild officers should at all cost avoid becoming members of small cliques formed within their Guild.—Yours, etc.,

S. TRUGGLER.

WHY ROUNDS?

Dear Sir,—The art of change ringing consists in being able to ring a bell in three distinct times, quick, medium and slow.

If learners are given a good amount of dumb-bell practice and methods learnt on handbells rung single-handed, I see no reason why they cannot be put straight into changes on an inside bell with tenor turned. I have done this myself and I have seen them ring 720 Bob Minor on an inside bell, unassisted, within a month of first ringing open.

I have also taught more than one call change ringing band (which is only glorified rounds) change ringing, and to be candid I prefer to go to the local schoolmaster and inform him I want six or eight smart lads between the ages of 12 and 14.

To get the best effect (outside) on six, eight or ten you must turn the tenor; to ring her behind is only one step higher than call changes. In concluding, I would like to say cut out rounds and save valuable time.

B. T. JEANES.

Riverside, Bridgwater, Somerset.

JUST COUNT!

Dear Sir,—Count the ringers who took part in the 1914-18 war. Count the ringers who are and were professional Service men and women—and again, count the ringers who served in this war—and you'll find nearly everyone in the Exercise is eligible for membership in the Ex-Service Guild. I myself see no use for its formation.—Yours truly,

PATRICIA HOLMES.

Northwood, Middlesex.

P.S.—And in reply to Mr. S. V. Dark, if you are a God-fearing churchman, it will take more than the bells to keep you out of church. In these days when roaring airplanes, screaming traffic, yelling radios, football crowds and speedway meetings are tolerated, it seems impossible that our ears will be violated by the ringing of church bells.—P.H.

A CONTRACTING TENOR

Dear Sir,—I have rung two peals at Christ Church, Cathedral, Oxford. On October 1st, 1892, I rang the fourth to a peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hours and 22 minutes, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. This peal was rung on the back eight and the tenor was given as 42 cwt. On September 22nd, 1900, I rang the 10th to a peal of 5,021 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 31 minutes, conducted by C. F. Winney. The tenor was then given as 31 cwt. Both these peals were splendidly rung and without the slightest trip. The tenor in the record peal is now 30 cwt. Which is correct? I congratulate the whole band in ringing a satisfactory record peal of Stedman Cinques, but I give the Southwark band credit for ringing the false peal without the slightest trip whatever. In the ringing of the two peals at the Cathedral not one of us noticed any difficulty in the hum of the tenors and ventilation or anything else to prevent us from ringing excellent peals.

JAMES GEORGE.

Birmingham.

WATFORD BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I think many who tuned in at 9.30 on Sept. 22nd will wish to congratulate the Watford band, not only on striking on a higher plane than the usual run of broadcasting, but also on getting an uninterrupted hearing even if it was a bare two minutes. It would be interesting to know if our committee have succeeded at last, or if Watford were more successful in making a stand than was Nottingham earlier in the year.

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Nottingham.

National Police Guild

ANNUAL MEETING: A GREAT REUNION.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held in London on September 21st.

Lunch was taken at the Euston Tavern and 97 participated. Mr. H. Dalton, newly promoted Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, presided, and was supported by Mr. E. G. Fenn, of the College Youths. Among the many visitors was that old stalwart and keen supporter of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. The annual meeting is unique as being representative of all parts of the country, and many attended from points far removed from the Metropolis.

Insp. H. Poole, Leicester, the president of the Guild, welcomed the visitors and guests and congratulated Mr. Holton on his new promotion. Mr. Dalton responded and welcomed the Guild to London and also expressed his pleasure and surprise that so many members of the police were so enthusiastic bellringers. Mr. Fenn also suitably replied.

The business meeting followed. Among apologies for inability to attend was one from the Chief Constable of Leicester, vice-president of the Guild, and ex-Supt. F. R. Williams, of Manchester, whose absence was due to indisposition and to whom wishes for a speedy recovery were voiced. Fourteen new ringing members were admitted and two life members—Sir Charles Chillum, of Obeverell Magna, Devizes, and the Chief Constable of Birmingham. Insp. Poole addressed the meeting and congratulated those who had been promoted and those who had completed their period of service and had retired. He spoke of the good fellowship created in the Guild. There are now 113 ringing members and four life members, and a useful balance of £11 3s. was in hand.

Insp. Poole was unanimously re-elected president and ex-Sgt. H. G. Jenney secretary. Ringing took place at five towers, including St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. It ranged from Grandire to Cambridge Royal and Bristol and was like the curate's egg. The breaking of a rope early on at St. Martin's put an end to any twelve-bell effort. Ex-Sgt. Lawrence, of Hatfield, and Supt. Hilton, of Dorking, kindly offered to obtain and present to the Guild an insignia of office for the president.

A very enjoyable day concluded with a social evening at the Euston Tavern, when expressions of thanks were given to P.O. Prior and others of the Metropolitan Police who had worked hard to ensure the success of the visit to London, to the ringers who had joined in, and the incumbents and towerkeepers at the churches visited. Crowded befrieries were the order of the day.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Forty representatives attended the first meeting of this society at the Y.P.I., George Street, Hull, on September 7th, when the proceedings were carried on with great enthusiasm under the genial chairmanship of the president (Mr. G. F. Williams).

After the business meeting the company were entertained to a knife and fork tea on the invitation of the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, who with their hon. secretary, Miss Irene M. Lidgley, carried out all arrangements.

In the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Canon Boreham received the society and his encouraging message will long be remembered. Ringing followed, touches being rung of Grandire Caters, Triples and Doubles and Bob Major. Everybody present rang.

RING OF TEN AT WATFORD

On September 17th, the augmented ring of ten at Watford Parish Church was rung for the first time. The trebles were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and are a worthy addition to the fine eight, tenor 24 cwt., recast at Croydon in 1919.

In the presence of a large assembly of ringers and friends, the Vicar (Canon A. St. John Thorpe) stated that the formal dedication by the Bishop of St. Albans would take place on October 27th. After prayers by the Vicar, the ten bells were rung to the great delight of all present, an ambition of long standing at last being realised.

An enjoyable practice followed, the methods rung being Grandire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. As the B.B.C. were re-laying a service from the church the following Sunday (September 22nd), the Watford ringers can claim a unique distinction in that their first effort at service ringing on the ten was broadcast. Particulars of the new bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Given by Mr. F. M. Pearce, of Watford, as a memorial to his late wife, suitably inscribed. Weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Second.—Incorporated in the church war memorial, the greater part of the cost already defrayed by subscriptions from townspeople, churchwardens and ringers. Weight 5 cwt. 7 lb.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

An extra meeting was held on September 7th at Barnham Broom. A number came from several places to this tower, which is seldom visited by the association. Usual and unusual methods were rung on this pleasant minor five. After a nice tea at the Rectory, a short business meeting was held, at which the following were elected members, subject to confirmation at the next quarterly meeting: Mr. Arthur Buck (Barnham Broom), Mr. Arthur Allen (Runhall), and Mr. Bertie Hammond (Honingham).

BY CAR AND COACH

A DAY IN BRISTOL.

Burford ringers had a day's ringing at Bristol on September 14th. The journey was made by coach and a halt was made at Tetbury, where the fine ring of eight were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Bristol was reached at noon, and the first tower was St. Stephen's, where Grandsire Caters was the popular method. The party then adjourned to the Crown and Dove for an excellent lunch, at which they were honoured by the presence of the Rev. Mr. Patterson, Vicar of St. Thomas', who takes a keen interest in bellringing.

After lunch at All Saints', some difficulty was experienced by the 'stouter' members in ascending the tiny iron stairway. The fine ring of eight was good compensation together with the welcome by Mr. Wood, secretary of the Bristol Association.

St. Thomas' was the next tower on the programme, and though (as the Vicar had warned us at lunch) they were 'men's bells,' most of the ringers tackled them and several touches were brought round.

The last tower was St. Mary Redcliffe, to which every member of the party had been looking forward, and ringing on the very fine peal of 12 was a great joy to all. A short break was made at Chipping Sodbury on the homeward journey, where those who were not too tired ascended the tower for half an hour's ringing on the heavy six. B.S.N.

BIRMINGHAM'S OUTING.

On September 14th a group of Birmingham ringers and friends had a most enjoyable trip. Leaving the city by motor-coach and skirting the edge of the Black Country, we passed picturesque Bridgnorth, high up on its ridge overlooking the beautiful valley of the Severn, arriving at the old and historic church of Much Wenlock about 2.30. Here the local ringers had all in readiness, and the beautiful and well-going peal of eight, several of which were by Rudalls, were soon going to London.

Then back to Bridgnorth, where we were met by our good friend Mr. Thomas, who had kindly made all arrangements for ringing at St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, and for tea. Both churches stand high up on the ridge of the old town. The former, the old parish church, with its massive tower, is built, unfortunately, of a soft red sandstone which doesn't wear well. Both the going and the tone of the sixth were not too good, but the ringing chamber is fine and spacious and beautifully kept, and some good touches in various methods were brought round. Then came an adjournment to the King's Head for a much appreciated tea, concluding with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas before going on to St. Mary's. Here is a very good light eight which should be ideal for peals, and we had another good time with a really well-struck touch of Stedman as a finale. H.

O'ER 'THE GREEN HILLS OF SOMERSET.'

Trowbridge Parish Church ringers decided to have an afternoon's outing by motor-coach in Somerset on September 14th. At Frome they were met by Mr. W. Flower. To reach the ringing chamber we had to go through the body of the church, and this magnificent old building, which dates back to the 11th century, filled us with amazement. The bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), a fine peal of eight, were soon in motion and an hour's ringing was much enjoyed.

Our next objective was Ditchat. Nature itself gave us her best on the journey, and on the crest of one of the many hills the sun burst through the heavy clouds for a brief spell and those 'green hills of Somerset' were turned to gold. On reaching Ditchat Mr. H. Lintern was there to welcome us and took us to the Green Tree Hotel for tea. We then made our way to the tower and had another hour's ringing on one of the finest peals of eight (tenor 24 cwt.) we have ever rung on.

Our last tower was Evercreech and there we saw a specimen of one of Somerset's magnificent towers. Another hour's ringing on the bells, a peal of eight (tenor about 1 ton) brought our ringing to a close. The ringing throughout had been of a very high standard and the various methods rung were conducted by Messrs. Harding, Hector, Baxter, Parker and Miss Cleavelands. E.P.

ST. LEONARD'S, EYNSHAM.

On September 21st, a party of ringers from Eynsham, with fellow ringers from some neighbouring villages, and friends, visited Old Windsor, Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead. They were met at Slough by Mr. Birmingham, who had very kindly made arrangements beforehand for ringing at the four above-named towers, tea being had at Slough. All ringers taking part in this outing (Eynsham's first) had a thoroughly enjoyable day. C.G.C.

SLIMBRIDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A series of interesting towers were selected by the Slimbridge Church ringers for their outing. By 9 a.m. the party had reached Nailsworth, a church which is a perfect gem of beauty, and the bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Minor. Ringing also took place at Tetbury (where the party was met by Mr. Broom), Malmesbury Abbey (a real treat), Chippenham St. Paul's, Devizes, Swindon, Highworth and Lechlade. The arrangements were made by the captain, Mr. H. J. Hobbs, and there was handbell ringing between the various stops. H.J.H.

OBITUARY

MR. H. FISHER, CHORLEY.

With the passing of Mr. H. Fisher, of Chorley, on September 25th, the Parish Church belfry has lost a most conscientious and regular service ringer, who until his health failed rarely missed ringing for service. He had been a member of the Lancashire Association since 1921, but never attempted a peal, although he had rung several quarter-peals. The funeral was at Chorley Cemetery on Sept. 28th.

On Sunday the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled. At morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples: K. Blackledge 1, T. Barker 2, F. Rigby (conductor) 3, T. Lofthouse 4, A. Rigby 5, H. Southworth 6, J. H. Gartside 7, H. Marsden tenor. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: K. Blackledge 1, F. Rigby (conductor) 2, T. Lofthouse 3, A. Rigby 4, H. Southworth 5, J. H. Gartside 6, H. Marsden 7.

THE MIDDLESEX AT TWICKENHAM

When the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association met at Twickenham on September 21st it was decided to send the congratulations of the association to Mr. A. Harding on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Mary's, Faling. The president (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane) presided, and the confirmation of the election of two new members—Mr. W. Simmonds, of Hershaw (life) and Miss Sheila Harris, of Isleworth (ringing)—was agreed to. The next meeting was fixed for St. Stephen's, Faling, on October 19th, with an evening meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 28th.

Ringings were under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, with plenty of rounds for learners. The president conducted the service. He was thanked by the secretary, as were Mr. and Mrs. Lovell for providing tea.

Towers represented were Cheltenham, Chiswick, Faling (St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Ewell, Gospel Oak, Hillingdon (St. John's), Holloway, Kensington, Lowestoft, Reading, Richmond, Twickenham and Widford.

THE LADIES' GUILD

EASTERN DISTRICT AT STOWMARKET.

The Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild met at Stowmarket on September 14th, when 15 members, including the general secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher), Mrs. Cotterell, of Bradford, and Mrs. Massey, of Epsom, were present.

Ringings ranged from rounds and call changes to London Surprise, and included two good courses of Bob Major by a band of ladies, the 24 cwt. tenor being rung by Miss H. G. Snowden.

Tea was served in the Church Hall to a party of over 40, and afterwards votes of thanks were given to the Vicar, the Rev. Hinde, to Mr. O. G. Barnard, who had been so helpful in arranging the meeting, and to the ladies who served tea.

At the business meeting it was reported that the district was showing signs of reviving. Five new members were elected, viz., Mrs. Belts and the Misses Jenvey, Orford, Good and Freer. These brought the total of paid-up members to 27. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Sudbury on November 30th, and the following one at Beccles.

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OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — Autumn meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 4.45. Short service at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Epsom St. Martin's (10), on Oct. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Capitol Cafe.—A. H. Smith.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Great Barton (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Hon. Dis. Sec., Horringer.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Barnsley and Doncaster Societies' joint meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in Hagenback's Cafe.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Slaugham, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Mossley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Badger, Lloyds Bank, Thame, Oxon.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in Reading Room.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Carbrooke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. No business. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. C. Johnson, Carbrooke.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

WISBECH ST. PETER'S.—Commencing Saturday, October 5th (and until further notice in these columns), a ten-bell practice will be held on the first Saturday in each month from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Harry Means, Melbourne, 56, Queen's Road, Wisbech, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Hindley (8), Sat., Oct. 5th, 2.30. Tea at local cafe. Look up Double Norwich and Cambridge. Help the learner.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Swanage, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2.30. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, 5.—A. Philips, Hon. Branch Sec.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—The new ring of 8 bells (Messrs. Taylor & Co.) will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Welcome to all from all parts. Week-end accommodation: Hendra's Hotel, Karenza Hotel. All G.W.R. main line trains serve Carbis Bay.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Honiton Clyst, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 7th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. Phone Budleigh 719.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's 4.30. Tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and names for tea must reach me not later than first post Oct. 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 8th, for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Wroxton and Hanwell (5), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30. Service at Wroxton 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Banbury (10) later. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Yorktown (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea is being arranged. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Oldswinford, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea. Business. Bring own eats.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Syston District.—Billesdon, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea uncertain.—H. Humphreys, Barkby Lane, Syston.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Barlborough (6), October 12th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Oct. 12th, Husbands Bosworth, 3 to 5 p.m., Theddingworth, 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at Husbands Bosworth, 5 p.m., 2s. each, by Oct. 8th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Gt. Glenn, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Shenley (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

LADIES GUILD.—South Eastern Area (Kent and Sussex).—Meeting Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names by 9th to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Tel. Burgess Hill 3293.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing at Cathedral, 3-4; Frindsbury, 2-3.30. Cathedral service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 3, High Street, Rochester. Ringing at Cathedral, Frindsbury and Chatham, after meeting. Names for tea must reach me by Oct. 9th latest.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting, Newburn, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea available.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea arrangements next week.—W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurston 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea and meeting 5.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIO. GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Glasbury-on-Wye (8), Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mrs. Haigh, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton, not later than Oct. 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Leyland St. James', Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting, West Huntspill, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. and SALISBURY GUILD.—Wootton Bassett (8), October 12th. Names for tea to L. A. Wilson, 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.—W. B. Kynaston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Sepulchre's, Northampton. Names for tea to Mr. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, not later than Oct. 8th.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Hessle, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at New Cafe to all who notify by Oct. 9th, Mr. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Swanland Road, Hessle.

ELY DIO. ASSN.—Hunts District.—Joint meeting with Biggleswade District, Beds, Gamlingay, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker and C. Bell, Dis. Secs.,

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Holy Trinity, Blackburn, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—C. W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

OXFORD DIO. GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Branch Sec., Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Staverton (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. All requiring tea must notify early.—H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford.

CHESTER DIO. GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Runcorn, Sat., Oct. 12th. Advise Mr. R. Hulse, 97, Percival Lane, Runcorn, if requiring tea, not later than 9th inst.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Buckland, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; please bring own food.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined pactice, Cookham (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5 p.m. Four tea shops near church.—T. T. Fowler, Branch Ringing Master.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 12th, at All Saints', Weston, owing to Twerton arrangements being cancelled at short notice. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Spread Eagle, 4.45 p.m. Bring own food and tea. Bus leaves Bromley at 6.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. for Colchester.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Sat., Oct. 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

LINCOLN DIO. GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Branston (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30. Service 4.15, business meeting following, Names for tea by Oct. 9th to K. W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice at Kendal Parish Church (10), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, not later than Oct. 9th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Branch.—Crowcombe, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, the Church Room, 5.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.—South and West District.—St. Stephen's, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Hope to arrange for cups of tea. M.C.A. reports ready. Evening meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Monday, Oct. 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Boreham, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

SOUTHWELL GUILD and NORTH NOTTS ASSN.—Joint meeting, Newark, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; numerous cafes nearby. Meeting 5.45 to discuss formation of Newark District.—T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Denman, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIO. ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea, Greyhound, and meeting; bring food.—W. H. Marsh, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Haslemere, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea only for those who send names by Oct. 14th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Particulars next meeting.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** and **ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Oct. 19th, or make own arrangements.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringers coming up to the University this October will be welcomed by the society. They are asked to communicate with the Master (Miss B. Spice, 19, Holywell) as soon as possible.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will anyone who is coming up next term and who can ring or wishes to learn, please get in touch with me as soon as possible?—R. F. B. Speed, Caius College, Cambridge.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—It is proposed to put a memorial in the above church in memory of Petty Officer H. T. Chandler, Royal Navy, who lost his life while serving his country. All donations to Mr. T. Jones, 64, Headbrook, Kington, Herefordshire.

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THE END OF THE M.C.A.

One of the great bulwarks of English ringing was the Midland Counties Association, whose final meeting is reported in this issue. For over 60 years it has played no small part in advancing the art of change ringing in the heart of the country. In future its work will be undertaken by four new Guilds—Leicester, Derby, Southwell and Burton. There is wisdom in division; guilds should never become unwieldy organisations and officers should be able to cover their territory easily. We are not suggesting in any way that Mr. Ernest Morris, during the 21 years of his secretaryship, has been guilty in any sense of neglecting meetings; indeed, his work has been most praiseworthy.

We hope that S. Truggler will note that, despite his great responsibilities, Mr. Morris has rung 778 peals for the M.C.A.! But then Mr. Morris is not an ordinary man. Canon Wilkinson gave the meeting at Leicester a pen-picture of 'Ernest's' activities. 'One saw him running up and down the Church; doling out charity at the Select Vestry; in the stokehold or in the schools; one found him in the Museum delving into ancient documents dealing with genealogy; in the reference department at the library searching out historical data; he wrote books; he gave lectures, and, despite this, found time to visit all sorts of belfries.'

The officers of the old association were not permitted to part without receiving mementoes of their stewardship and each new guild starts with a balance of £70 in the General Fund received from the funds of the parent body. The new guilds will also take with them a worthy tradition; they have already started to shape their destiny along the right lines. Rarely is there an issue of 'The Ringing World' without the new Leicester Guild being prominent either in respect to the arrangement of meetings or the ringing of peals. The other three, we believe, have equal confidence. The Exercise wishes them well and hopes that in years to come they will be able to say, 'Bell, book and candle shall not drive me back.' Nevertheless, amid all the atmosphere of 'the green new broom sweepeth clean,' time will be found to renew the happy memories of the past and hold annual reunions as suggested.

TEN BELL PEALS

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 2031 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
*MISS JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON* ... 3	DAVID VINCENT 8
*GEORGE H. HESKETH... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
JOHN E. SPICE 5	*FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD A. MAY Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
ALBERT W. BOND 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31¼ cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	JOHN S. MASON 8
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.
‡ 300th peal. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES WARD Treble	*JOHN ORME 5
THOMAS H. MATHER ... 2	*ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 6
*ALBERT BILLINGTON ... 3	*DENNIS MADDOCK ... 7
ROBERT HULSE 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

EDGAR C. STACEY ... Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
*F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... 2	RICHARD WILCOCKS ... 6
*RICHARD THOMPSON ... 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 7
†LEONARD WEBB 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by W. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the new bells. Rung to welcome the ringer of the 2nd from H.M. Forces.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*BETTY SPICE 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
JAMES HIGGINS 3	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 7
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WALTER ALLMAN Treble	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 5
*REGINALD D. WOKRALL 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
*MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 3	HARRY PARKER 7
*ERIC NOBLES 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal of Oxford.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
GEORGE LEDSHAM 2	TOM WILDE 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	PETER LAFIN 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON (C.C.C. 223). Conducted by J. WORTH.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
HENRY MULLARD Treble	LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... 2	ALAN E. BROWN 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
*ERIC T. LEE 4	*RODNEY COOPER Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

Holt's Ten-part.	
*TREVOR DEW Treble	FRANK A. PENN 5
NORMAN G. N. KNEE ... 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 4	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
W. ARCHIE LOCK 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

STAVERTON, DAVENTRY.—On September 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss P. Jackson 1, Sidney Osborne (first 720) 2, Mrs. F. S. Powell 3, Kilby R. Holtom (first 720) 4, Rev. E. S. Powe! (conductor) 5, Miss M. Clarke 6.

IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On September 7th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss K. Putnam (first 720) 1, F. J. Reeve 2, R. W. Metcalfe 3, F. C. Reeve 4, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY WRIGHTSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. BROWN 5
*KENNETH PICKERING ... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
ROBERT BELL 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by A. BRUNTON.
 * First peal (aged 15).

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
 Rung with half-muffled bells as a token of respect to Mr. H. Harris, an old and valued member of the Cathedral band.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR <i>Treble</i>	NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
JOHN W. CARTER 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
*GEORGE R. BUTLER ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
 * First peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
JOHN G. AMES 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

*ALFRED W. TOWNSEND <i>Treble</i>	†ARTHUR J. FARR 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	GEORGE R. BUTLER 6
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH... 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
ARTHUR ROLFE 4	†JOHN G. AMES <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
 * First peal of Major. † 100th peal together.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD STILWELL 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
 First peal on the eight bells since being augmented.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

*HAROLD A. ROLES ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. C. SMITH 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 6
JAMES E. FIGGURES 3	LEONARD HARRIS 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 4	LESLIE A. PAGE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
 * First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung for the 34th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the seventh.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*KENNETH J. JONES ... <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 5
†PERCY HULL 2	HENRY J. SANGER 6
JOHN E. METCALFE ... 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*DAVID TARGETT 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. T. DYKE. Conducted by R. G. BECK.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY <i>Treble</i>	†ERIC J. GILBERT 5
*MISS MARGARET L. TUTT 2	†GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (151). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
 * First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative.

LEYTON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*SQUIRE CROFT *Treble*

ERNEST E. FURBANK ... 5
RICHARD T. NEWMAN ... 6
*HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
EDWARD D. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.
 * First peal of Surprise.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5
*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY 2	RAYMOND WOOD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JOHN HUNT 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN... 4	HENRY STALHAM <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
 * First peal of Major with an 'inside bell.'

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE DAVIS 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS... 2	*LESLIE EVANS 6
*JOHN D. ROCK 3	HARRY JENKINS 7
*E. PETER ROCK 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
 * First peal of Major.



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SIX BELL PEALS

MUNDFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt in B.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 4
WALLACE COUSINS ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
FRED WIGMORE ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 22 cwt.

JACK MUSSEL ... Treble	LEONARD HARRIS ... 4
*LESLIE A. PAGE ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. approx.

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... Treble	† STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
* ERIC SMITH ... 2	† CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
† WILFRED E. YOUNG ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. A. J. Abrams.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of five six-scores of Plain Bob and 37 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*LESLIE H. COLCOMBE ... Treble	A. JAMES YOUNG ... 4
*LESLIE D. YOUNG ... 2	PERCY H. YOUNG ... 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG ... 3	*VICTOR G. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. D. George-Harris, for many years a member of the local band.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt in A.

LEONARD WALSH ... Treble	CHAS. W. BLAKEY ... 4
J. BRIAN SMITH ... 2	CHRIS. M. JOHNSON ... 5
KENNETH HINDLE ... 3	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ABBOT ... Treble	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	ARTHUR MORRIS ... 5
JOHN A. BRAGG ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

NORTON, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, York, Wells, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK TRINER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... 2	ALBAN JACK ... 5
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHELDON.

TREETON, NEAR ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4
*MILDRED TURLEY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
†GORDON BRIGGS ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First tower-bell peal. Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of Reginald Payne, a ringer in this district, who lost his life in an R.A.F. crash six years ago this day, and to all those from Treeton who gave their lives during the war.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN HOTCHIN ... Treble	REGINALD PERRY ... 4
*ROBERT W. SHIRE ... 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
LEONARD VICKERY ... 3	JAMES COLE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. M. L. Winterton, Vicar of Trull for 27 years, who retired on September 30th.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH BROWN ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
DONALD L. WALTON ... 2	HARRY KIRBY ... 5
G. STANLEY BREWIN ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 Plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (2) Double and Reverse Bob; (3) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham Bob; (6) St. Clement's and Colledge; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CYRIL WARD ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	*JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

* First peal in 14 methods. One hundred and seventy changes of method.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

CLEATHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 Plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (2) Double and Reverse Bob; (3) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham Bob; (6) St. Clement's and Colledge; (7) Childwall and Wavertree.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY ... 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

One hundred and seventy changes of method.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept.

15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, Miss E. Landon 3, H. A. Nobes 4, S. E. Cook 5, E. A. Jurd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. Barron 8.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.—On September 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Impey (conductor) 1, F. Selwyn, sen. 2, W. Watson 3, R. Grainge 4, T. Impey 5, J. Simons 6, R. Grainge 7, R. H. Cave 8.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Carse 1, Miss K. Stoddart 2, J. Carse 3, A. Wallace 4, R. Mallaburn (conductor) 5, R. Barrow 6. Rung for the marriage of Mr. J. Clifton, a member of the Benwell band.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On September 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. E. Lambert 1, A. W. Durham 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, F. Bromley 4, R. T. Lambert 5, A. Bromley 6, E. Bromley 7, J. Hammond 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On September 15th, 1,440 Bucknall Delight: Mrs. C. Bowen 1, F. W. Groot 2, R. O. Preston 3, C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, F. Groot, jun. (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the mother of Mr. C. Bowen on her 80th birthday.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.—On September 12th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Price 1, W. Wain 2, Mrs. M. Hatton 3, W. Knowles 4, W. Swain (conductor) 5, J. W. Price 6. Rung muffled for the funeral of Brig.-Gen. G. K. Jackson.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On September 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan S. Sansom (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, D. J. Hayward (first quarter) 4, J. E. Chilcott (conductor) 5, P. J. Woodgyer 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lilley (first quarter) 1, H. E. Lilley 2, A. C. Langford (first quarter) 3, G. Woods 4, G. Apps 5, R. Overy (conductor) 6, J. Jeffery 7, E. Quickenden 8.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Fogden 1, P. E. Clark 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. Kent 4, C. J. Tricker 5, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

FITZHEAD, DEVON.—On September 11th, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Comins (first quarter) 1, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 2, C. Farr 3, H. G. Sparkes (first quarter) 4, S. N. Bristow 5, H. Purchase 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas (first quarter of Triples) 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, G. E. Retter (conductor) 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, A. J. C. Holway 7, A. Colley 8. First quarter of Triples as a local band.

QUARTER PEALS

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On September 15th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. H. Tyler (first quarter in method) 1, F. Price 2, Miss Dorothy T. Richardson (first quarter in method) 3, W. Deane 4, W. J. Chester 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. Rung on the occasion of R. Tyler's 15th birthday.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—On September 18th for the induction of the Rev. A. E. Standing to the living 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. A. Smith (first quarter, aged 13 years) 1, L. M. Callow 2, H. Folwell 3, W. A. Stote (conductor) 4, L. R. Callow 5.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On September 15th at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Croft 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, W. J. Ellis 3, E. J. Lindley 4, R. H. Begrie 5, H. G. Andrews 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. Bullock 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On September 15th at the Cathedral, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, M. Lawrence (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, J. S. Walton 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

ROTHWELL, LEEDS.—On September 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Steele 1, Mrs. M. Dolphin (first quarter) 2, W. Ward 3, G. Copley 4, T. W. Strangeways 5, A. Cole 6, P. Massam 7, H. Homer 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' on September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, J. E. Figgures 2, L. A. Page 3, E. J. Maidment 4, W. A. Theobald 5, F. L. Harris (conductor) 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. A. Ewins (first quarter) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, E. E. Goshing 3, W. E. Judd 4, B. T. Lister (first quarter 'inside') 5, W. Birmingham (conductor) 6, E. L. A. Hudson 7, E. H. Preston 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Kirk on the occasion of her marriage.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, J. N. Jukes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. Shepherd 5, H. Bragg 6, E. C. Shepherd 7, V. W. Rigg 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On September 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Knight (first quarter in the method) 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayer 3, A. Dale 4, F. J. Spicer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, G. W. Dobenham (conductor) 7, W. Ayre 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On September 15th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Cookson 1, R. Smith (first quarter) 2, Miss F. L. Wright 3, J. W. Smith (conductor) 4, D. W. Turner 5, F. W. Gibbs 6, F. V. Nicholls 7, R. Lees 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Roger Fry, who conducted his first peal at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath,
is 16 years of age.

Mr. F. Bennett has now 'completed the circle' at Westbourne,
Sussex, and Mr. L. Evans at Lyonshall, Herefordshire.

In closing the Midland Counties Association activities it is noted
that Mr. Ernest Morris, for 21 years its secretary, rang for his
association 778 peals. Is this a record for one society?

A non-ringing conductor is rarely experienced. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon
conducted six of his pupils at Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, in a peal of
Surprise Minor.

We had 50 orders in last week for November 1st, when 'The
Ringing World' will be available for all who desire it. We feel we
can do better this week.

Rescued from salvage! A few copies of 'A Great Adventure,' the
story of the bellringing tour in Australia told by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith,
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In answer to a query by Mr. W. B. Cartwright re conducting of
London Surprise Major, which appeared in this column, Mr. Wilfrid
Williams, of Cheltenham, says he has called a different composition
from every bell, including all possible numbers from 5,024 to 5,184.

Runcorn ringers have started again. The peal on September
18th was the first by a local band since 1899! There were five first
peals of Bob Major. Congratulations. Please don't wait another 47
years.

Touring round the countryside we have been struck by the number
of ringing cartoons displayed in belfries. 'The Ringing World'
makes its first contribution this week—the work of 'P.H.' If readers
find cartoons entertaining we are prepared to introduce an occasional
'strip' on ringing topics. Let your editor know your views.

Charles L. Sadler, the ringer of the treble to the peal of Major at
Clifford, Herefordshire, on September 28th, rang the sixth there to
the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples, in 1897.

Rivalry existed as to the honour of ringing the first peal on the
bells at Mundford, Norfolk. Writes Mr. Nolan Golden: 'Much regret
that when reporting "first peal on the bells" had no idea certain
irresponsible tower grabbers had beaten us to it on the previous
Saturday! The first peal is in this week's issue.

St. David's Guild have a shrewd treasurer in Mr. E. J. Thomas.
He reminds us that the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund at
the Tenby meeting was £1 10s. and not £1 1s. as published. 'The
Ringing World' can now be produced to satisfy the Guild auditor.

Four holiday peals are recorded this week. They were arranged for
Miss L. Hibbert and Mr. P. A. Corby by Messrs. Harold Poole, Nolan
Golden and Rupert Richardson. The only failure was Yorkshire
Major at Hazelbeech, Northants, after 2½ hours on September 15th,
due to the breaking of the treble rope by one of the tougher members
of the Ladies' Guild! At Holbeach, the peal was something of an
adventure, 84ft. of rope with a dearth of guides, but a good peal
was rung without incident. It was the first on the bells since they
were rehung in 1936. Regret was expressed that Mr. Rupert Richardson
was unable to stand in because of illness.

'RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW'

Midland Counties Association Final Meeting

The concluding minute recording a meeting held at Nottingham on February 9th last reads: 'The secretary is empowered to call a final meeting—which would be at Leicester—as soon as all outstanding matters have been cleared, the report printed, and all payments made. At this meeting representatives of the four newly-formed Guilds would each receive their share of all remaining finances, and the four general officers a memento of the association to mark the members' appreciation of their work.'

This was duly carried out on September 28th, when over 100 members and friends met at St. Margaret's, Leicester. After ringing for two hours on the ring of twelve and the 'Margaret' eight, a tea was served at the schools despite the difficulties of catering and accommodation. This was made possible by the good services of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mr. Ernest Morris and lady helpers.

Following tea the President (Canon R. F. Wilkinson) said that the gathering was unique and unusual, being rather like the ancient custom sometimes carried out in Yorkshire called a 'Funeral Feast,' when those present not only remembered the departed, but also did themselves very well. Thus they had had their feast and now had come to the parting of the ways. It was perhaps with some regrets that they had departed from the old M.C.A., and started life anew as four separate guilds, but he felt sure they had done the right thing, as even the unbounded energy of their secretary had sometimes been overwhelmed by the vast area covered by the old association. The new Guilds had started well and were going strong. This was a good omen for the future welfare of the art.

Canon Wilkinson paid tribute to the memory of the pioneers who over 60 years ago had first started the M.C.A. and had worked so hard for its foundation and gone forth until at last it had become one of the foremost associations in the country. He was delighted to see present with them some of the older stalwarts in the persons of Messrs. W. White, of Cotgrave, A. H. Ward and J. Pagett, of Derby, and J. Morris, of Leicester. He paid high tribute to the general officers—Mr. Colin Harrison, an ideal vice-president, with his great knowledge of bells and all concerned with them, in his connection with the most famous bell foundry of J. Taylor and Co.; the treasurer, Miss I. B. Thompson, one who was most conscientious and diligent; the secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, well, there was only one 'Ernest,' earnest in everything he laid his hand to. It was a source of wonderment how he got through the many activities he took part in; his energy was boundless. Thus was the M.C.A. fortunate in such officers.

Now it was his duty to present each of the new Guilds with cheques dividing equally the funds. The respective treasurers each received £70 (general) and £6 15s. 5d. (Bell Repair Fund) on behalf of their respective associations. They were: Derby, Mr. W. Sheen; Leicester, Mr. A. E. Rowley; Southwell, Miss I. B. Thompson; Burton, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

This completed the actual work of the association, but before the final parting Mr. H. J. Poole said it was agreed to give each of the

retiring officers a memento showing the members' appreciation of their work. After suggesting that each of the four new Guilds could and should have combined meetings to commemorate the old association and keep alive its long and honoured history, it was with pleasure that he handed to the president a gong, specially made by J. Taylor and Co. and suitably inscribed. In accepting this, Canon Wilkinson said it would always be a reminder of the happy times he had had.

Mr. J. Pagett (Derby) then presented the vice-president, Mr. Colin Harrison, with a barometer which he trusted would ever be 'set fair' for him. Mr. Harrison, replying, said he would always remember the old M.C.A. and its members every time he looked at this splendid gift which would grace his new home.

Mr. Walter White (Notts) then presented Miss I. B. Thompson, treasurer, with a gong similar to that of the president's, and spoke of her splendid work. Miss Thompson, in accepting it, said she could not let this opportunity pass without mentioning how much she had been indebted to Mr. Ernest Morris by his unstinted help.

Mr. J. W. Cotton (Burton) then presented the secretary with a peal record book inscribed 'in recognition of his 21 years' service as general hon. secretary.' He said Mr. Morris had been a member for 40 years and no had rung so many peals for the M.C.A., and it was, therefore, very fitting to thus remember his work.

Mr. Morris, in reply, said nothing could have pleased him better, and as he rewrote all his 900 odd peals anew in these record books he would recal the scenes and peals, but particularly the many friendships he had made and the happy times they had spent over the long period of 40 years. He joined the M.C.A. in 1906, in 1908 was local secretary and since then had served in various capacities on the committee and for the last 21 years had been general secretary. He had—not like the secretary recently referred to in these columns—never missed attending meetings when and wherever possible, and although he had rung so many peals, these had never interfered with business! He had always worked for the benefit of the association and its members and for the art generally, and he was proud of the status they had reached.

The association handbells, which were originally left by Sir A. P. Heywood, were formally handed over to Derby by the consent of all members. They were presented by Mr. C. Turner, of Burbage, 'with regret' in a witty speech, for upon these bells he had learned to ring, and they had been well used in his district. Mr. W. Lancaster, in receiving them, said they would be used to advantage by his society and he thanked the M.C.A. for the gift.

The President, in closing the meeting, said that this gathering reminded him of Tennyson's words, 'Ring out the old—ring in the new,' and so, in wishing farewell to the old M.C.A., he wished prosperity to the new Guilds.

As a fitting conclusion, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Canon Wilkinson (president, M.C.A.) 1-2, Colin Harrison (vice-president, M.C.A.) 3-4, Harold J. Poole (president, Leicester D.G.) 5-6, Ernest Morris (vice-president, L.D.G.) 7-8. The bells of All Saints' (6) and St. John's (10) were available and made good use of until a late hour.

E.M.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PROGRESS REPORTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the association was held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 28th. The event was favoured with beautiful weather and a representative gathering of members assembled. Opportunities for ringing were available at St. John's and at St. James' and St. Basil's, Fenham, prior to a most enjoyable service. For the first time since 1938 it was possible to arrange a dinner, which was served at the County Hall, followed by the business meeting.

The President (Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland), in opening the proceedings, welcomed the large gathering of members and urged them to pull their weight for the good of the organisation so that the association would remain in a state which made for continued success. Mr. Patterson expressed the meeting's sympathy with Mr. G. W. Park and his two sons (the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer) in their recent loss.

In his annual report the hon. secretary (Mr. R. Park) referred to the great loss the association and indeed the whole Exercise had suffered in the death of Mr. J. W. Parker, and drew attention to some of his achievements in the field of composition. His death leaves a great gap in the ranks of the association which it seems impossible to fill, as men of Mr. Parker's talents are very rare. The peal report showed an increase of about 60 per cent. in number over the peals rung in the previous year, and although the number rung was not large judged by some standards, the progress made, especially by some of the younger people, was very pleasing.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. N. Park) presented the financial statement, which, although showing a reduction of about £3 in the balance in hand, was considered satisfactory.

Two notices of motion proposing alterations to rules came before the meeting. The first proposed that the annual meeting, which is held in Durham every second year, should be held in some other place in the diocese which offered better ringing facilities. The second was

that railway fares to the Central Council meeting should be paid for three representatives instead of two as at present. Both motions were defeated by large majorities and the rules remain unaltered.

The hon. secretary drew the attention of the committee to the fact that the annual meeting to be held next year would mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the association. It was decided that this should be made a special occasion, provided facilities could be obtained. An interim meeting is to be held in Darlington in May.

The following officers and committees will function during the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. L. Patterson; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Park; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. N. Park; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; hon. editorial secretary, Messrs. W. N. and R. Park (jointly); Peal Referees Committee, Messrs. K. Arthur, W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson and J. E. R. Keen; Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson and R. Park; elected members of sub-committee, Mr. J. Anderson, Miss M. Fiddell, Messrs. G. W. Park and G. A. Pickering.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Paxton Lynn, of Darlington, and C. Hetherington and E. Wallace, whose tune ringing on handbells was appreciated.

BROADCASTING—A BRIEF 'INTERIM REPORT'

Sir,—On five occasions I have had the opportunity of listening to recent broadcasts of bells before a Sunday service. In four instances duration was about 90 seconds: rounds from Stalbridge, Dorset, and—on bells of very quaint melodic intervals—from Stoke Climsland, Cornwall: Triples, which needed only ten seconds or so to complete the touch, from Bournemouth, and Caters from Watford, felicitously timed to come into rounds just before being switched off. Dartmouth bells were heard for about a minute, nearly all the time in a set change. In each case the ringing was transmitted without interruption. Except for one little hitch, the striking was distinctly good.

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

This Week's Post Bag

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—The recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Gloucester Cathedral, duly recorded in 'The Ringing World' Sept. 20th, is of more than passing interest as being the first peal rung there for 45 years.

The bells, a very fine Rudhall eight, hang in a magnificent tower, a visible landmark for miles around. Permission was first granted and the peal attempted on Saturday, July 27th, and was unsuccessful after 2½ hours' ringing, due to the bad 'go' of the tenor bell. Permission was again granted for another attempt on Saturday, September 7th, and a good peal was rung in 3 hours and 40 minutes.

Ringing conditions here are not too good. The eight bell-ropes hang in one quarter square of the large ringing chamber, in which are also housed the clock and the large hour bell, weighing approximately 3½ to 4 tons, and one can imagine with the eight bells ringing and the large bell striking the hours the noise in the ringing chamber is almost deafening.

The peal band consisted of five from Birmingham, two from Cheltenham and one from Bristol, and the peal commenced after 4 p.m. evensong at 4.48 p.m., coming round at 8.28 p.m., which left seven minutes for the Birmingham men to catch the last train from Gloucester at 8.35 p.m. Although a hurried descent from the tower was made and a taxi waiting, it was found at the station the train (which is usually late) had left and the next train to Birmingham 2.25 a.m., so there was nothing to do but wait. A pleasant time was spent with the locals (in a local!), and the Birmingham contingent arrived home at 4.30 a.m., and we are glad to report all turned up for Sunday morning service ringing. A. WALKER.

THE CHURCH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Apropos recent correspondence, are there not ringers who ring for pleasure and nothing else? They think the church exists for them, instead of they for the church. There are others who look upon all associations as a sort of 'trade union' or controlling authority over all bells and matters relating thereto. Bells are furnishings of the church and this is what is laid down in the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure, 1921, Section 4. From the commencement of this measure there shall be transferred to the Council of every parish all the powers relative to the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric and the goods and ornaments thereof. That doesn't say the guilds and associations are the controlling authorities over the bells! Without the Church, neither associations nor the art of bellringing could exist beyond a mere shadow.

In writing of the Church, we must remember primarily what it stands for, as Mr. Dark says. It may be as well to quote the words of my own Bishop some time ago at a bell dedication: 'Churches are not museums where archaeologists, campanologists and the like can go and amuse themselves. No! They stand for something more than that.' In the parish where I live the Vicar holds to this view and is not above giving a frequent reminder to all and sundry. To me personally he has spoken of associations as 'being all right from a social standpoint, but there being too much of the trade union idea behind many of them.'

'FAIR SEX.'

Northampton.

CONDUCTOR BLINDFOLDED

Sir,—Your correspondent's references to blind ringers reminds me of the record made by a conductor who allowed himself to be blindfolded and successfully steered his team through a peal. (I regret that I cannot trace the report to its source.)

I consider that the particulars are deserving of a reprint, if only to remind many ringers that 'listening' is more indispensable to good ringing than 'ropesight.'

HENRY MARTIN.

Dawlish, Devon.

AN ESSEX RECORD

Dear Sir,—Much has been published in 'The Ringing World' of late with regard to length of service in one tower. The following is the record of two brothers as recorded in the tower of St. Andrew's, Boreham, Essex:—

The record of Joseph Young. Born 1820, died 1906, who rung these bells for 67 years. Conducted the ringers for over 50 years. Rang for the Coronation, the marriage, the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the muffled peal at her burial. He rang the old year out 66 times and the new year in 66 times.

In memory of James Young, 37 years parish clerk, 60 years bell-ringer of this church. Called to his eternal rest September 31st, 1909, aged 87. Respected and beloved. 'The servant of God.'

A peal board in the tower records the first peal on the bells, rung in 1903, in five Minor methods. James Young took part in this peal, ringing the 2nd, being then 81 years of age. This was his first and only peal. The peal was conducted by the late Arthur Edwards.—Yours faithfully, A. H. EVERETT.

IN OUR BELFRY



THREE-FOUR!..... NO, NINE-TEN!!

A NORTHANTS AUGMENTATION

The dedication of two treble bells at Lower Heyford, Northants, marked another chapter in the history of the church. One was to the memory of the late Rev. I. Longdon, Rector for nearly 50 years, the other a victory bell subscribed for by parishioners and friends. Previously there were four bells.

The dedication ceremony was by the Rev. Robertson, Rural Dean of Weedon, assisted by the Rev. Mortimer, the Rev. White (both of Heyford), the Rev. Bender (Kislingbury), the Rev. E. S. Powell (Ringing Master and Rector of Staverton) and the Rev. Turner (Far Cotton, Northampton). An impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. Turner.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Room by lady helpers, 65 being present. After tea ringing of popular methods was enjoyed by a wide circle of friends. All agreed that the two trebles, provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, have much improved the ring.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. BRANCH MONTHLY PRACTICE.

Broadhembury, which once had as Vicar Augustus Toplady, author of 'Rock of Ages,' was the meeting place on September 21st of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The attendance totalled about 30. The 15th century church is the chief feature of a charming village and has a fine tower, but, despite great iron bands and ties, it oscillates amazingly when the ring of six bells (tenor 19 cwt.) is being used. And the bells are hung in reverse of the usual order. However, some good Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Duxbury), who welcomed the visitors and discoursed on the uses of bells. Mr. Charlesworth played the organ for hearty singing. Tea was taken at the Drewe Arms (part of which was formerly a 15th century priest house). Business, with Prebendary E. V. Cox (Guild president) in the chair and Mr. J. Arbury as hon. secretary, was brief. Sidbury and January 18th were chosen for the next branch meeting. The Rev. G. Ayre (Sidbury) was elected an hon. member, and on the suggestion of Mr. G. C. Woodley, monthly practices were approved with a start at Feniton on October 26th. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund yielded £1 6s. 3d.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

Plans for Advanced Ringing

The ninth annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association was held at the Saracens Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on October 5th, when some 80 people (limited to this number only because of accommodation and catering difficulties) enjoyed a well-varied evening's entertainment. In the afternoon the bells of All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6) had been placed at the disposal of ringers.

In the absence of the Dean of Worcester (president) through the pressure of other engagements, the chair was taken by the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt. Supporting him were Mrs. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president), and Mrs. Newman, Mr. J. Hemming (committee), Mr. W. H. Johnson (treasurer) and the Vicar of Badsey (the Rev. J. G. Jeffreys). Visitors present were the Rev. A. C. F. Davies (Precentor of Blackburn Cathedral), Mr. J. F. Harvey (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smallwood (Ealing), Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas (Enfield), Mr. W. H. Barber (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. Colclough (Dudley) and Miss D. Richardson (W.R.N.S.). Among others were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Messrs. C. Skidmore, D. R. Morris, B. C. Ashford, G. J. Hemming, E. F. Barber, E. C. Barber, T. W. Chapman, C. J. Camm, E. F. Cumberley, W. Ranford, G. Ambler, R. Woodyatt, G. E. Large, G. J. Lewis, etc.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. W. B. Cartwright proposed 'The Church and State.' He said he would like to see the State come more into line with the Church, and the country become more Christian. For the future he hoped to see more ringers among those attracted to the Ministry.

The Rev. J. G. Jeffreys (Vicar of Badsey), responding, said he was neither a ringer nor a Worcestershire born man; in fact he had no right to be there at all. When he was asked to respond to the toast he thought it meant 'The State of the Church' (laughter). 'I would remind you,' he said, 'that the Church consists of ringers as well as other people. Be good members of the Church and not merely good ringers.' He ended by saying, 'Go to it—good ringing—good luck.'

Mr. J. F. Harvey, proposing the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association,' said it had made for itself a high position in the Exercise. Such great associations were necessary for our art, linked together as they were by the Central Council, and were the foundations for enduring friendships. He mentioned that the association's membership, which in 1885 was 79, in 1931 was 600 and during the dark days of the war increased still further. His own Yorkshire was a very much larger place than Worcestershire, but he did not think they led in any way except, of course, in membership. It was interesting, he said, to observe that Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Worcester born and trained, was now hon. general secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

A SURPRISE BAND.

Mr. Skidmore, in response, said about a year ago a band met at Dodderhill for a peal of Cambridge, which included some whose chance of ringing Surprise was very limited. Later it was decided, with the addition of two or three other enthusiasts, to form a band for Surprise ringing with the idea of getting experience and of passing to others the good work. It was a long term policy, but during the past year, often at some inconvenience, this band had rung peals in many Surprise methods, including Bristol and London. It was now felt that with the experience gained they could widen the circle by including other young ringers who desired advanced ringing. It would mean an upgrading in the standard of ringing and in Sunday service ringing. This long term policy would ultimately bear fruit and he urged the younger members to take advantage of the scheme.

'Kindred Associations' was proposed by Mr. D. R. Morris, who said he could not help being amused at the thought of the old Cathedral band, who Sunday after Sunday sweated, pulling weighty bell-metal about, and then of a certain gentleman from London who, when the bells had been recast and rehung, told the Dean he could bring a band of experts from London to the Cathedral for a peal. Another gentleman offered to bring a band of experts from Birmingham—a shorter distance. It was, however, for a much worthier object that the latter gentleman had been on several occasions with a band to the Cathedral for Sunday service ringing.

Continuing, Mr. Morris said in spite of so many different types in the Exercise, a friendship and unity existed which was not found in other spheres.

The Rev. A. C. F. Davies, in reply, brought greetings from the Lancashire Association, and it was an anniversary which he hoped to keep year by year. He congratulated the Master on taking part in the record peal of Stedman Ginqes at Oxford recently (applause). The ringing world, he continued, was a friendly place; a year ago when he went to Blackburn Cathedral from Worcester, one of the first persons he met was the head ringer.

Referring to the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' concerning associations, he said there were two types—that of locality (Worcestershire Association was one) and of like interest (e.g., Universities, Ladies, Police and Clerical). They could not stop people from forming guilds—it was a free country—but he thought representation on the Central Council should be one of association of locality.

In an informal speech, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary) mentioned the fact that 'Bill' Johnson, who was with them that night, had completed 40 years as treasurer—a remarkable length of service (applause). He also instanced the fact that during the life of the association there had been, except for the first two or three years, only three hon. general secretaries, and of these the first, John Smith, had served 20 years, and James R. Newman 30 years. He himself had done 10 years (applause).

Interspersed between the toasts were songs by Mr. G. J. Hemming, with Miss D. J. Johnson accompanist. Mr. 'Ted' Hall, of Badsey, proved a lively and humorous entertainer and had the support of his Vicar at the piano. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, J. P. Smallwood 5-6, W. H. Barber 7-8, J. Thomas 9-10; also three leads of Kent Royal by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, J. Thomas 5-6, Miss D. Richardson 7-8, W. H. Barber 9-10. The evening closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem. G.E.L.

OBITUARY

MR. W. E. TURNEY.

The death took place at Woburn on the 2nd inst. of Mr. W. E. Turney, at the age of 79, after a short illness. Mr. Turney had the distinction, up to the time of his death, of being the last surviving foundation member of the Bedfordshire Association, which was formed in 1882.

He learned to ring at the age of 10 under the tutelage of the late Charles Herbert, and had thus been a ringer for 69 years. He rang the treble to the first 720 of Bob Minor by the association, and the tenor to a peal of Bob Major (his only peal), and the only peal rung by an all Woburn company on tower bells. He was a regular Sunday service ringer and a first-class striker.

The funeral was attended by his former colleagues, Messrs. Avis, Matthews, Harris and E. Herbert, the last two named, as vice-presidents, representing the Bedfordshire Association. H.D.H.

MR. W. FLETCHER.

The death took place on September 30th of Mr. William Fletcher, aged 80 years. A keen churchman, he rendered service to the church as a choirman and bellringer, becoming a chorister at St. Andrew's, Chinnor, 72 years ago, at the age of eight, and was elected a member of the belfry 66 years ago when 14 years old.

He came to Beaconsfield to live in 1920, where he continued these activities until failing health compelled him to resign about three years ago. He rang few peals, 13 in all, but it was a great joy to him to ring the tenor to a good touch of Stedman Triples, his favourite method. His last peal was one in this method rung at Havant, Hants, in 1929. The last occasion on which he rang was for the capitulation of Italy in September, 1943.

Before the funeral, which took place on October 3rd, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled. The singing at the service was led by the organist and members of the choir, and was conducted by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Beaconsfield and chairman of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells were rung continuously during the journey to the cemetery and while the interment took place. The following ringers took part in the ringing before and after the service: R. Buckland, S. Hatfield, J. Harrison, A. Routh, H. Wingrove, W. Henley, W. Edwards, W. Lee, G. Martin and J. W. Wilkins. The latter rang in Mr. Fletcher's last peal, and at the age of 84 is one of the oldest practising members of the Guild.

MR. S. BRADDICK.

The ringers of Gillingham, Dorset, have sustained a serious loss by the death of Mr. Samuel Braddick, who passed suddenly away on his return from church on September 22nd. Mr. Braddick came of a family of Devonshire ringers, and during the last quarter of a century had carried on business in Gillingham as an agricultural engineer. In recent years he had done much to improve the condition of the bells and belfry at St. Mary's Church and had taken an active part in training young ringers. He was also an inspector of belfries for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Braddick was a Past Master of the King's Court Lodge of Freemasons, a large number of whom attended his funeral at Gillingham Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the lesson read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, chaplain of King's Court Lodge and general secretary of the Diocesan Guild. Muffled touches were rung on the bells by his fellow ringers in the evening.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Lee, jun. (aged 12) 1, H. J. Peskett 2, J. B. Daughtry 3, E. Homer 4, P. R. Blackman (conductor) 5, R. W. Freeman 6. First quarter for ringers of treble and tenor.

WILLENHALL STAFFS.—On September 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Evans 1, H. Smith 2, J. Pastwood 3, J. Luck 4, W. Bayliss 5, T. Reynolds 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Townsend 1, A. McTiffen 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, W. Brunt 6.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

HOUSEKEEPER wanted after October 12th. Good references. If husband a ringer, or willing to learn, eight bells available. Work found. Children welcome.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's 4.30. Tea and meeting.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Yorktown (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea is being arranged.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Oldswinford, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea. Business. Bring own eats.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Barlborough (6), October 12th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES GUILD.—South Eastern Area (Kent and Sussex).—Meeting Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing at Cathedral, 3-4; Frindsbury, 2-3.30. Cathedral service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 3, High Street, Rochester. Ringing at Cathedral, Frindsbury and Chatham, after meeting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIO. GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Glasbury-on-Wye (8), Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.

ELY DIO. ASSN.—Hunts District.—Joint meeting with Biggleswade District, Beds, Gamlingay, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker and C. Bell, Dis. Secs.,

OXFORD DIO. GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Branch Sec., Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Branch.—Crowcombe, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, the Church Room, 5.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Sat., Oct. 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Buckland, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; please bring own food.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined pactice, Cookham (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5 p.m. Four tea shops near church.—T. T. Fowler, Branch Ringing Master.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Spread Eagle, 4.45 p.m. Bring own food and tea. Bus leaves Bromley at 6.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. for Colchester.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.—South and West District.—St. Stephen's, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Hope to arrange for cups of tea. M.C.A. reports ready. Evening meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Monday, Oct. 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Boreham, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

SOUTHWELL GUILD and NORTH NOTTS ASSN.—Joint meeting, Newark, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; numerous cafes nearby. Meeting 5.45 to discuss formation of Newark District.—T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Denman, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIO. ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea, Greyhound, and meeting; bring food.—W. H. Marsh, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Haslemere, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea only for those who send names by Oct. 14th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells of Parish Church 3 p.m. Tea at Pattison's (second floor, self service) from 4 p.m. Service in church 5.30, followed by business in G.F.S. House. Ringing until 8 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 2.45. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation, 5.30.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bromborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who send word by Oct. 15th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea, Barker's Cafe. Meeting in the tower 6.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. H. Sargeant, St. Luke's Rectory, Heywood, Lancashire, not later than Oct. 16th.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, All Saints', Maidstone. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses to 2s. paid. Names early, please.—C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Guiseley, Saturday, Oct. 19th. New peal of bells by Gillett and Johnston (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, apply to Mr. A. C. Walsh, 45, Ashtoft Mount, before Oct. 15th. Served at 4.30 p.m., British Restaurant. Meeting 5.30 p.m., Parish Hall.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Uplowman, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at East Dereham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than 15th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham.

LADIES' GUILD.—N. Midlands.—Meeting at Edenhall (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday, Oct. 16th. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lines.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Essenden (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, from 3 p.m. Northaw (6) in evening. Tea arrangements. No. 342 and 242 buses link respective towers via Potters Bar. Names please.—R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Heene (8), Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea, 4.45, to those notifying, by Oct. 17th, E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Asfordby (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Scout Room 5 p.m. Names to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Kershaw, 295, Manchester Road, Walkden, before Oct. 16th.—Frank Reynolds.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Hursley (8), Oct. 19th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. For tea arrangements see next week's notice.—W. G. Goodchild, 136, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Hitchin, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Oct. 17th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin.

PEAK SOCIETY.—Baslow (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Ault Hucknall, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Please bring own food.—J. W. Price.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Southern Branch.—Pudsey, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Totternhoe (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. Eaton Bray bells (6) after tea if required.—H. C. Hillyard.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th (no names, no tea), to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

OXFORD GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** and **ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Oct. 19th, or make own arrangements.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Framlingham, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business meeting to decide on Bell Restoration Fund. Those requiring tea must notify W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, by Oct. 23rd.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Shepshed (8), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. Butler, 19, Bridge Street, Shepshed.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Lee, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 6. Names to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, by Oct. 21st.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. All welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN (N. Western District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSN.** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by service. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent, by Saturday, Oct. 26th.—D. Cooper and A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringers coming up to the University this October will be welcomed by the society. They are asked to communicate with the Master (Miss B. Spice, 19, Holywell) as soon as possible.

WELLS CATHEDRAL.—Following rehangings of the bells, practices will be resumed on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. — W. W. Osbourne.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—St. Albans District Secretary, Hertford County Association, R. W. Darvill, now at Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans Phone 213.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On August 21st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, Miss B. Philpott 4, F. Wood 5, S. White (conductor) 6. Rung for the 79th birthday of Mr. Harrison Smith, a much loved ringer.

SOUTHWELL GUILD AT ATTENBOROUGH

A successful meeting was held on September 21st at Attenborough, a charming rural spot only a few miles from Nottingham with a delightful peal of six with plenty of rope. Thirty members attended and a good variety of methods up to Cambridge were rung.

Tea disposed of, the Guild chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, handled the business meeting with his usual tact and kept things moving. The secretary explained the change of place, due to local conditions preventing their choice being acted on, and the meeting unanimously endorsed his action in arranging this meeting at Attenborough, and also for the October meeting at Newark. They also warmly supported the idea of forming a Newark District, this matter to be on the agenda at the next meeting. Meetings at Eastwood and Southwell were voted for November and December respectively.

Ten new members were elected, one old member rejoined and one non-resident completed the elections. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. Day, who made the local arrangements for the visit, concluded the business.

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A WELSH SURVEY

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, whose writings are familiar to those who take an archæological interest in bells, has undertaken a survey of the Church Bells of Radnorshire. The first two of the probable five parts which will complete the work are now available and are advertised in this issue. Welsh bells are largely a virgin source of investigation for the archæologist. Mr. Wright recently undertook a survey of Monmouthshire; otherwise Radnorshire is the first county to be explored and recorded. Peal ringers would not regard Radnorshire as the ideal county for a ringing tour, but those who love old bells will find in these belfries a happy hunting ground of antiquarian lore.

Of particular interest are the founders' marks, some 41 of which are illustrated in these two parts. The Worcester Foundry in the early fifteenth century had the crowned heads of one of our Plantagenet kings and his consort. The Rudhalls introduced rather elaborate patterns, and from Norwich in the fifteenth century the work took the form of a shield containing three bells and a crown. This neat design appears even to this day, although the form is varied. Three bells and a crown have been used by the Whitechapel Foundry for probably 400 years, although to-day the initials A.A.H. are incorporated. The Gloucester founders favoured a crucifix. These include Hugh of 1270 and his daughter, Christiana la Belyutere, of 1303. To this lady is assigned a number of bells that have survived the centuries. Her name should be held with reverence by the Ladies' Guild.

In a number of towers Mr. Sharpe found the bells cracked. As secretary of the Bicester branch of the Oxford Guild and a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, he strongly condemns the pernicious practice of 'clocking,' which consists of tying a cord to the clapper and pulling it hard against the bell. This practice cracked two bells at St. Cewydd's, Disserth, and, undismayed by the result, the treble was being clocked in 1945. Probably Mr. Sharpe will drop them a hint as to the danger, or perhaps if those responsible for this church read his non-technical introduction they will better appreciate their own bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
HENRY H. FEARN ... 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	† GEORGE W. CECIL ... 9
* THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 10
* G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 11
† NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First twelve-bell peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE ... <i>Treble</i>	‡ ALAN A. HILLIER ... 6
* MARY P. HILLIER ... 2	ALBERT V. BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM STOWELL ... 3	* P. LESLIE PEARCE ... 8
RAYMOND SEAGER ... 4	‡ HAROLD SIMS ... 9
† JOHN M. STALLARD ... 5	CECIL H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Caters. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

SYDNEY JESSOP ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	FRANK DEWEY ... 8
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 9
FRANK W. BROWN ... 5	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

* GORDON HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
ALAN D. STEELE ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... 9
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	* EDWARD WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. GROVES. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal on ten. First ten-bell peal for the Guild. Rung for the dedication festival.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt in F sharp.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Treble</i>	* VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal on ten bells. Mr. T. W. Lewis has now 'circled' the tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... 7
LEONARD H. LOCK ... 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCIVAL R. YOUNG ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
* THOMAS F. KING ... 2	† GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 6
MRS. DORA EVANS ... 3	‡ ROGER O. FRY ... 7
* WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	BERTIE J. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. O. FRY.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples and first as conductor.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

BETTY SPICE ... <i>Treble</i>	* EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5
PHILLIP WALKER ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method as conductor.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

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On Sun., Sept. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	*BETTY SPICE 5
*JAMES HIGGINS 2	*WILLIAM C. PORTER 6
*ALAN R. PINK 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
MARIE R. CROSS 4	*WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon. Sept. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 6
*GEORGE DAVIS 3	JOHN J. WEBB 7
*LESLIE EVANS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

CHARLES H. MOORE ...Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled for Heien Winifred Bill and Jack Freeman,
former ringers at this tower.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD EDWARDS ...Treble	HAROLD WALKER 5
*MARY WALSHAW 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 4	RICHARD BENSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HAITERSLEY. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.
* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 4½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	BETTY SPICE 5
NEIL I. ALNATT 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

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THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK KIRK Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5
*HARRY RICHARDSON ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
*B. JACK STUBBS 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 7
GEORGE W. JEFFS 4	*ERNEST E. WHITMORE... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by E. E. WHITMORE.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT A. JOHNSON ...Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all and by the association.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
First peal in the method by all the band, upon the bells and for the Guild.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	W. CHALK 5
A. L. SIMMONDS 2	J. C. JENNINGS 6
A. B. WIFFIN 3	DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	FRANK PAYNE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.
All who rang this peal are grandfathers.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID JOHNSON Treble	*DAVID E. PARSONS ... 5
*JILL BRITAIN 2	JOHN H. HAYWARD ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLY 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 7
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 112 changes of method.	
ALBERT E. WHITING ...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 2	FRANK L. FISHER 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
First peal of Spliced as conductor.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in F flat.

WILFRED W. RING... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	*HERBERT F. GOODEARL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on eight. First peal of Triples in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.—On September 15th, 1316 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Pimm (first quarter of Triples) 1, H. P. Floyd 2, L. Oliffe 3, T. W. Bond 4, A. Cornish 5, G. Wright (first quarter-peal) 6, A. R. Pink (conductor) 7, C. Firmin (first quarter-peal) 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Dexter's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15½ cwt. in E.
 HUGH W. GREGORY ... Treble | *FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
 BERNARD ALLSOP ... 2 | *WM. A. PARSONS ... 6
 WM. LANCASTER ... 3 | HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
 GEO. H. PAULSON ... 4 | ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. TAYLOR.
 * First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.
 RONALD NORRIS ... Treble | RONALD E. CONSTANT ... 5
 *MRS. ADA TAYLOR ... 2 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 6
 †WILLIAM E. COURT ... 3 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
 FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4 | GEORGE T. VANDERPEER Tenor

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.
 * First peal. † First peal of Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.
 *EDWARD J. FRY ... Treble | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4
 *STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 2 | GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
 THOMAS F. KING ... 3 | *ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HAWKINS.
 * First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 FREDERICK A. JAINE ... Treble | E. PETER ROCK ... 4
 JOHN D. ROCK ... 2 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
 HARRY JENKINS ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 *MISS EVELYN MANCE ... Treble | †ALFRED MEADOWCROFT 4
 PETER J. EVES ... 2 | WILLIAM J. BARNETT ... 5
 A. G. BARTHOLOMEW ... 3 | *BERNARD BOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. BARNETT.
 * First peal. † First peal inside. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, home on embarkation leave.

ISLINGTON, LONDON, N.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, PREBEND SQUARE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.
 WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble | ALBERT W. COLES ... 4
 CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 5
 ERIC A. DENCH ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
 Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, and Mrs. Tranter, on their wedding anniversary.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey on September 15th, after the service commemorating the victory in the Battle of Britain, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Newton (conductor) 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, W. S. Langdon 3, H. G. Miles 4, H. Belcher 5, J. H. Rumley 6, H. Langdon 7, R. F. Deal 8

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 *G. FEATHERSTONE ... Treble | ALFRED ASHTON ... 4
 *KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2 | ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 5
 ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 3 | CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
 * First peal.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 4
 *MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | †J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 5
 ARTHUR PATRICK ... 3 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.
 * First peal of Minor away from the treble. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shenton.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon. Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Consisting of 8 six-scores April Day, three different callings; 10 six-scores Plain Bob, four different callings; 2 Morris' 240 Grandsire; 20 six-scores Grandsire, 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
 *NORMAN CHAMBERLAIN Treble | *KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 4
 *C. LEONARD CATLIN ... 2 | ERIC NOBLES ... 5
 †CECIL HINTON ... 3 | *THOMAS WILCOX ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
 * First peal. † First peal of Doubles in three methods.

THURLBY, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Thurlby Delight, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *N. WARD ... Treble | *N. HORTON ... 3
 A. WADE ... 2 | CEM. B. WADE (R.E.M.E.) 4
 C. WADE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WADE.
 * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. CATTERWELL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 In five methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.
 A. CATTERWELL ... 1-2 | *E. W. PYE ... 3-4
 O. BROYD ... 5-6
 Conducted by O. BROYD.
 * First peal in five methods.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. CATTERWELL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
 A. CATTERWELL ... 1-2 | *E. W. PYE ... 3-4
 O. BROYD ... 5-6
 Conducted by O. BROYD.
 * First peal in seven methods.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 MISS L. K. BOWLING ... 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
 PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8
 Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. BARTON.
 A birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Johnson.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTHEY, LEICESTER.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Arguile (first quarter) 1, Jill Poole 2, P. J. Stanforth 3, J. A. Walton 4, A. Disney 5, R. F. Elkington 6, J. S. Iliffe (first quarter of Grandsire as conductor) 7, M. Stanforth (first quarter) 8.

BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Vincent (conductor) 1, A. Frost 2, W. H. Shuker 3, Mary Walshaw 4, J. E. Bibby 5, B. Walshaw 6, W. Anuman 7, C. Radde 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On September 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. Walklate (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Earle (first quarter) 2, Miss M. J. Saddington (first quarter inside) 3, B. J. Saddington 4, C. G. Hendry 5, G. E. Watson (first quarter as conductor) 6.

CALNE, WILTS.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Buchridge (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Maundrell (first inside) 2, H. Parson 3, R. Saye 4, F. Walker 5, H. Burry (conductor) 6, R. Barry 7, A. Saye 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On September 22nd at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. W. Tamplin (first in method) 1, W. R. Falconer 2, R. G. Blackman 3, P. R. Blackman 4, W. G. Challen (first in method) 5, P. N. Bond 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. Hibbert 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Ashby (first quarter) 1, A. Bennett 2, P. Amos (conductor) 3, B. L. Smart 4, I. Bennett 5, C. H. Bushel 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's Church, on September 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. T. O'Dell 1, T. G. Bevan 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, J. M. Payton 4, A. F. Thirst 5, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 6.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOS.—On September 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Martin 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2, J. Hemmings 3, J. D. Johnson 4, R. Harris 5, T. W. Lewis 6, J. Newman 7, P. Harris 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On September 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statman (conductor, first quarter) 1, J. Smith 2, J. Prentice 3, W. Hayes 4, E. Hewlett 5, T. Chambers 6. In commemoration of W. H. Smith's (captain) 50th anniversary as a bellringer.

OVER, CAMBS.—On September 22nd, 1,248 Bob Major: J. Parish 1, W. Bavin 2, D. Adams 3, G. E. Crisp 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, A. W. T. Ginn 7, M. Ginn 8.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On September 22nd, as a birthday compliment to Major Cann, 780 Grandsire Doubles and 480 Bob Double: T. Brown 1, J. Avenell 2, F. Cherryman (conductor) 3, S. Petter 4, C. Slyfield 5, Major H. J. Cann 6.

PLYMOUTH.—At St. Andrew's on October 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Holmes 1, A. W. Myers 2, D. F. Wheeler (first quarter on ten) 3, G. H. Myers 4, A. S. Weatherly 5, A. Mitchellmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (conductor) 9, H. W. Milford (first quarter) 10.

PURTON, WILTS.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Booker (first as conductor) 1, E. J. Webber 2, C. R. Webber 3, J. Sorsby 4, R. Shailes 5, G. Webb 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On September 22nd at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Armstrong 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. J. Bowden 3, G. Parsons 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, N. A. Tomlinson 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, M. Fensom 10.

RELGATE, SURREY.—On September 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Ruth M. Foreman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. T. Shelton 2, H. A. Hoad 3, R. A. Tuffin 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. E. Wells 6, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Harris (first quarter of Triples) 1, — Gale 2, J. Green 3, D. Reed 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, H. Kerley 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On September 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins (conductor) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, L. Turley 3, J. Guy (first inside) 4, R. Guy 5, D. Colgate 6, E. Andrews 7, S. Bitheridge 8.—On September 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Corke 1, E. L. Taylor 2, J. Guy 3, L. Turley 4, R. Guy 5, D. Colgate 6, E. Andrews 7, R. Collins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for ringers of 3 and 5.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. P. Marshall (first quarter) 1, A. Patrick 2, J. E. Clarke 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, S. Cox 5, J. L. Wilhars 6, C. Marshall (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On September 22nd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Armstrong 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, W. C. Parker 3, W. A. Goldstone 4, D. Sleet 5, W. A. Peck 6, J. B. Hessey 7, R. J. Andrews 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On September 22nd at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, A. Miller 2, C. Pothecary 3, E. E. Bish 4, C. D. Nichols 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. L. Goodacre 1, A. E. Parker 2, R. M. Spencer 3, C. E. Cooper 4, H. T. Bonsher (conductor) 5, J. Greenborough 6. The first quarter-peal on the bells and was by the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe has conducted her first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Is she the first lady to gain this distinction?

Farewell peals on joining the Forces have been rung to C. Leonard Cullin at Sulgrave, Northants, and A. Wade, Thurlby, Lincs. The last peal at Sulgrave was rung in 1929.

The ringer who has completed the circle at Westbourne, Sussex, is Mr. F. W. Burnett, and not Mr. F. Bennett as printed in our last issue.

Mr. Albert Bennett, of Bicker, Lincolnshire, who has rung in several peals of Surprise Minor, rang his first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles recently—at Dallington, Northants. Nevertheless, Mr. Bennett 'did his good deed' in helping the treble ringer to get her first quarter-peal at first attempt.

Writes a Cambridge ringer: 'I always slip off the wrapper with a joyful anticipation and am never disappointed.' Tell your friends about the Friday tonic. 'The Ringing World' will be able to take additional subscribers on November 1st.

Ex-Sergt. W. J. Davidson (formerly Royal Corps of Signals), of the Newcastle Cathedral band, has been mentioned in despatches for service during operations against the Japanese in the Far East.

How many bridegrooms can say they conducted a peal on their wedding day? This honour goes to Mr. Herbert E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire. His bride, Miss Ena Gregory, is a ringer, and her father and brother are also members of St. Helen's band.

Wells Cathedral are anxious to form a good change ringing band now their bells have been rehung. Practices are on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Mr. C. F. Bailey writes: Re peal of London at Selly Oak, I completed the octave to London at Leiston in 1933. I have also called Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise round on the same bells.

Access to the ringing chamber at St. James-the-Apostle, Islington, is gained by climbing a vertical ladder of about 20 rungs. Just a reminder to those attending the Middlesex meeting there on October 26th. Ringers will be admitted in relays.

Sixteen-year-old Mary P. Hillier impressed the company with the ringing of her first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. James', Bristol, on September 30th. There was not even the suspicion of a slip.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Shenton, of Whetstone, Leicestershire, on their golden wedding. Mr. Shenton has also been a ringer at St. Peter's, Whetstone, for 50 years and verger for 18 years. The occasion merited a peal which was well and truly rung.

The fourth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper was commemorated by a peal at Croydon on October 5th. The ban prevented the bells being rung at their wedding: nevertheless, they were rung out of church with handbells. After the peal Mrs. Cooper entertained the band so hospitably that a readiness was expressed to ring a peal every year when the anniversary came round.

How the Ladies' Guild came to the rescue of the Royal Navy is told at Northfleet, Kent. Ex-Service men from the Navy had planned a peal. At the last minute one of the company was taken ill, and Mrs. Taylor came to their aid and incidentally scored her first peal!

TOPICS PROVIDED BY READERS' LETTERS

Record Peal

ORGANISER'S JUSTIFICATION.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I do not wish particularly to enter into a controversy with Mr. Dark over the long peal, yet I feel that if I give my personal point of view on ringing generally it might help him, being the view of one who was in a large measure responsible for the 'crime' of record breaking at Oxford on August 24th. In the first place, neither in making the arrangements nor in the subsequent carrying out of those arrangements to final success does my conscience upbraid me, and I write this as a ringer and churchman.

My view simply is this: all ringing of whatever category, whether peal, practice or service, is to the glory of God and His Christian Church on earth. Peal ringing, and particularly record peals, set a standard to be followed—this is inevitable, for were it not for the early standards set up by the early ringers there would have been no art of ringing and merely a discordant jangle as on the continent of Europe instead of the ordered, even, melodious ringing which calls Mr. Dark to church.

Practices and peals have the same objective—the advancement of the art which is reflected in the Sunday service ringing. After all, sir, if Mr. Dark's choir only sang when at a service and never took part in a festival of singing for the sheer joy of singing, then his services would suffer. Peal ringing springs from this same love of expression. When ringers as true Christians unite with other members of their congregations in divine worship, then I submit, sir, that all ringing is justified, and I do agree with the sentiments expressed some time ago by Mr. C. A. Beun and would go further than he and say that the ringer who doesn't feel the need for his personal attendance at divine worship should not ring at all, for to do otherwise is surely the very essence of false witness.

Ringers are, I agree, privileged people in that they have the care of the instruments of God's House provided by mainly Christian people, who, though not necessarily ringers, love the sound of the bells because of what they stand for.

I also agree that non-method ringing is just as enjoyable as change ringing to the average listener; yet here again one still gets the sporting or competitive spirit between tower and tower as witness the competitions for good striking, etc., that take place chiefly in the call change districts. These contests are to the one what peal ringing is to the other—stimulus.

I am glad to see that Mr. Dark shows some knowledge of our art and I hope that our missionary in his office will persevere in his efforts and Mr. Dark may be enlightened enough to take up a very interesting church work, or if not at least to realise that true ringers love their bells—and their church.—Yours faithfully,

Headington, Oxford.

RICHARD A. POST.

CONDUCTING BLINDFOLD

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Martin's query on this point. Mr. W. H. Barber conducted Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples whilst blindfolded at the Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, on Feb. 21st, 1908. The band was as follows: J. Rowell treble, J. E. R. Keen 2, A. P. Hillier 3, C. C. Cox 4, W. H. Barber 5, W. Story 6, R. Richards 7, J. Stuart tenor.

The late Mr. W. Story, while telling me of the performance, said that during the ringing Mr. Barber gradually moved his position (unconsciously, of course) until in the last part of the peal he was calling the bobs at the wall of the belfry! It was a unique performance in more ways than one!

I agree with Mr. Martin in that this will serve as a splendid example of ringing by ear, which is so much a requisite of the good ringer. Perhaps our learners may be given this peal as their goal of perfection.—Yours, etc.,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

GRUNDISBURGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Grundisburgh bells are on their last legs. The tower is cracked from top to bottom and masonry has fallen from the inside and outside. £1,000 is required to repair the tower and rehanging the bells in an iron frame. £500 has to be found in the village for a new heating apparatus for the church and £500 is required for the Bishop's Million Shillings Fund.

It will, therefore, be seen what an enormous task faces this little village and I beg to make an appeal through 'The Ringing World' to those kind souls who may help us put our bells right by their much needed donations.

Grundisburgh has been a seat of campanological teaching for several years. Five local youngsters have rung their first 720's and courses of Bob Major here, besides ringers from Hasketon and Woodbridge. The 12 local ringers attend practices at three other towers and also help with Sunday ringing at nearby churches. Many visitors who have desired peals in Suffolk have received help from Grundisburgh ringers and no one has been refused.

Dear ringers and friends, do please help. Send a donation to either me or the Rector, the Rev. R. M. Verity, when all names will be entered in 'The Friends of the Tower and Bells' book for preservation.—Yours sincerely,

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Bells and the Public

TREBLES OVERSHADOWED BY TENORS.

Dear Sir,—As there is likely to be a large increase in the number of new and restored peals in the next few years, I think it would be advantageous if we gave serious consideration to some factors affecting the way in which our ringing (whether for service or sheer pleasure) is likely to be received by the general public. This is a very wide subject, but at the moment I have just two points in mind. The first one has frequently been under discussion in these columns, viz., Control of the volume of sound in the vicinity of the tower. So many peals of bells remain so noisy as to be a serious annoyance to everybody that ringers would be well advised to take steps to rectify the defect where it exists. The remedy in most cases is neither difficult nor very expensive, and has little effect on the distance at which the bells can be heard.

My second point has, perhaps, some controversial aspects, and though also a subject of discussion in 'The Ringing World' on frequent occasions, is, I think, worthy of serious consideration. There are peals of bells, old and new, of outstanding musical qualities, and tastes differ as to which are best. Personally I prefer, on the average, the modern bells. Certainly our bellfounders to-day have the technical knowledge and facilities to produce the best ever, and if the best is demanded, the foundry can and will produce it.

If the man in the street is to appreciate church bells, it is essential that, at a reasonable distance, all bells should be easily heard. The modern system of tuning whilst giving peals of bells in tune with themselves and with each other seems to have produced a large number of peals where the trebles are overshadowed by the heavy bells, and the farther one goes from the tower the more pronounced the effect becomes, as the higher notes do not carry as well as the lower notes. Only an experienced ringer in many cases can pick out the trebles.

There is little that can be done about existing peals where this defect exists unless adjustment of clapper sizes can effect an improvement. In future peals, however, our bellfounders can no doubt arrange that all bells in a peal are audible at a reasonable distance and that the tenors do not drown the others. One of the good features of older peals is the ease with which the trebles are usually heard.

This is a matter of more far reaching importance than is usually realised, as it seems to me that if the general public never hear the trebles properly, their appreciation of ringing will be unnecessarily decreased.—Yours,

Whiston, Rotherham.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

BLIND RINGER

Dear Sir,—Having read on page 456 of 'The Ringing World' about the first lady to ring with Mr. Bromley, the blind ringer, I wish to correct Mrs. Moore, as I was on holiday at Llandudno in 1936, and on September 6th of that year I rang a course of Grandfire Triples and 120 Grandfire Doubles for evening service, Mr. Bromley ringing on an 'inside' bell.—Yours faithfully,

PHOEBE A. TOMLINSON, of Christ Church, Southgate.

AN EX-SERVICE GUILD?

Sir,—We certainly do not want 'Ex-Service' or 'Ex' anything else in the ringing world. The British Legion caters for the ex-Service man quite well. To form a lot of small guilds or associations up and down the country (which of necessity must be on territory already covered by diocesan or county associations) is to do away with the 'freemasonry' which exists in the ringing world and create a number of 'closed shops' to which only the select few would be admitted.

The energies of the really enthusiastic ringer would be put to far better use by assisting his or her local association, quite a number of which are in need of help in that direction.

Please let us remain just plain 'ringers,' regardless of our station in life, etc.

Burgess Hill, Sussex.

F. I. HAIRS.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

A company of between 60 and 70 were present at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild, held at Mears Ashby on October 5th. Ringers came from Bräfield, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Irchester, Wilby, Earls Barton, Eton, Wollaston, Great Doddington, Easton Maudit, Stanwick, Northampton, together with the local band, which has a full team of young recruits, most of whom are schoolgirls.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. Padbury). The very fine tea, provided by the local ringers and their wives, was characteristic of the generosity usually met with at Mears Ashby.

Preceding the business meeting, Mr. A. Bigley (secretary) spoke of the recent death of Mr. C. Tapp (Eton), paying tribute to the valuable service he rendered to the Guild. The meeting stood in silence to his memory. A wish was expressed to visit Wellingborough for the annual meeting, and Mr. F. Barber proposed that, failing the former, Irchester be chosen. This was carried. A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. J. R. Main, Branch Ringing Master.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COMMEMORATING OFFICERS' PEAL.

The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place in glorious weather at Ripon on September 28th, when almost 90 members and friends were present from widely separated areas. The fine new ring of ten bells at the Cathedral were at the disposal of members from 2.30 p.m.

A meeting of the General Committee took place in the Cathedral Hall at 3 p.m., during which news was received with regret that the Dean of Ripon (the Very Rev. G. Birchenough), who had hoped to welcome the association to Ripon and conduct a brief service, had been taken ill, necessitating his entry into hospital. Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A. (president of the association), very kindly officiated at the service at short notice. An excellent tea was served at the Cafe Victoria, when 60 sat down and did justice to it.

After assembling at the Cathedral for a group photograph to be taken by the local Press, the general meeting took place at the Black Bull Hotel, presided over by Canon Marshall, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), the hon. secretary, Northern District (Mr. E. Hudson), the hon. secretary, Southern District (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert), and Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president).

A vote of thanks to the Dean and Cathedral authorities was carried unanimously on the motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Fwbank. The President referred to the sudden indisposition of the Dean, saying how much this was regretted, and hoping for a speedy recovery. A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett and carried. Mr. P. Tingle, in reply, said that he hoped shortly that changed circumstances would permit him to attend much more frequently.

The President announced that the committee had considered the place and date of the next meeting, and in the absence of any specific invitations, had decided to recommend that the meeting take place at Selby on January 18th, 1947, if suitable arrangements could be made. Mr. W. E. Critchley moved and Mr. F. Davison seconded that the committee's recommendation be endorsed, and this was carried unanimously. Miss Sheila Mottishaw, of Arksey, and Miss Norah Holmes, of Doncaster, were elected new members.

The President stated that the committee had considered a proposal from the previous meeting dealing with an officers' peal rung at Ilkley to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the association by the late Jasper W. Snowdon. He pointed out that the circumstances were unique. The peal in question (5,056 Superlative Surprise Major) was rung at Ilkley on November 3rd, 1945, by eight members of the General Committee, each of whom had previously taken part in upwards of 100 peals for the association, and the method and composition used were the same as those rung in the first peal of Surprise by the association. Ilkley was chosen on account of its close connection with the late Jasper W. Snowdon, founder of the association. The question of erecting a suitable tablet recording this peal in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Ilkley, had been raised at the previous general meeting, when it was decided to refer the matter back for consideration by the committee. The committee had accordingly now considered the matter and were unanimous in recommending that the peal be recorded by the erection of a suitable tablet or board.

Mr. F. Tingle said he found himself in complete agreement and had great pleasure in moving that the committee's recommendation be approved. Mr. F. Davison seconded, and, on being put to the vote, was carried without dissent. Mr. F. W. Dale moved and Mr. S. Steel seconded that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, general secretary and treasurer, be appointed to deal with the matter. This also was carried.

Mr. F. Tingle referred to the large territorial area covered by the Northern District, which he thought was too unwieldy and should be sub-divided in order to improve its administration.

The secretary of the district (Mr. E. Hudson) supported, and after some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary of the district, with a recommendation to call a special meeting of the members concerned with a view of thoroughly examining the matter and reporting back.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. R. B. Smith and carried with applause. Canon Marshall suitably replied.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A most successful meeting was held at Hemingbrough on October 5th, when about 30 ringers attended from Eastlington, Howden, Goole, Hull, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Selby, Thorne and the local company. During the afternoon those present combined with the Rothwell Church ringers, who were visiting Hemingbrough on their annual outing.

Ringling commenced about 3 p.m. and continued until late evening, except for a short break for tea and the meeting. An excellent tea was served in the school, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Amcotts), who paid a tribute to the enthusiasm of the local company.

Amongst the methods rung were Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

The next meeting is to be held at Snaith on November 2nd.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

VISITORS AT PRACTICES.

Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers went to Ide, a six-bell tower near the city, for a meeting on October 5th. About 30 members and friends attended. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. B. Lethbridge (Vicar), with Mr. E. J. Ryall (a ringer) reading the lesson. An excellent tea was arranged.

A feature of business proceedings was a debate on procedure at practices arranged under the auspices of the Guild by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale). The practices are advertised in 'The Ringing World' and the methods to be used are defined so that they can be studied by attending members. It was complained that at a well-attended practice arranged at Broadclyst (eight bells) for Stedman and Major on August 3rd there was an 'invasion' by visitors from various parts of the country and that a good deal of time was absorbed by them in ringing Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich, at which few resident Guild members had any acquaintance. The opinion of the majority was that while visitors should be welcomed they should be expected to adapt themselves to local arrangements and as far as possible co-operate in attaining the objectives of the practices—progress in specified methods and good striking.

The annual meeting of the branch was fixed for December 7th at St. David's. It was announced that East Devon Branch would be having a practice at Feniton on October 26th and not at Crediton as had been erroneously reported. Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were chosen for a Guild practice at St. Thomas' (Exeter) on November 16th. A contemplated attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques under the auspices of the Cumberlands at Exeter Cathedral on November 19th was stated to have been indefinitely postponed. Methods rung at Ide or at Alplington (eight bells), which was also visited, were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tributes were paid to the late Mr. Edwin Shepherd (an Exeter pioneer in change ringing) and Mr. C. Walker (Newton Abbot).

MEETING AT NEWTON FERRERS.

Thirty members and friends of the South-West Branch attended a quarterly meeting, held at Newton Ferrers on September 28th. During the afternoon rounds and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the peal of six.

A service in church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. D. Grimes). Catering difficulties were overcome by dividing the company between two of the village cafes.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (the Rev. F. W. Moore), supported by the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox), the Rev. H. E. Bennett (Plympton St. Maurice), the Rev. C. H. D. Grimes and representatives from Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton (St. Maurice's and St. Mary's), and Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

Graham Whittle (R.N.A.T.B., Torpoint) was elected a non-resident member, and the belfry elections of Messrs. G. E. Fearn and G. W. Critchley were duly ratified as non-resident members. Lifton, January 18th, 1947, was the place and date fixed for the annual meeting of the branch.

The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks of a very complimentary character, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr. T. F. Myers for the work and leadership he had given to Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, since the lifting of the ban on ringing in 1943 until April 4th, 1946, when he formally relinquished the captaincy of the tower to Mr. J. P. Sims, who had been his deputy throughout that time. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector and the captain of the ringers (Mr. West) for all they had done to ensure the success of the visit.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting, attended by 40 members, was held on Sept. 21st at the old world village of Cowbridge. The bells, a very nice ring of eight, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. After the service the visitors were entertained to a sumptuous tea by the local band. A discussion took place on the division of the association into districts, and Mr. W. Prosser said he would move a resolution to that effect at the annual meeting. Peterston-super-Ely was selected for next meeting.

Mr. E. Stitch drew attention to the announcement that 'The Ringing World' would shortly be in a position to supply more copies and appealed to members to take it. Five new members were elected. Members present came from Aberavon, Newport, Neath, Portcawl, Penarth, Llantrisant, Ebbw Vale, St. Mellons, Swansea, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Bridgend, Bonvilston, Llanfrechfa, Northwich (Cheshire) and the local band. The next meeting will be at Ebbw Vale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its monthly meeting at Tilney All Saints on September 28th, which was attended by members and friends from Downham Market, Elm, Gressenhall, Hilgay, Mathan, Shouldham, Terrington St. John, Wall-nole St. Andrew, Walsoken, Wisbech and the local company. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bodley, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. Cups of tea were provided by the lady members of the local company. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

INTEREST OF MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED.

The autumn meeting of the V.W.H. Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on October 5th. Touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and a service was held in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Horth). The Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford was at the organ. Tea was provided by Mrs. Keene for 15 ringers and visitors.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford) presiding, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. R. F. J. Gilling). It was arranged to hold practices at Great Coxwell on November 2nd, Longcot on December 7th and Uffington on January 4th, and the February meeting at Buckland on February 1st. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for May 3rd.

Mr. E. Hughes suggested that efforts should be made in the towers of the branch to get more young people to take up bellringing as a hobby, and Mr. Holliday considered that it was best to teach boys about 12 years of age when they were likely to be leaving the Sunday School.

The meeting was then closed and ringers returned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Bob Doubles.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The Guild general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) attended the autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Aston on September 28th and gave the members latest information of Guild activities. Five new members were elected. Canon H. Pickles (branch chairman) gave the address at the service and thanked the residents for an excellent tea.

Members were present from Aston, Bampton, Cassington, Eynsham, Northmoor, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, and Witney and Yarnton. Visitors were from Basingstoke, Bucklebury and Oxford.

SOUTH OXON BRANCH REVIVED.

As the outcome of a meeting at Thame on October 5th, the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was revived. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) and the Guild secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) attended. Mr. H. Bridger was elected branch secretary in succession to Mr. Woodward, who resigned on account of ill-health. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Woodward for his 21 years' service. Ten new members were elected from Little Milton and the tower of Thame brought into the Guild.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn, and a sumptuous tea partaken of at the British Restaurant. During the afternoon Mr. J. Pennington, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, visited the belfry and showed his interest in the art of bellringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO STORRINGTON.

A meeting of the Western Division of the above association at Kirdford on September 21st attracted 26 ringers from nine towers, with visitors from Guildford. The Vicar, the Rev. E. M. Sidebotham, conducted the Guild service.

Two Lymminster ringers were elected members, and the election before a peal of a non-resident member from Reading was ratified. It was brought to the notice of the meeting that Storrington ringers had rung for 42 services since Easter, besides giving assistance to other towers with service ringing, an example which received congratulation. An unintentional coincidence with recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' was the absence of 'rounds for the beginners.' Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and the local ringers for their help. Westbourne was selected for the next quarterly meeting, with practice meetings at Heene (October 19th) and Angmering (November 16th).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Some 35 members and friends enjoyed a variety of methods under the guidance of Mr. Alick Cutler (Ringing Master) at a meeting of the North and East Districts of the Middlesex Association at Pinner on September 21st.

Owing to catering difficulties, no tea could be arranged, but accommodation was satisfactorily found at local cafes. A short meeting was held in the vestry under the chairmanship of Mr. A. W. Coles (vice-president), where the usual routine business was dealt with.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar (the Rev. Eric Barnes) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Norman Genna for supervising the local arrangements.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Wombourn on October 5th, when 46 members and friends attended. The ringers were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Bethwa). who later conducted the service. The Vicar presided at the meeting which followed tea, and three new members were elected. Kingswinford was suggested for the December meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

VISIT TO LITTON CHENEY.

After an interval of 11 years, the West Dorset Branch visited Litton Cheney on September 21st, when members attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Evershot, Lyme Regis, Wareham, Wimborne and the local tower.

The Master, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, conducted the service in church, the Rector (Canon E. S. Daniell) giving the address. At the business meeting after tea it was agreed to hold the annual branch meeting at Bridport on December 7th and to arrange a by-meeting at Hawkchurch if possible.

The Chairman, in thanking the Rector for his kindly welcome and the local ringers for providing an excellent tea, expressed the hope that the work of restoring Askerswell bells would soon be put in hand, also that the spaces waiting for two trebles at Litton Cheney might some time be filled. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung.

MEETING AT BERWICK ST. JOHN.

Two interesting points arose from the meeting of the Salisbury Branch at Berwick St. John on September 21st, when Mr. J. Sutton (branch chairman) presided. The first was that the rehanging of the bells of St. Thomas, Salisbury, was shortly to be put in hand. The other, which was received with regret, was that the secretary (Mr. W. A. Theobald) announced that as he was not a permanent resident of Salisbury and was liable to be transferred by his firm at any time, he did not wish to stand for re-election at the coming annual meeting.

Members were present from Salisbury, Hindon, Swanage, Downton, Fordingbridge, Warminster, Britford, Longbridge Deverall and the local tower. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Poole), and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Minor.

MEETING AT THORNFORD.

The autumn meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on September 21st at Thornford, near Sherborne. The address at the Guild service was given by the Rev. — Packer. Tea was arranged by Mr. L. Davenport.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presided over the business meeting and referred to the loss of an old member, Mrs. S. E. Field. The following elections were made: Hon. member, the Rev. J. Munro, Rector of Hazelbury Bryan; life members, Messrs. W. H. Poole (Hardington Mandeville) and W. E. Turner (Cerne); ringing members, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowlands and Mr. I. Hutton (Buckhorn Weston). It was decided to hold the annual meeting on the second Saturday in December at Blandford. The poor support given by members so far to the by-meetings was mentioned. The bells were rung at Bradford Abbas.

TREDINGTON BELLS

On September 26th, the ancient ring of six bells in the tower of St. Gregory's Church, Tredington, was rededicated by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Coventry, in the presence of ringers and visitors from many parts of the Midlands. The service was conducted by the Rector of Tredington, the Rev. T. W. Lumb.

After the dedication, the bells were officially opened by the ringers of Ilmington Parish Church. Ringing continued all afternoon and evening, till about 9 p.m., except for a break for tea. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

These bells were cast during the 17th century, the earliest being 1622. One came from the Whitechapel Foundry, cast by Mears, and two were cast by Matthew Bagley, perhaps one of the finest founders of the day.

The credit for the present work of rehanging is due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have relunged the bells in a cast-iron frame, 14ft. lower than the old one, with cast-iron crank headstocks and ball bearings. The tenor, cast in 1622, is in E flat, and weighs 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. Congratulations must be extended to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the success of their work, well proven in Thursday's ringing.

There is, as yet, no resident band in Tredington, but on a recent Friday night a meeting was held in the schoolroom, under the chairmanship of the Rector, to which any who were interested in the future of bells and bellringing in the village were invited.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

VISIT WOODLESFORD.

The September meeting was held at Woodlesford on the usual day, the last Saturday in the month.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until the visitors adjourned to the schoolroom, where a welcome cup of tea was prepared by the ladies. Handbells were rung after tea as a prelude to further tower bell ringing.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president was chairman and members were present from Armley, Guiseley, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell and Woodlesford. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, also the ladies, was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. G. Benfield. Mr. W. Ward replied for the local company.

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ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Boreham, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Haslemere, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea only for those who send names to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Guiseley, Saturday, Oct. 19th. New peal of bells by Gillett and Johnston (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, served at 4.30 p.m., British Restaurant. Meeting 5.30 p.m., Parish Hall.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Uplowman, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silvertown.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at East Dereham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.—N. Midlands.—Meeting at Edenham (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

HERTFORD ASSN. — St. Albans District.—Essenden (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, from 3 p.m. Northaw (6) in evening. Tea arrangements. No. 342 and 242 buses link respective towers via Potters Bar. Names please.—R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN. — Southern Branch.—Pudsey, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting to be held at Creton on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Hursley, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the King's Head 5 p.m.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

ST. THOMAS', EXETER, DEVON.—Commencing on Oct. 23rd, the weekly practice night has been altered from Thursdays to Wednesdays, 7.30. All ringers welcome.—E. W. Biffin.

OXFORD GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Oct. 19th, or make own arrangements.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Framlingham, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business meeting to decide on Bell Restoration Fund. Those requiring tea must notify W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, by Oct. 23rd.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Lee, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 6. Names to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, by Oct. 21st.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. All welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch. — Wilburton (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Next meeting, Barking (8), Oct. 26th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Help given to anyone who wants to progress. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask. — J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District.—Netley Abbey, Oct. 26th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 23rd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH NORMANTON, Oct. 26th.—Presentation to Mr. J. W. England, for invaluable service to the association. Presentation by Mr. J. Hobbs, President, at 5 p.m. Chairman, Rev. T. H. Evans, Rector. Names for tea to Mr. E. W. Riley, 6, New Street, South Normanton, Derby, by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 5, Station Hotel, Droxford. Most important: Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—R. J. Stone, c/o W/O and Sergeants' Mess, Martinique Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD. — North and East District.—St. James-the-Apostle, Prebend Square, Islington (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service. Tea. Further ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

LADIES' GUILD. — Leicester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 26th, at Chilvers Coton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. Will all lady ringers please make a special effort to attend.—Jill Poole.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Wisbech (10), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural.—Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 21st to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Axbridge, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haverhill (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at Co-op Cafe 5 p.m., followed by business. Train from Sudbury 2.55. Return 6 and 8.15. Names early, please, to A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bromham (8), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 o'clock.—L. H. Bowler.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Meeting, Portishead, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Quarterly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. — Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Conisborough, Oct. 26th, 2.30. No tea available. — W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting at Davenham (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Please bring food.—Dorothy C. Osborn, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Braughing (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and service. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 22nd.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—A practice meeting will be held in Bournemouth on Saturday, Oct. 26th. St. Peter's (8) 2.30 to 5 p.m. St. John's, Surrey Road (8), after tea. Please notify numbers for tea by Thursday, Oct. 24th.—Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Branch Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Holbeck and Hunslet on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Holbeck bells available from 3 p.m., Hunslet from 6 p.m. Business meeting, Hunslet tower, 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN. — Northern District. — Meeting, Cramlington (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Bring little food. Cups of tea provided.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle, 6.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Cary Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Battle, Oct. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by 23rd. — John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

MULBARTON.—The dedication of a new treble bell will take place at Mulbarton Church on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 3 p.m.

SURREY ASSN (N.-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSN. (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by service. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent, by Saturday, Oct. 26th.—D. Cooper and A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by 31st inst.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual General District Meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 30th to A. Gillings, Police Station, Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Norton (8), Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory. Bring food. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District. — The monthly practice at Tonbridge will in future be held on the first Wednesday in each month, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The Rev. J. P. Pelloe has left Ely, and his address is: The Vicarage, Wisbech, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING AT BLAGDON.

The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch, of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Blagdon on September 28th. The Rev. E. Marriott (Rector) conducted the service, and ringers were present from Bleadon, Cheddar, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, Tunstall, Kent, and Chester Cathedral, Mark, Madgworth, Wrington, Uphill, Minster Abbey, Kent, Kewstoke, Churchill, Keynsham and Blagdon, Gloucester and Shipham.

Tea was given by Mr. T. Saint and Mr. W. Webb and other friends. At the business meeting the president, the Rev. L. T. Powys David, presided, and asked those present to stand as a mark of respect to the late Rev. T. H. Amos, Vicar of Banwell. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Burnham-on-Sea, the October practice meeting at Axbridge, and the November practice meeting at Wick St. Lawrence. Six probationer members were elected from Mark, and Cpl. James S. Webb, R.A.F., Sittingbourne, Kent, as a non-resident life member.

Ringings consisted of rounds, Queens, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Plain Bob and Kent Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT EPSOM.

A meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on October 6th, and was attended by some 40 ringers from Banstead, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Baldock, Canterbury, Eastbourne, Hawkhurst, Henfield, Kingston, Oatlands Park, Richmond, St. Albans and West Grinstead.

The Vicar took the Guild's service. Tea at the Capitol Cafe was followed by a short business meeting held in the belfry. W. Pickworth, of Richmond, and F. Cruttenden, of Henfield, were elected compounding members, and P. Cooper, of Epsom, a ringing member. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

About 50 members of the Surrey Association and friends enjoyed the North-Western District meeting at Benlilton on September 28th, not only on account of the ringing, but because of the excellent meal arranged by local ringers. It was a pity that all who notified did not attend to enjoy it.

At the meeting the members were warned that a new district secretary would have to be found at the end of the year. Mr. D. Cooper, the Master of the Surrey Association, who has been carrying on in a temporary capacity during the war, pointed out that according to the rules he could not hold two offices. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned.

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AN IDEAL MASTER

Throughout the Exercise a sense of loss will prevail with the publication of the news of the death of Major John H. B. Hesse. He died at Wrington, Somerset, where he had spent the last four years of his life after he retired from the Mastership of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. John Hesse was the ideal Master; he had that knowledge and dignity that embellished the office. As first Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with the late Mr. John S. Goldsmith as hon. secretary, a perfect team was established to set the new Guild on sound lines.

Where Major Hesse was invaluable to the Guild and Diocese was in regard to the mechanical engineering side of bellringing, the construction of bell frames and the architecture of towers as concerned ringing. He was a member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council, and he wrote a chapter in Sir Arthur Percival Heywood's book on "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging: An appeal to architects." He was, indeed, an authority. Of the many towers in which he took a special interest two are outstanding. At Haslemere, his own church, he was instrumental in having the bells recast and rehung, and later augmented to 10, and at Sherborne Abbey, where he worshipped as a schoolboy while attending the famous public school, he placed his skill and knowledge at the disposal of the authorities when this weighty peal was being rehung. His personal friends who had been in his workshops knew of his models and constant experiments in regard to bells and sounds.

Major Hesse loved ringing. To him there was a sense of exhilaration as bells were rung to a rhythm with perfect striking. He stood in a number of long length peals, two being over 10,000 changes; he was also a member of the company who, in 1926, lost the attempted record peal of London after 7½ hours' ringing. This friendship of the ringing chamber remained constant with him. Ringers from all parts of the country made special journeys to Wrington to talk about old times, and only a week before his death we heard of a ringing friend of his when he was an active member of the Middlesex Association spending an hour with him in this quiet Somerset village. He was particularly proud of his membership of the College Youths, and it was a big moment in his life when he was asked to stand in a peal at St. Paul's. While he never held office with the College Youths, his name will be remembered with that vast company of worthies.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus by all the band.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus by all the band and for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK ROBSON ... 6
JOHN A. BROWN ... 2	ROLAND PARK ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... 8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 9
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 5	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung to welcome the arrival of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. F. Robson.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN CORNISH ... 6
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 2	ALFRED H. WEBB ... 7
*ROBERT B. BLOND ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
*HENRY K. WHITE ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal of Caters.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	*HARRY HOVERD ... 7
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Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE ... <i>Treble</i>	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 5
ALAN POTTS ... 2	Cecil RADDEN ... 6
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF PERSHORE BOB MAJOR, 9056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

ROCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY BONES ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
*HENRY PRATT ... 3	H. WALTER SMITH ... 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	C. HAROLD SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples.

GLITHEREOE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE HARWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY COMSER ... 5
†TOM HILLMAN ... 2	ALBERT MORLEY ... 6
FRED LONGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM PROCTER ... 7
ERNEST J. GOWER ... 4	FRED READ ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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EDMONTON, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. THOMAS.



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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Middleton's. Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Ernest B. Betts (Trebble), Arthur Tomlinson, Fred Dunkerley, W. W. Wolstencroft, Fred Hodgson, Laurence J. Williams, David Vincent, and John Worth (Tenor).

CROSTHWAITE, CUMBERLAND. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Fred Hodgson, Ernest B. Betts, Fred Dunkerley, W. W. Wolstencroft, Arthur Tomlinson, Laurence J. Williams, David Vincent, and John Worth (Tenor).

BISHOPSTONE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Triples peal, including Walter F. Judge (Trebble), Charles J. Gardner, W. Bertram Kynaston, Ivor H. Trueman, Walter H. Trueman, A. George Wells, Fred A. H. Wilkins, and Joseph Durham (Tenor).

Conducted by Walter F. Judge. * First peal of Triples. † First peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Thomas Lee (Trebble), John M. Broadbent, George R. Newton, George Ledsham, Percival W. Cave, Thomas W. Hesketh, Ralph G. Edwards, and John E. Spice (Tenor).

Conducted by John E. Spice. * First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 11 1/2 cwt. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Superlative Surprise Major peal, including Ernest B. Betts (Trebble), Arthur Tomlinson, Fred Dunkerley, W. W. Wolstencroft, Fred Hodgson, Laurence J. Williams, David Vincent, and John Worth (Tenor).

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

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Henry H. Fearn (Trebble), John Pinfold, Edgar C. Shepherd, G. William Critchley, Arthur Jones, Sidney O'C. Holloway, John S. Mason, and George E. Fearn (Tenor).

Conducted by Georges E. Fearn. * First peal of Cambridge Major.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including John H. Hayward (Trebble), Frances A. Edgar, Kenneth S. B. Croft, John F. Moor, Edwin J. Lindley, Roger Leigh, Richard F. B. Speed, and Stanley E. Darmon (Tenor).

Conducted by R. F. B. Speed. * First peal in the method.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 15 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Bob Major peal, including Edwin J. Upton (Trebble), Dx. F. Stedman Poole, Herbert Gates, Augustin V. Good, William J. Puddifoot, William J. Leach, William C. Hughes, and Walter Ayre (Tenor).

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Walter Ayre. Rung as a 96th birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Ellens. First peal on the bells since recasting of treble, 5th and 6th by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Fri., Oct. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF GRANDISRIE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandisrie Triples peal, including Cyril Mordue (Trebble), Miss M. A. P. Bertie, J. William Bobson, John Anderson, Denis A. Bayles, Samuel C. Walker, John A. Brown, and Adam Deas (Tenor).

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles. * First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the conductor.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 17 1/2 cwt. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Bob Major peal, including William M. Stone (Trebble), James Brackley, Alfred H. Pulling, Ernest Goater, William J. Robinson, Harold A. May, George L. Grover, and Frank E. Hawthorne (Tenor).

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Haley's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19 1/2 cwt. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Triples peal, including William C. Porter (Trebble), Bernard S. Nichols, Margaete C. Cossar, James Higgins, William J. Dixon, Fredk. A. H. Wilkins, Walter F. Judge, and Neil I. Allnatt (Tenor).

Conducted by Bernard S. Nichols. * 25th peal.

CHISWICK, LONDON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Triples peal, including Davies' Variation of Thurstans', Edgar Humfrey (Trebble), Walter Lee, Roland Biggs, Arthur Newton, Percy Newton, Arthur Harding, William J. Paice, and David J. Charnley (Tenor).

Conducted by William J. Paice. * First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including Alfred J. Bull (Trebble), Tom Page, Ernest J. Munday, Alfred T. Greenwood, Frederick W. Rogers, Leonard Stilwell, William T. Beeson, and C. Ernest Smith (Tenor).

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith. * First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, A. N. Wood 2, F. J. Green 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, W. Yates 5, F. C. Case 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

LONGPARISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALAN TREMEER 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4
NESTA D. SMITH 2	RICHARD SMITH 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

FREDK. W. STOKES ... Treble	*JOHN F. PEARSON ... 4
*JOHN E. COOK 2	†KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5
*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Madeleine M. Lyon.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, five 720's of Plain Bob Minor, with different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN J. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS W. TUNE ... 4
EDWARD PHILPOT ... 2	*JACK THOMPSON ... 5
ROBERT B. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar upon retirement.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

J. CHARLES SMITH ... Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... 4
MISS MERCIA BOOKER ... 2	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY 5
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 3	GEORGE F. CAPELING ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. S. Heath), who is leaving for Woking.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours, and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY 4
*LAURENCE A. TARR ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
FRANCIS KIRK 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

HISTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*LORD WRENBURY (King's)	S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 4
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 2	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 5
E. J. LINDLEY (Trin.) 3	R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

* First peal.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... Treble	ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5-6

*JILL POOLE 3-4 | HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Kent Major on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2 | ALBERT WALKER 7-8

FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10

FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung on the 45th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | †EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First Surprise peal on handbells and fiftieth peal. † First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3-4 | FRANCIS S. WILSON 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 9, 1946, in Two Hours,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. PAUL'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... 1-2 | TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 3-4

DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 5-6

Conducted by D. G. MAYELL.

First handbell peal by all.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PHILIP J. COWARD ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6

Mrs. J. THOMAS 3-4 | †WILLIAM ROGERS 7-8

Composed by I. J. ATTWATER. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Major on 1-2. † First peal 'in hand.'

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Oct. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGE OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) 1-2 | BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 5-6

WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) 3-4 | M. WILLIAM H. GRAY (Hertford) 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On September 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Combined Single Oxford and Double Oxford, 360 St. Clement's and 180 Plain Bob): H. A. May 1, C. E. Smith 2, F. R. Rapley 3, G. L. Grover 4, W. T. Beeson 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. Rung after a peal had been lost through a rope breaking.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Worboys 1, A. Chaplin 2, C. E. Faulkner 3, E. G. Cobbs 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, F. Gant 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, S. H. Holgate 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who has been appointed Bishop of Carlisle.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael and All Angels' on September 29th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway 1, J. E. Ballard 2, A. Anstey 3, J. Weaver 4, C. W. Munday 5, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 6, F. A. Munday 7, G. H. Webb 8.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Wood 1, R. P. Wood 2, H. F. Wood 3, A. E. Holden 4, C. H. Wood 5, W. Wicks 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, A. Emery 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On September 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsdon 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. R. Greenough 4, F. James (conductor) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRISTOL.—On September 29th at St. Mary Redcliffe, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. Tyler 1, A. Pearce 2, C. Mogford 3, G. Pearce 4, L. Pearce 5, C. H. Woods (first quarter of Royal) 6, W. Parker 7, D. G. Clift 8, N. Coombs 9, E. F. Hancock (first quarter as conductor) 10.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. A. Barnett (first on tower bells) 1, H. Hovard 2, E. Barnett 3, F. A. Coley 4, H. E. Andley 5, C. Brett-Smith 6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7, W. J. Lemon 8.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Huckle (first quarter) 1, A. L. Ford 2, S. Foskett 3, G. Goodwin (first quarter) 4, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 5, J. Norton (first quarter) 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On September 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Saunders (first of Minor) 1, M. Saunders 2, C. L. Catlin (first quarter) 3, K. R. Holton (first quarter) 4, C. Hinton 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

HENDON, N.W.—On September 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Charge 1, R. H. Begrie 2, G. Charge 3, Squadron Leader P. D. Oldham 4, E. Pratchett 5, R. Newman (conductor) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On September 29th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob: E. Paveley (first in method) 1, A. Reeve 2, J. Armstrong (first in method) 3, J. Carrott 4, J. Cornford (conductor) 5, J. Grove 6, F. Gant 7, F. Freestone 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dawson 1, E. W. Furbank 2, A. Prior 3, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On September 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Wickens 1, A. Humphrey 2, C. Loughurst 3, H. Weaver 4, P. Bond 5, P. Blackman (conductor) 6. First quarter of Kent Minor for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—On September 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Matthews, sen. 1, J. Buckenham 2, V. Bowen 3, W. Buckenham (conductor) 4, F. Matthews, jun. 5, E. Barker 6.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On September 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: H. Ludkin 1, F. R. Harris (first quarter) 2, J. Hall 3, Mary Walshaw 4, R. Edwards (first 'inside') 5, W. Kerr (first 'inside') 6, B. Walshaw 7, H. Walker (conductor) 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On September 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ollier 1, J. E. Brough 2, T. Astbury 3, F. Barnard 4, W. Kerr 5, F. S. Sutton 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, E. J. Boffey 8. Rung for and on the conductor's 68th birthday.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Clare 1, R. Howson 2, V. Adams (first in method) 3, H. Board (conductor) 4, R. Abrams 5, E. Lathall 6, R. Hall 7, P. Bignell 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. Moxon.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On September 25th, at St. Paul's, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. E. Manns 1, L. A. Page 2, F. L. Harris (conductor) 3, J. E. Figures 4, L. Harris 5, W. A. Theobald 6.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On September 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Armstrong 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, W. C. Parker 3, D. Sleet 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, W. E. Butler 6, R. J. Andrews 7, G. Haines 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On September 29th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey (conductor) 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, R. Bedford 5, F. Kirk 6.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On September 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Sharp 1, R. Howson 2, A. Armstrong (first of Minor) 3, R. Abrams 4, F. Mynard, jun. (first of Minor) 5, V. Adams (first as conductor) 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On September 25th, 1,258 Stedman Caters: Miss B. Smedley 1, J. Potter 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, T. Royle 4, H. Ludkin 5, R. Edwards 6, F. Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, W. Walker (conductor) 9, R. Alfred 10. First quarter in the method by 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Maximus is in the air this week. From Leicester comes a first in
Superlative by Harold J. Poole's band, and from Wolverhampton a
first in Yorkshire by the band conducted by George E. Fearn.

The peal rung at Haflher, Leicestershire, on September 28th, was
of Single Oxford Bob Minor and not Oxford Treble Bob as stated in
our issue of October 11th.

'It's a pity my wife saw that cartoon,' writes 'Poor Plain Bob.'
'Just like you and old so-and-so when you both think you are right,'
was her comment.

Next week there will be a change in the appearance of 'The
Ringing World' by the introduction of three columns to the page.
In consequence charges for notices will be simplified to one penny per
word, minimum 2s.

Mr. E. Bishop, sen., has completed 65 years as a ringer at Rother-
field Church. He participated on his 81st birthday on September
29th in a quarter of Grandsire in honour of the happy occasion. P.
Bacon then rang his first quarter 'inside.'

Mr. W. F. Judge desires to amend the number of changes in the
peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Dorchester on September
29th from 5,088 to 5,024.

In the broadcast exchange of letters between this country and
U.S.A. on October 15th, one was read from Mr. W. Smalley, of West-
boughton, Lancs, giving details of ringing generally and asking if
Americans were interested in ringing.

Luck under a seven? Mr. W. Eric Critchley, of Doncaster, has
made seven attempts to ring a peal of Stedman Triples this year and
has at last succeeded. In four of the attempts, including the peal,
he was the conductor.

The ancient peal shoes were taken by a Lancashire ringer on the
Lakeland tour. These would have been out of commission but for
the expert craftsmanship of a Suffolk ringer. They are said to have
the magic power of creating confidence.

Will ringers requiring additional copies of a particular issue please
send remittance with peal or quarter-peal? While there is now no
restriction on sale of 'The Ringing World,' to avoid waste we must
be notified in advance.

Among the peals that are never forgotten was that at Bishopstone,
Wilts, on October 5th, when a member of the company lost his
trousers! Before starting he removed his braces, but didn't tighten
his belt sufficiently. A new motto for ringers: A tight rope and a
tight belt.

Those to ring their first peal this week include Lord Wrenbury, a
member of the Cambridge University Guild. One clerical member re-
cently looked forward to the day when a peal would be rung by
Bishops. A peal by the peers temporal seems more within the bounds
of possibility.

Tongues have been wagging over the case for shorter peals in
Lancashire. One prominent county official, looking at his blistered
hands at the conclusion of the Lakeland tour, said he was going to
support a change. Funny how he altered his mind during the week-
end!

Writes the Master of the Cambridge University Guild: The peal at
Sawston, in which seven resident members of Cambridge University
Guild rang, rather exposes the falseness of the remarks about ringing
at this university having fallen flat.

Two 14-year-old ringers, J. B. Ford and R. Hartley, rang their first
quarter-peal of Stedman at Stoke Poges, Bucks, on September 29th.
L. Albrow on the tenor rang his first quarter. The conductor was
A. D. Barker.

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL

250 RINGERS AT CARBIS BAY DEDICATION.

The unfinished tower of St. Anta and All Saints' Church, Carbis Bay, which is in the borough of St. Ives, now possesses a splendid light ring of eight bells. The tenor weighs 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. At the end of 1940 the Rev. A. S. Roberts was appointed to Carbis Bay, and in those difficult days worked out a plan for a future peal. At that time much else for the church was needed, there even being no house of residence for the priest-in-charge, but a generous bequest filled this need, and the plan for the bells began to take shape. One by one the bells were provided for by donors, and no appeal was made except in the case of No. 7, which is the 'Ringers' Bell.'

When the eight bells had been provided for, the Church Council was informed, and the members enthusiastically agreed to provide £400 for the framework, etc. The tower is 11ft. square, and the top stage has yet to be put on, but the level for the bells was there, and the ringing room some 15ft. below had been provided by the architect, Mr. R. F. Wheatly, of Truro, when the church was built in 1929. Although there are still some details in the tower which could not be finished because of the difficult times, movable shutters have been fixed inside the louvres, and there are two floors, with air space between, which separate the ringers from the bells. The effect of the bells both inside and outside the tower is most pleasing.

A great crowd attended the dedication service on October 12th to hear and try Cornwall's first post-war peal. There was not room in the church, and a marquee was erected outside the church and the service relayed to it. There were 25 visiting clergy, and more than 250 ringers representing over 30 Cornish towers, as well as numerous parishioners. The Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) praised the work which had gone into the formation of the new parish, and described it as a model. 'The bells,' he said, 'will bring a message of joy into the worship of God.' The Bishop pointed out that the total cost of £1,200 had been paid before the dedication.

After the dedication eight ringers representing eight Cornish towers, under Mr. W. H. Southard, Diocesan Ringing Master, rang rounds, and immediately after the service ringing began at approximately 4 p.m. and went on continuously until 9 p.m. so that more than 250 could try the bells. The organisation was excellent, and Mr. Southard and Messrs. E. Sanders and C. E. Lanxon who assisted him are to be congratulated on the fact that no damage was done—not even a stay broken. Visitors from outside Cornwall were Messrs. J. W. Jones (Newport), J. F. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. Ryall (Exeter) and a party from Plymouth. All were loud in their praise of the new bells which do great credit to the bellfounders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the bellfounders at the dedication.

Each of the eight bells is dedicated to a saint as follows: Treble, St. Mary (given by Mrs. E. Jessie C. Roberts), 2 St. Cecilia (an anonymous gift), 3 St. Nicholas (gift of the Children's Church), 4 St. John the Baptist (gift of Marion and Monica in memory of their father, Alfred Langdon Lidgley), 5 St. David (gift of Mrs. Weightman), 6 St. Anta and All Saints (gift of the Misses Curnow), 7 St. Mark (The Ringers' Bell), tenor St. Monica (gift of the Ladies' Working Party).

A local band has been formed, and some of the boys took part in the ringing on Sunday, and rounds were rung on the eight, and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandfire Doubles on the back six with the help of visitors.

On Wednesday, October 16th, the first quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples was rung on the new bells by Victor Wood 1, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 2, Miss Eileen Symons 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, Philip J. Hitchens 5, Geoffrey W. Taysom 6, Harry Miles 7, William Wood tenor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Rolleston-on-Dove, situated in the northern part of the Diocese of Lichfield, and former home of Sir Oswald Mosley's family, earned a reputation as an ideal tower for a successful meeting during the Burton District days of the late Midland Counties Association.

On October 19th the newly-formed Midland Counties Guild held its first meeting there and were well repaid by an attendance of 40 members and friends from Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Winshill, Measham, Overseale, Netherseale, Ticknall, Repton, Lullington, Derby Cathedral, Ockbrook, Leicester (St. Margaret's), Cheadle, Castle Donington, Ibstock, Wolverhampton and the local band.

The Rector (the Rev. F. Abbott, M.A.) conducted a short service, and after welcoming the visitors spoke of the simple message the bells gave and the ringers' witness in this scientific age. Mrs. Greening, a member of the local band, was the organist, and a collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1.

After tea Mr. B. G. Key presided over the business meeting when the Rector was elected an honorary member of the Guild and the heavy elections of Messrs. G. E. Oliver, A. M. Pickering, G. W. Hughes and A. D. Steel were ratified as non-resident members. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at the Priory Church, Tisbury, on December 21st.

Amongst the methods rung were Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Little Bob Major. Everybody present rang, including the young enthusiast from Ticknall, who rang rounds whilst standing on a pchair.

OBITUARY

MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE.

We regret to announce the death of Major John Harley Bridger Hesse at Woodview, Wrington, Somerset, on October 18th, aged 72. Major Hesse had been in failing health for some months, but his end was unexpected as he seemed of late to be much better.

The son of Col. John Valentine Hesse, I.A., he was born in India, but spent his boyhood days at Wedmore, Somerset, where he learnt to ring. He was educated at Sherborne School and was articled to Messrs. Harland and Woolf, the world-famous engineering company. For many years he held an executive position with Messrs. Thornycrofts. During the Great War he served overseas with the Army Service Corps.

Not only as a ringer—and he had a very large number of peals to his credit—but on the engineering side of bells was Major Hesse an outstanding personality. His technical knowledge was as comprehensive as any man's living, and he loved to experiment with models on his theories. The present Haslemere bells, in a sense, are a memorial to him. Through his initiative the original eight were recast and rehung and later augmented to ten. He also took a personal interest in Sherborne Abbey bells.

When the Guildford Diocesan Guild was formed in 1927 the choice of Major Hesse as the first Master seemed obvious. He held office until four years ago, being held in affectionate esteem by all members of the Guild, and his authoritative opinions on rebangings and augmentations were of great value to the diocese.

Of his peals, for his silver wedding he rang in his own tower, Haslemere, in 1921, 10,025 Stedman Caters in 6 hours 32 minutes. Another long peal was in 1931 at Warnham, Sussex, when he rang 10,432 Treble Bob Major in 6 hours and 12 minutes. He was particularly proud of the peal he rang with his fellow members of the College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral, and he frequently recalled the peal of Stedman Triples rung on the back eight at Wells Cathedral the day after he had rung a peal on the old heavy eight of his old school church at Sherborne Abbey.

The funeral took place at Wrington on Tuesday. The news of the passing of Major Hesse was reported at the meeting of the Guildford District at Haslemere on Saturday and received with deep regret, members standing in silence as a tribute to his memory. The meeting was attended by the Guild's Master (Mr. A. Harman) and secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), and members and visitors from Guildford, Clandon, Southfields, Bramshott, Haslemere, Grayslott, Ewhurst, Wisbech, Worplesdon and Leatherhead. The Rector conducted the Guild service.

AN APPRECIATION.

John Harley Bridger Hesse was a man of simple delights. He loved the simple things of the countryside and Somerset to him was his home. He used to say when driving from the London direction that he always knew when he crossed the Somerset border, by the soft feeling of the air. Somerset ways and language were to him an ever recurring delight. Wrington bells were the first he ever heard, when he was brought to this country from India at the age of six years. By his efforts the six he heard then form the basis of the present noble ten. He loved the bells, and until he was physically incapacitated spent many hours among them. The bell chamber was a picture of cleanliness and order.

An engineer by profession, he applied his knowledge to bell hanging and his advice was freely sought. His last work of this kind was to inspect and give advice on Wells Cathedral bells. The meticulous care with which he prepared his report and the pains he took over the drawings to illustrate his points were typical of the man. What he attempted to do he did well.

His ringing tastes were simple, too. His more than six hundred peals were in the standard methods chiefly, but he also rang many peals of Surprise on the treble. He was insistent upon good striking. Whether he or the late Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, was the instigator of the 'service touch' at meetings is not known, but the thought that only the very best is good enough for service ringing illustrates his outlook.

His humour was impish, as those well know who spent Somerset ringing weeks with him. He was kindness itself, ever unselfish. He loved dogs so well that he would not keep one latterly because he could give it no exercise.

And so we leave him, under the grand tower, with wooded heights to the north and the softly swelling slopes of Mendip to the south. As long as bells are rung the name of John Hesse will be remembered.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Congall's Church, Bangor, on October 12th, the following towers being represented: Carrickfergus, Holywood, Bangor and St. Thomas', Belfast.

The business meeting was held in the Dufferin Hall, and in the absence of the president the chair was taken by Mr. William Pratt, Holywood, Ringing Master.

It was decided that the next annual meeting at Holywood should be held on December 26th. Ringing continued until late in the evening, and consisted of Grandfire Triples and Plain Bob Minor.

A SELECTION OF OUR READERS' LETTERS

Why 5,000 Changes?

THE CASE FOR SHORTER PEALS.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Peter Crook's suggestion that the number of changes for a peal should be reduced. I agree with him, and from conversations I have had with ringers in various parts of the country I can safely say I am not alone in my thoughts.

I have done my share of peal ringing in methods ranging from Grandsire to London and I know the pleasures that come from attainment; but I am beginning to feel that there is something wrong in the rule that 5,000 changes must be the minimum for a peal. If my reading of history has been correct, the sole reason for this number being chosen was a mathematical one; men struggled for years to compose a complete peal of Triples in both Grandsire and Stedman: it was this which fixed the number of changes at 5,040. It was the extent on seven bells which fixed the length of a peal on all numbers of bells. The peals on seven bells which were composed in Grandsire and Stedman were landmarks in the history of change ringing. But the incentive to ring these 5,040 changes was in the first place mathematical. I honour the men who laboured in these fields during the 18th and 19th centuries. Now I feel that the time has come to examine our standards and adopt a different outlook on peal ringing.

Ringing has been variously considered as a sport, as a mathematical science and as an art. The first idea has, I hope, gone for ever. There remain the scientific and artistic aspects of ringing, both of which we must retain. Mathematical composition would still be necessary even if the number of changes for a peal were reduced. Composition would be viewed from a different angle. One sometimes hears it said that all the changes sound the same; this is nonsense. As an example, it would be possible in, say, Grandsire Triples to concentrate more on such points as the seventh coursing the sixth, for these changes, to me at least, sound particularly pleasing. Stedman too has its own musical possibilities which could be developed. With fewer changes for a peal, composition would be found more interesting from a musical point of view.

From the artistic side, there is much to be said for shorter peals. We need to consider the outside listener who, let us not forget, has to listen whether he likes or not. It needs a great effort to listen to a first class orchestra for more than three hours even when the type of music varies. What right have we to force the sound of bells on the public for such long periods and then be surprised and cross when complaints are made? An hour and a half would be a different matter, especially if we ask our efforts to be judged from artistic standards. And what of the ringer himself, considered as an artist? I have heard it seriously argued that it is the last hour of the peal which is the real test of the ringer; it demands, it is said, great alertness of mind when one is feeling tired. If ringing were a sport (which I do not admit) there might be some point to this argument. But we do not judge a musician on his power to play when he is tired; we want to hear him when he is fresh and at his best. So should we judge the ringer who is trying to make the bells sound their musical best.

One more practical point: for many ringers, it is almost impossible to find the time for peal ringing, demanding, as it does, so long a period away from home. With shorter peals, I feel sure we should get greater interest from more ringers; and that, I hope, does count.

If these alterations in peal ringing standards were made, would our art suffer? This is an important point, and if I thought it would I would withdraw all I have written. But I do not think for one moment that this would happen. Indeed, I feel that the contrary would be true and that we should be taking a great step forward.

This subject is a thorny one, but it is one which we shall have to tackle sooner or later. In any discussion which may arise from this letter, may I add, to avoid dragging red herrings across the trail, that I am not opposed to peal ringing; I enjoy it as much as anyone. I merely think that the time has come to adopt different standards. I shall be pleased to hear other people's views, expressed either through the columns of 'The Ringing World' or sent to me at my home address. I should like to add that these views are my own and do not in any way commit the members of the Lancashire Association.—Yours sincerely,

F. F. RIGBY, President of the Lancashire Association.

BLINDFOLD CONDUCTING

Dear Sir,—Noting Mr. H. Martin's letter in the October 11th issue concerning blindfolded peal conductors, it is a pleasure to inform him that in the belfry at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, there is a peal board commemorating such a case in point.

On October 12th, 1907, Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, successfully called Thurstans' One-part peal of Stedman Triples, the first time this peal had been performed on tower bells.

It may be of interest to state that a repeat attempt was made 30 years later, on the same bells, and with as many of the original band as possible, and its failure could in no way be traced to the conductor.

E. E. SPEAKE.

Blakenhall, Wolverhampton.

Oxford Record Peal

TWO QUOTATIONS FROM RUSKIN.

Sir,—'No great intelligent thing was ever done by great effort. A great thing can only be done by a great man, and he does it without effort.'

Those words of John Ruskin will be recognised in English literature from time immemorial as containing one of his many brilliant truisms; therefore, they can and should be read advantageously by all who would show keen interest in the present controversy concerning the record Oxford peal.

To attempt to place this achievement in the category of 'great' because it was a feat of outstanding endurance, or because of the many intricacies of Stedman Cinques being cleverly overcome, is to do grave injustice to those taking part.

Almost every member of that band has been a great ringer for many years, one his qualifications being that, speaking figuratively, 'he could ring Stedman Cinques with his eyes shut.'

Also, the 'greatness' of that peal depends not upon the effort put into it, but upon the ease with which it was rung, even if for no other reason than the assurance of excellent striking. In spite of the many congratulatory handshakes and messages they must have received, I believe it true to say this achievement has not added one iota to the deep respect fellow ringers previously held for the members of the band, and I am certain that it was with such thoughts in his mind that Mr. Dark drew his simile to pale squatting.

Again, careful reading of the first paragraph of Mr. Dark's original letter shows beyond doubt that the primary motive behind his protest is to prevent a fallacy of what 'greatness' really is, spreading among young enthusiastic ringers such as his 'protege,' thus endangering the prospect of their becoming great men and thereby great ringers.

One can also read in Mr. Dark's letter his real anxiety lest ringers already great should lose such greatness in the throes of selfishness thereby injuring their own cause and his.

Fewer churches would be short of good, if not great, ringers if more non-ringing churchwardens showed such keen interest in ringing and in the welfare of a young enthusiast as Mr. Dark has shown.

Surely many ringers feel very much indebted to him. Certainly no real friend of the Editor could treat such consideration with contempt. Even more certain is it that a vast majority of your regular readers are bitterly disappointed with the irrelevant vindictiveness shown by some of Mr. Dark's critics. To quote John Ruskin again, 'Neither can any good ever come out of hatred.'

'CHURCHWARDEN AND RINGER.'

Chichester.

'LISTENING TO THEM'

Dear Sir,—The recent letters regarding performances of blind ringers prompts me to refer to an interesting practice occasionally indulged in at home when I was a lad.

My father, who had taught his five sons change ringing on handbells to the extent of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Minor and Major, was always particular about striking, and insisted that 'you've got to hear 'em as well as see 'em,' and to this end, as we increased in proficiency, encouraged us to ring double-handed with our eyes shut. Unfortunately, we cheated occasionally, an easy thing seeing that he was occupied ringing his pair and religiously observing the rules. He became suspicious, and instituted the practice of sitting back to back facing outwards. We became enthusiastic, and the desire for novelty resulted in an attempt at a course of Bob Major by four people in separate rooms. It proved successful, and we rang on several occasions Plain Bob or Treble Bob Major, with one in the front room, one on the stairs, one in the kitchen and one in the scullery.

I can confidently recommend this idea to all ringers who are keen on acquiring the habit of 'listening to them.'—Yours faithfully,
58, Picardy Road, Belvedere, Kent.
C. BRETT-SMITH.

MR. W. PYE'S RECORD RECALLED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris' number of peals for the M.C.A. is far from being a record. William Pye was Master of the Middlesex County Association 25 years, for whom he rang 1,114 peals, conducting 859. Amongst these were 15,264 of Bristol (record), 10,440 Cambridge Royal (record) and 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on a 53 cwt. tenor. Also he conducted for the association peals of Spliced Surprise Major from three to twelve methods.—Yours faithfully,
E. W. PYE.

Castle Hedingham, Essex.

CONDUCTING FROM OUTSIDE

Sir.—There is another case of a conductor being outside the tower. Mr. H. Withers, if my memory is correct, conducted such a peal, ringing a bell fixed in the belfry for a bob. He had a wonderful ear.

Mr. W. H. Barber had an ambition to blindfold four handbell ringers, place eight bells in the centre between them, and then ask them to pick up any two bells by chance and ring the Original silent. The writer has to admit that his ear was not good enough.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NEW SECRETARY OF TONBRIDGE BRANCH.

Mr. R. Whitehead was elected hon. secretary of the Tonbridge District at the annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 5th. He succeeds Mr. T. Saunders, who kept the district together during the war and whose retirement was regretted. Another retirement was that of Mr. A. Battin, district representative, whose place will be taken by Mr. E. Ladd. Mr. B. Collinson, the other district representative, was re-elected and he also agreed to serve as Ringing Master.

Among other business transacted was a decision to revert to the rule of quarterly meeting. Meeting places chosen were Edenbridge for January, Marden for April, East Peckham for July and, of course, the annual meeting at Tonbridge in October. The secretary was requested to prepare a draft scheme for a rota of visits to towers for submission to the January meeting.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob and Stedman with varying success, but with uniform enjoyment to the assembly.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Rochester on October 12th and was attended by 81 members and their friends. The bells of the Cathedral and the eight at Prindsbury were rung during the afternoon and further ringing at these and the Chatham towers took place during the evening. Tea, provided by the association and taken in the City Cafe, was followed by the business meeting, over which the Dean of Rochester presided.

Matters coming before the meeting included the secretary's report and accounts, the election of four new practising members and one honorary member, the election of Mr. B. May (of Keithston, Keyool Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne) to the office of hon. district secretary, and Messrs. E. A. Allen, of Prindsbury, and Walter Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, as the district representatives for the coming year.

Three notices of motions, circularised to all districts, came before the meeting for consideration. These were fully debated and the definite opinion of the members ascertained for report to the annual committee meeting to be held in November.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on a convenient date in January.

CANTERBURY HAS MORE MEMBERS THAN PRE-WAR.

Not only has the Canterbury District recovered its losses of membership arising from the war, but now the corresponding figure in 1939 has been passed. This was a gratifying item contained in the report presented at the annual meeting of the Canterbury District on October 12th at Canterbury. An average of 57 (higher than before the war) had been present at meetings during the year, attributed by some members to the development of the social side.

Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected secretary, Messrs. H. R. French and J. W. Unwin district representatives, Mr. R. G. Post Ringing Master, and Mr. J. A. Russell chairman (a new post). Ash was chosen for the next quarterly meeting with a by-meeting at Birchington before the end of the year.

Eighty members and friends attended. Ringing was at St. Dunstan's and St. Alphage's, the service being held in the former church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Miller). Among the many thanked at the meeting were the donors of B.U.s!

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWARK DISTRICT SUGGESTION.

The suggestion to create a Newark District of the Southwell Guild aroused keen interest among the 60 ringers attending the meeting of the Southwell Guild at Newark on October 19th, Mr. H. Pailing, of Daybrook, presiding.

After an exhaustive discussion on the possibilities of a district embracing Newark, Southwell, Sutton-on-Trent and Barnby-in-the-Willows, Mr. J. W. Reilly volunteered, with the assistance of Mr. F. J. Hooper, to convene a meeting of representatives of the 14 towers in the area and report the result to the meeting which it is hoped to arrange at Southwell on Saturday, December 14th.

The North Notts district meeting for November was fixed for Tuxford on November 16th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his personal welcome (which he climbed the 90 steps to the belfry to deliver), and to Mr. E. C. Thrale for his help in the arrangements.

Ringling included a variety of methods from Grandsire to Cambridge

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Several members who have been serving in H.M. Forces were welcomed at the quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District at Oakley on September 28th. There was an enthusiastic air about the proceedings. The service was conducted by Canon Jeudwine and ringing also took place at Deane. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge York and London Surprise Minor.

WEEK-END IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

A very successful ringing tour, was the verdict arrived at by the members of a band which went into the Lake District and rang, for the Lancashire Association, three good peals and a miss during the week-end commencing October 5th.

We left Manchester on the Friday evening and arrived at Keswick in time for supper. After supper handbell ringing was undertaken, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Double Norwich were well and truly tapped out. Saturday morning saw us back to Ambleside to tackle the heavy weights, and a good peal was secured of Cambridge Surprise. A quick return to Keswick on the most unfrequented side of Thirlmere gave us a glimpse of the beauties of the Lake District.

Our friends at Keswick had ready for us a beautiful peal at St. Kentigern's, where a well-struck peal of Double Norwich was scored in good time. After dinner an attempt was made on handbells for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief very unexpectedly after one hour and ten minutes.

Sunday morning saw us back to St. Kentigern's for a 500 of Superlative and a good touch of Stedman with the local band. A lovely drive in beautiful weather gave us some good views on our way down to Lancaster, where lunch was taken, and on to Oswaldtwistle for a further peal to finish in time for Sunday evening service. A peal of Superlative was secured, after which service touches were rung with the local band of Double Court and Kent Treble. Dinner followed and to finish the trip a quarter-peal of Bob Major was struck on handbells.

The band's thanks are due to our conductor, Mr. John Worth, who held the team together in a masterly fashion, and the Vicars and ringing friends for their help.

F. DUNKERLEY.

BEVERLEY RINGING SOCIETY

Complete justification for the formation of this society was forthcoming at the second monthly meeting at Hessele on October 12th, when over 50 members attended, a considerable increase over the previous meeting. Nineteen different towers were represented as follows: Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Brough, Barton-on-Humber, Cottingham, Ferryby, Goole, Hull (Holy Trinity and St. Mary's), Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-Wolds, Nunburnholme, Patrington, Pocklington, Rotherham, Sutton-on-Hull and Hessele.

The service at All Saints' was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. J. Day), and Mr. A. H. Fox, of Kirk Ella, president of the Eastern District, was the organist. Members were entertained to tea by the Hessele company.

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the meeting, when reports were received from the secretary (Mr. A. E. Sellers) and the Ringing Master (Mr. Clem Glenn). Acknowledging a vote of thanks, the Vicar wished the society every success in their efforts to promote efficient ringing. The local company were thanked for providing tea and making the arrangements.

GREAT TEY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like through 'The Ringing World' to announce that the bells of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, cannot be rung owing to three of the bells being in a dangerous position. Expert advice has been obtained and the work is in the hands of a bell firm. Some £300 is required to put them in order and I would ask all those ringers who have some time or another had the privilege of ringing on this fine old peal to remember us. The raising of this sum requires a great effort for a small parish, but with a little outside help I'm sure it can be done.—Thanking you,
J. W. DYER.

The Chase, Great Tey, Essex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Although the ringing was not always first class, excellent practice resulted from the meeting of the Farnham District at Yorktown on October 12th, when there was an attendance of over 50. Mr. R. Hasted was in charge of the ringing, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Paterson).

The Vicar presided at the meeting, which followed tea, when officers for 1947 were nominated and three new members elected. The by-meeting in December will be at Seale. Surprise visitors in the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye, of Bagshot, who although not enjoying very good health, were able to drive to the belfry door and listen to and watch the ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Melksham on October 5th. The attendance was rather disappointing, 24 attending. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. Mark White, Guildford, who had assisted the local band during the months he was training with the R.N.A.S. at Melksham, also Mr. Scott of Aldershot. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Sangster).

At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. E. Parker. Meetings were arranged as follows: Holt for November, Seend for December, and Westbury for the annual in January. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise.

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OXFORD GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Framlingham, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business meeting to decide on Bell Restoration Fund. — C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Lee, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 6.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Next meeting, Barking (8), Oct. 26th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Help given to anyone who wants to progress. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask. — J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOUTH NORMANTON, Oct. 26th.—Presentation to Mr. J. W. England, for invaluable service to the association. Presentation by Mr. J. Hobbs, President, at 5 p.m. Chairman, Rev. T. H. Evans, Rector. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 5, Station Hotel, Droxford. Most important.—R. J. Stone, c/o W/O and Sergeants' Mess, Martinique Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD. — North and East District.—St. James-the-Apostle, Prebend Square, Islington (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service. Tea. Further ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Wisbech (10), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Quarterly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. — Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Braughing (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and service.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Battle, Oct. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Chippenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham St. Paul's (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m.—H. Marsh, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Cary Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Evening meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Monday, Oct. 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13. (Perivale 5320.)

SURREY ASSN (N.-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSN. (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by service. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent, by Saturday, Oct. 26th.—D. Cooper and A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by 31st inst.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual General District Meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 30th to A. Gillings, Police Station, Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Norton (8), Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory. Bring food. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe. Double Norwich, Cambridge S. and the learner catered for. — N. Heaps, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly meeting at Abbot's Leigh, Nov. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Tea at The George approximately 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Snaith (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 2 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—The next meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Tea will be provided to all who notify Mr. R. Preston, 35, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, before Oct. 30th. Annual committee meeting at 4 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wainfleet (St. Mary's), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2:30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. H. Wright, 1, Council Houses, Burns Bridge, Wainfleet Bank, Skegness, by Tuesday, Oct. 29th. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Meeting at Sandhurst on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.30.—B. C. Castle.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Chicheley, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Sandy, St. Swithin's.—The new Rector of Sandy will be inducted on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. Bells available at 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., and again after the service. Refreshments before and after the service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 30th to Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I. of W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea. Those requiring tea please advise.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell (8 bells), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. S. Cawley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Haslingden (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Practice meeting at Penkridge, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The next meeting will be held in the Vestry of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. A. Taylor, M.A. A wreath will be laid at the base of the tower to the memory of Benjamin Annable, Master in 1746. Business meeting at 3.15 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, at 5.30 p.m. Annual luncheon, Nov. 23rd, Bridge House Hotel, 1.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.—Dedication of the two new trebles by the Bishop of Liverpool, Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Service at 10.45 a.m. at St. Helen's Church.—S. Flint.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—The monthly practice at Tonbridge will in future be held on the first Wednesday in each month, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Weybridge (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road,

Walton-on-Thames, by Nov. 5th. Nomination of district officers for 1947 at this meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Saturday, Nov. 9th, Higham (6). Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Names to me by Nov. 4th.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

NORWICH ASSN.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch at Acle (6) on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Bring own food. Cups of tea supplied.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—William Saunders Memorial Fund.—Will all ringers and friends interested kindly send their donations to Mr. T. J. Belk (Hon. Treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (Hon. Sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM
MEETING AT SELLY OAK.

The usual quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild took place on October 5th at the Parish Church, Selly Oak. Ringing on the tower bells was restricted to the afternoon and this probably accounted for the attendance not being as large as usual, 28 members and friends being present. The Guild's form of service was taken by the Vicar.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presided. Amongst the visitors was Mr. W. H. Barber, who was on holiday from Newcastle-on-Tyne. The tower election of Mr. Dennis Roe, of Keighley, was ratified. The next meeting, being the annual, is to be held at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, on Saturday, January 4th. It was also decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 1st, 1947.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for arranging the tea and making the local arrangements, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by the secretary.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On October 3rd, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, T. Millstead 2, Betty Solly 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, F. Gadsden 6, A. Hinkley 7, G. Swain 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On October 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Iris Ewins 1, A. Birch 2, Miss Ruth Lund 3, W. Eastwell 4, W. Henley (conductor) 5, D. Pearce 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

GRIMSBY, LINGS.—On October 3rd, at the Church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Hadwick 1, C. Kennington 2, V. Bromfield 3, A. Swain 4, J. Willows 5, W. Mumby 6, J. E. Kennington 7, A. Pashley (conductor) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Kentish (conductor) 1, D. Price 2, A. Lawrence 3, R. Kenrick 4, A. Burgess 5, D. Ellingham 6, A. White 7, Miss H. Snowdon 8, T. Lock 9, L. Cull 10.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On October 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Sanger (conductor) 1, T. Kimber 2, E. H. Nash 3, J. E. Melcalf 4, P. Hull 5, D. Target 6, J. T. Dyke 7, R. G. Beck 8.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Gibbons 1, S. R. Cockell 2, A. W. Angell 3, R. H. Sigg (aged 83), 4, A. J. West 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, H. Smith 7, C. Gibbons 8.

OTTERSHPAW, SURREY.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawkins 1, P. Underwood 2, W. A. Goldstone 3, D. Sleet 4, R. J. Andrews (conductor) 5, H. Kingston 6. First quarter as conductor.

SOUTHAM, GLOS.—On October 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. I. Eaton 1, Miss E. Hall 2, Miss M. M. Lyon 3, R. J. Edden 4, J. R. Ball 5, W. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th, and first as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. M. Lyon.

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Ringers were present from Aldbourne, Bristol, Broad Hinton, Bishops Cleeves, Blunsdon, Bishopstone, Chippenham, Calne, Chiseldon, Cirencester, Chew Magna, Fairford, Lynnhall, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Rodbourne Cheney, Slough, Swindon, South Cerney, Stratton St. Margaret and Wootton Bassett. W.B.K.

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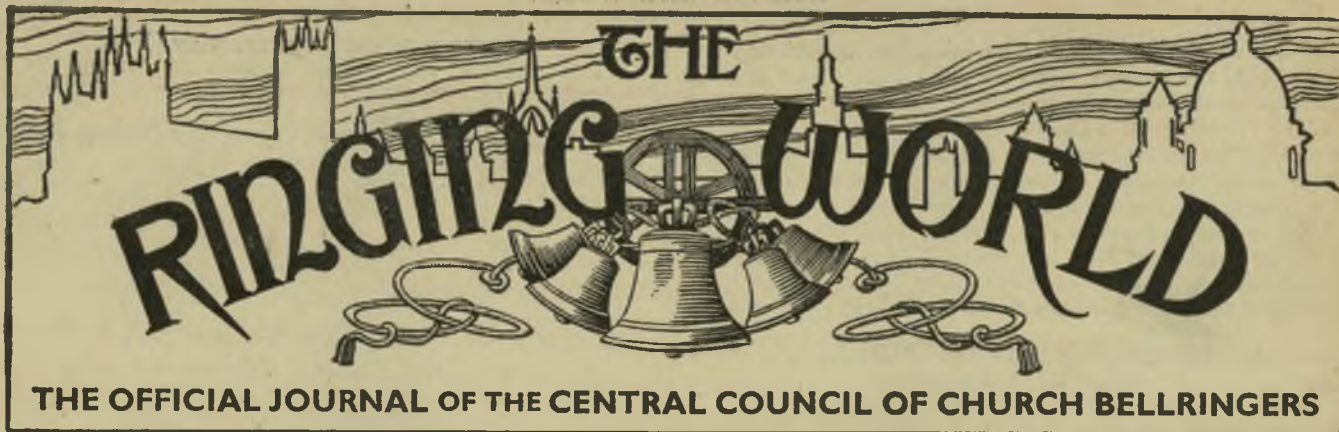
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REBUILDING OUR CHURCHES

The announcement that a number of London churches damaged by the blitz are to be rebuilt will be received with satisfaction. The list includes the famous Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, with its bells which are unquestionably the best known in the world through use as a call signal by the B.B.C. This programme of rebuilding will not be confined to London. At both Bristol and Plymouth famous peals were lost by enemy action, and definite news of rebuilding plans should be to hand any day. The passing of Major J. H. B. Hesse last week and his work for the Exercise serve to emphasise the need on the part of all lovers of church bells to be ever vigilant that the Church authorities insist that the architects employed should obtain professional guidance in regard to bell towers and bell hanging.

In Major Hesse's peal book for 1925-6 appeared the following observation concerning a peal of six in Suffolk: 'They are hung in a miserable frame which ought to be scrapped. The noise in the ringing chamber is deafening. These defects are due to a fool of an architect called ——. (I hope some day he will see this.)' This incident from a Suffolk village could be multiplied a score of times; ringers all over the country are familiar with such towers and suffer in consequence Sunday by Sunday.

The problem is not a new one. Sir Arthur P. Heywood, when President of the Central Council in 1914, arranged for the publication of a very readable book on bell towers and bell hanging. Contributors to this volume included the present President of the Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and Mr. E. Alexander Young, who is an architect. Unfortunately the book is out of print, but the time is opportune when a summarised version of it should be published and widely circulated. The question is of such importance at this juncture that every Guild should have a special committee ready to make representations personally as soon as any scheme of rehanging or augmentation is contemplated, and appropriate non-technical literature should be available.

The Central Council has constantly advocated specialists dealing with bells, and in view of the absence of ringing during much of the war years, it is well to remind towers generally of their advice. 'Even when there is a competent steeplekeeper in charge, a "ring" of bells should be thoroughly examined by a bell hanger of repute about every fifth year, when all necessary repairs should be promptly effected, after which the bells, frame and fittings should be well cleaned down and the woodwork

and ironwork repainted.' The initiative in such matters rests with the ringers, who should remind the Parochial Council or the incumbent of their responsibility. Some towers present an annual report to the Parochial Church Council and thus retain interest; others hold open days when members of the congregation are invited to the ringing chamber and, if possible, to see the bells. Bells in many churches can well be regarded as a priceless heritage, and it is our duty to foster among the congregation worshipping at these churches the same love and affection with which they are held by ringers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*JAMES HIGGINS Treble	†FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	†RICHARD A. POST 9	
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS 10	
GEORGE E. FEARN 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... .. 11	
JOHN S. MASON 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First twelve-bell peal. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours & Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

REV. A. G. THURLOW Treble	HENRY TOOKE 6
*ARTHUR G. BASON 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE BAILEY 8
ALAN F. THIRST 4	WILLIAM CLOVER 9
GEORGE SAYER 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN... .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4	JOHN PINFOLD 9
THOMAS HEMMING 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PVE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Royal.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JILL POOLE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
PETER J. STANFORTH 2	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 7
*ERIC NOBLES 3	†GEORGE CARE 8
†PHILIP JONES 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
BURLEY MORRIS 5	WILLIAM G. FAREY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. W. Auger on his retirement.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	WILLIAM STAITE 6
CHARLES J. GARDNER 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
TREVOR PRITCHARD 3	*WILLIAM DEAN 8
THOMAS WITTS 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
*RAYMOND THAIN 5	RUPERT SHARPE Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Caters.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
HOBART E. SMITH 2	*FRANK REED 7
*JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	CECIL W. PIPE 8
CHARLES CLARKE 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
FRANK FISHER 5	*HERBERT G. JILLINGS... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Caters by all the band and for the Guild.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GERALD FROST Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
†JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 2	JOHN E. FOWLER 7
†DOUGLAS C. JENNINGS... .. 3	FREDERICK SOUTER 8
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	JOHN H. BOTHAM 9
SYDNEY M. BAILEY 5	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES Treble	WALTER C. ROSE 5
FRANK L. HARRIS 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
*JOHN S. WALTON 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F. sharp.

W. E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. PIPE.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT I. WALPOLE ... Treble	STANLEY FENN 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*SELIM GOODSWEN 3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 7
FREDK. C. GUNTON 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	ROY C. HIRST 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG 6
*IVAN KNIGHT 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
*DOROTHY GOULD 4	HARRY GILLARD Tenor

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

JAMES McCLUSKEY ... Treble	ERNEST SHORT 5
NORA HOLMES 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF 6
ERNEST J. PADGETT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7
RICHARD WILLCOCKS 4	HARRY BARNES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method for all the band.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON ... Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 6
H. WALTER SMITH 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS 7
RONALD SUCKLING 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* 100th Surprise peal.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

*BRIAN SISSONS ... Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY 5
MRS. J. RENDER 2	TOM JUNE 6
H. S. MORLEY 3	FRED TERRY 7
MISS M. HAWLEY 4	EDWARD BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by H. H. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*THOMAS D. LEASK ... Treble	ERNEST THORLEY 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 6
LESLIE M. WOODHEAD... .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT 7
†CHARLES THORLEY 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROSE ... Treble	*GEORGE BUSH 5
GEORGE W. JEFFS... .. 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE... .. 6
*HERBERT COAKES 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON... .. 4	CHARLES M. WHITNEY... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by G. W. JEFFS.

* First peal of Major.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(All Saints' Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*F. MORETON, R.A.F. ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
*MISS M. E. L. BEAMISH 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH 4	*JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

* First peal, aged 11 years. Rung as a compliment to F. Moreton on his 21st birthday.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. EDURGA.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 28 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	DENIS R. MORRIS 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF PERSHORE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN... .. 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*GEORGE SAYER 3	*CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
HENRY TOOKE 4	WILLIAM CLOVER... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	*CHARLES W. MUNDAY 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... .. 3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY 7
HAROLD A. MAY 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	*IVAN KAY 5
GERALD DARE 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT... .. 6
EILEEN H. BASTOW 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY 4	*ISAAC GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY

* First peal in the method.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1946, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	NORMAN V. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SILEBY, LEICESTER.—On October 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dexter 1, Miss Z. Walker 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, A. H. Mansfield 4, H. Humphreys 5, A. E. Hubbard 6, G. T. H. Walker (conductor) 7, J. Toon 8. Rung for the christening of the son of the ringer of the 6th.

SIX BELL PEALS

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*JOHN HOLLOWAY ... Treble | FRANK OLLIER ... 4.
FRANK BARNARD ... 2 | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3 | JOHN E. BROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BROUGH.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.
Rung for the birthday of the 2nd ringer.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent
Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... Treble | JACK POUNDS ... 4
CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 2 | WILFRED CORE ... 5
ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 3 | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pounds.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.
JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble | ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 4
*MISS YVONNE BOTHAM 2 | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
†ARTHUR TAYLOR ... 3 | †ALFRED JOHN LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal in
the method.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
BERT STANDEN ... Treble | GEORGE E. DANN ... 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 2 | WILFRED BOOTH ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWY ... 3 | FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

BURITON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*MALCOLM H. LAWRENCE Treble | *ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4
*PERCIVAL L. WRIGHT... 2 | EDWIN S. SMITH ... 5
CECIL C. WRIGHT ... 3 | CHARLES E. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BROUGHTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble
Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.
W. BRIAN BRAY ... Treble | G. LESLIE LUNN ... 4
FRANK LORD ... 2 | PHILIP BARNES ... 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3 | JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. M. Swifte.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.
FREDK. HANNINGTON ... Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 2 | TREVOR RHODERICK ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 3 | ALFRED W. HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five
Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent
Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in B.
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... Treble | DENIS R. MORRIS ... 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2 | REGINALD WOODVATT ... 5
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

Rung on the front six of the ten.

HANDBELL PEALS

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT 4, FAIRLEIGH TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor (cast 1835) size 20 in E.
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5-6
JOHN PUMPHREY ... 3-4 | WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7-8
Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
This peal contains 2,976 changes of Kent and 2,048 changes of
Oxford, with 56 changes of method.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS LUCILE M. HULBERT 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 9-10
Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
AT 92, BUTCHER'S ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations. Tenor size 15 in C.
HAROLD F. WOOD ... 1-2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5-6
Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.
PETER NIX ... 1-2 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE 5-6
Conducted by PETER NIX.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2 | *S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5-6
K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) 3-4 | *E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) 7-8
Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius).
Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

ANSTHEY, NEAR LEICESTER.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Staniforth (first quarter in method) 1, Jill Poole 2, S. R. Gardner 3, J. S. Liffe 4, R. F. Elkington 5, Dennis Dodson (conductor) 6, Derek Dodson (first quarter in method) 7, P. J. Staniforth (first quarter in method as conductor) 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. D. Layton 1, Betty Layton (first in method) 2, Winifred Adams 3, M. E. H. Pitstow (first in method) 4, N. Hobden 5, H. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams (conductor) 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mrs. and Mrs. H. N. Pitstow.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. V. Chilcott 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, H. Belcher 3, H. D. C. Satow (first quarter in method) 4, Mrs. E. E. Davis 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, J. A. Phillips (conductor) 7 R. W. Stannard 8.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,290 Stedman Triples: Miss Joan Grant 1, William Swift 2, Robert Swift 3, George Winter 4, Frederick Hale 5, William Mortimer 6, Sidney Grant (conductor) 7, George Oram 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allport 1, B. Lawton 2, C. Skidmore (conductor) 3, J. Lloyd 4, T. Williams 5, C. Richards 6, T. Hemming 7, G. Ball 8. First quarter in method by 6th and first quarter by tenor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. G. Ridge (first in method) 1, S. Armstrong 2, A. Humphrey 3, G. Ales 4, F. Bennett 5, R. F. Clark (first in method) 6, H. Stalham (conductor) 7, J. C. Edwards 8.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 7th at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, 1,280 Kent Major: T. Barker 1, J. Blackburn 2, J. Hill 3, E. Ramsbotham 4, S. Tuson 5, F. G. Bradley 6, J. Charnock 7, J. H. Gartside (conductor) 8. Rung muffled in memory of the late Canon Crank, for 35 years Rector of St. Mary's.

QUARTER PEALS

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 6th at St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hanington 1, L. W. Prosser 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, W. Heath 5, A. Rowley 6, A. Parnell (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, G. A. Parsons 3, C. Pothecary 4, J. Bennett (conductor) 5, H. W. Clark 6, A. W. Coles 7, W. Donaldson 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, M. H. Sinden 3, C. F. Taplin 4, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: W. Butler 1, Mary Buckingham 2, R. Posnett 3, F. Rolfe 4, S. L. Posnett (conductor) 5, J. Brooks 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 6th at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Eaton 1, J. F. Atkins 2, G. H. Williams 3, W. Mumford 4, D. T. Martin (conductor) 5, H. Withers 6, T. Russell 7, E. G. Fletcher 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sandle 1, B. Guy 2, Miss F. M. Hope 3, A. King 4, H. Acock 5, E. Cooper 6, W. Godwin (conductor) 7, F. Evans 8.

FINCHLEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. F. Carter 1, F. Cherrett 2, B. Tubb 3, A. F. Thirst 4, T. G. Bevan 5, F. O. W. Knight (conductor) 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. F. Carter 1, J. Payton 2, D. Harman (first quarter) 3, A. Butler 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, A. F. Thirst (conductor) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th at St. Nicolas', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. W. J. Appleton 1, S. Breeze 2, Mrs. Hazelden 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, W. Fay 5, E. Lee 6, F. Oldroyd

7, W. R. Morey 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, F. Badford 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by ringers of 1, 6 and 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Blomfield (conductor) 1, P. Whittell 2, E. Ellenger 3, E. Grimes 4, W. Kinsey 5, K. Whittell 6, C. Woodward 7, C. Shemming 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 6th, a quarter-peak of Bob Major on handbells at the Commercial Hotel: David Vincent 1-2, Fred Hodgson 3-4, John Worth (conductor) 5-6, Fred Dunkerley 7-8.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Ellis 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, C. W. Otley 3, R. Lathbury 4, E. W. Furbank 5, L. H. Bowler 6, H. G. Andrews 7, John W. Ward 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Riggs 1, C. S. Bennett 2, G. Prescott (conductor) 3, A. N. Owen 4, J. Owen 5, W. Prescott 6.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—At the Church of All Saints, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles in 10 different callings: *Miss G. Somerville 1, G. Williamson 2, J. B. Watts 3, William M. Rowe (conductor) 4, B. Dunbar 5, K. Stacey 6. *First quarter-peak: first for a lady for N.S.W. Association.

PITMINSTER, TAUNTON, SOM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Holway 1, W. Burstow 2, J. Summerhayes 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston (conductor) 5, T. Langdon 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Lightfoot 1, H. Houson 2, J. Gibbons 3, A. D. Steel 4, N. Holland (conductor) 5, F. Wilshaw 6, A. Peake 7, C. H. Page 8.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Devoil 1, J. Suckling 2, A. Redington 3, L. Ladley 4, D. Hollis (first as conductor) 5, S. Carter 6.

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Greetings to our 500 new readers this week! We trust that your joining 'The Ringing World' fellowship will add to your interest in the Exercise and help forward Sunday service ringing. If you enjoy 'The Ringing World' let your friends know. We can still take more subscribers.

From Los Angeles comes a letter from Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who was formerly secretary of Holy Trinity Cathedral tower, Guildford. He has been busy with pencil and paper and has composed the Drayton variation for Superlative Maximus.

Our overseas postbag also contains an air letter from Australia. Mr. W. Rowe, who is a member of the Central Council, sends us a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in which Miss G. Somerville claims to be the first lady to ring a quarter in N.S.W. In Victoria a peal was rung by a lady during the British tourists' visit.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Mr. L. Wright, of Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds, who writes to us from Addenbrook Hospital, Cambridge. Like the conscientious hon. secretary he is, he sends us a brief report of the N.E. Division of the Essex Association meeting at Bromley on Oct. 12th.

Is ringing hereditary? With Edwin A. Barnett completing his 500 peals at the early age of 28, three generations of his family have each scored 500 peals. All were named Edwin. The late grandfather was 'Old Teddy,' his son 'Long Teddy,' while E. A., now a modest six-footer, is 'Little Teddy.'

Four birthday honours in one peal! This happened at Bloxwich, Staffordshire, on Oct. 17th, when those commemorated were Messrs. A. Dutton, H. Green and H. Howell, of Walsall, and Mrs. J. C. Adams, of Bloxwich. We will next be having a birthday peal with all the ringers having the same natal day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In response to many requests we publish a second cartoon from P.H. To those who regret this action we would remind them that this is a democratic country and the majority wish it.

Major H. J. Cann, of Pirbright, is in the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, having undergone an abdominal operation. We all hope he will soon be back again in harness.

Confirmation is to hand that Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe is the first lady to conduct a peal of Spliced Surprise Major. What shall the reward be? A congratulation for each of the 112 changes of method!

A 22-year-old gap exists between the peal at Liversedge, Yorks, and the last one rung by a local band. Three stalwarts took part in both peals—E. B. Betts, T. Scott and F. Hodgson.

Fifty years ago last Saturday the first peal was rung at Pritlewell, Essex. The peal on October 19th was rung as near to the anniversary as possible. There was nobody present to say 'I remember'!

From Lancashire comes an ex-Service peal. No suggestion of an ex-Service Guild behind it!

There has been more nine-bell ringing at Basingstoke. This time it was 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major with the tenor behind on October 12th, Charles H. Kippin again being the conductor. The ringers were Nesta D. Smith 1, William Hibbert 2, F. A. Munday 3, E. Austen 4, R. W. Rex 5, H. W. Simmons 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. H. Kippin 8, and John Chesterman tenor.

Mr. Herbert E. Taylor's performance in conducting a peal on his wedding day recalls the distinction Miss Chillingworth, now Mrs. A. E. Reeves, gained on June 1st, 1916. She was married at Bradfield that day and conducted a 720 of Bob Minor. A framed cutting in the belfry of St. Peter's, Dorchester, records the fact of 'being the only time that a bride has conducted her own wedding peal.'

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READERS' COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Length of Recorded Peals

WHY RECORD 5,000 PEALS ?

'VANITY OF VANITIES, ALL IS VANITY.'

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. F. Rigby is not correct in saying that there is a 'rule' that 5,000 changes must be the minimum for a peal. Obviously a band can ring any lesser number if they wish.

The rule of most associations is that no peal of less than 5,000 shall be recorded. Mr. Rigby is probably right in thinking that the extent of Triples led to the adoption of 5,000 as a minimum length, but the reason why the performances were recorded was that they were so rare as to be outstanding. To-day 5,000's are so commonplace that they are not worth recording, and any move to make recorded peals more numerous is to be deprecated.

After all, the only reason for recording a performance is 'swank,' and there is precious little 'swank' to be got out of ringing a length which many men have rung a dozen times in a week and to-day is often performed by children of tender years.

I suggest, therefore, that the minimum for recorded peals be increased to 7,000. This would ensure that the recorded performances would be sufficiently rare to allow the performers to take pride in them, and if 7,000's eventually became too numerous, the figure could be increased to 10,000.

Those who wished to ring shorter lengths could still do so, but they would not be recorded. Perhaps an exception could be made in the case of a record length in a method where it was less than 7,000.

I agree with Mr. Rigby's remarks re peal ringing and the outside listener. A peal of 5,000 changes is too long to inflict on the public when rung solely for the ringers' pleasure. It is precisely 5,000 too long. No ringing except that for services and special occasions should ever be audible outside the boundaries of the churchyard.

If a group of people congregated in a public place and kicked up a din for three hours non-stop on any medium other than a peal of church bells they would be 'run in' and sentenced to a well-deserved term of imprisonment. Let us face the fact that when we attempt a peal we are thoroughly enjoying ourselves and being a confounded nuisance to everyone else within earshot, and it is one of the marvels of modern times that we have been allowed to get away with it.

For the benefit of those who may demand my head on a charger, may I say that I have rung many 5,000's and hope to ring many more.—Yours sincerely,

H. G. CASHMORE.

24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

'THEY HASTY THINGS'

Dear Sir,—It was with real pleasure that I read the excellent letter from Churchwarden and Ringer 'of Chichester in a recent 'Ringing World.' I am sure he voices the views of the great majority of the Exercise. Some of us have been pained at the spite displayed by certain critics of Mr. Dark's letter, as I am sure Mr. Dark must be himself. We were discussing the subject in the belfry, and our old tenor man, a wise and long-headed rustic, spoke up and said, 'There be a lot of cocky youngsters about nowadays, an' I'll 'low twer some o' they said they hasty things.'

I like to feel that the letter from Chichester and that of the organiser of the record peal reflect the sentiments of most of us, and I, for one, as a method ringer for 57 years, thank Mr. Dark for opening an interesting discussion.—Yours faithfully,

'VETERAN RINGER.'

Weston-super-Mare.

IN DEFENCE OF THE 5,000 CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Rigby's letter, I feel that to shorten a peal below 5,000 changes will tend to cheapen peals. I have been teaching now for the past 42 years and have yet to find any complaints from non-ringers about peals that are rung, always, of course, providing that there has been sufficient foresight to deaden the louvres in the case of noisy bells. If a peal is going badly, stop. Towers are easy enough to get (if you put up a good performance). Bells generally go extremely well (providing the heavy bell 'bashers' do not want to ring the quickest peal on the bells). Too much stress is laid on ringing some fancy method (so-called Surprise) with bands that are incapable of striking Bob Major. Very few bands to-day go out to enjoy the music and rhythm of a well-struck peal. That in itself justifies the 5,000. Surely we are not to be told that peal ringing proper is tiring.

Without wishing to advertise Burnham, which possesses one of the most unmusical and false-struck rings of bells in Bucks, tenor 16 cwt., I append the following: Band started from nothing 1932. Results up to outbreak of war: R. G. Taylor (age 12), 5 peals; J. E. Taylor (age 13), 40 peals; P. N. Cashman (age 14), 1 peal; W. A. Gyster (age 14), 4 peals; B. O'Neill (age 14), 22 peals; J. D. Taylor (age 14), 16 peals; M. A. Blamey (age 15), 13 peals; P. A. Blamey (age 16), 15 peals; J. Jones (age 17), 1 peal; N. G. Bristow (age 17), 1 peal; C. A. Burgess (age 17), 33 peals; G. H. Limmer (age 18), 48 peals; G. W. Limmer (age 20), 41 peals; Miss Fleming, 1 peal. All members had rung peals of Minor up to and including seven Minor methods. A band of local boys, aged 14 years 7 months (average age), had rung a peal of Doubles with four taking part in the conducting. The war claimed this band.

A post-war band of girls was formed, and results to date are as follows: Jean Broomfield (age 14), 17 peals; Mary Pemberton (age 14), 12 peals; Joyce Hearn (age 14), 9 peals; Hilda Taylor (age 14), 7 peals; Freda Murkitt (age 15), 5 peals; Valerie Crouch (age 15), 1 peal; P. Mellor, 1 peal. I am very proud of this band, and so are the people of Burnham, as the girls only took on peal ringing as a sideline. One will find them at their posts for every Sunday service before time, and this applies also to practice. Is this enough to defend the peal of 5,000 changes?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE GILBERT,

Instructor to the St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Burnham, Bucks.

Pontresina, Milner Road, Burnham, Bucks.

SIZE OF WHEEL AND SWING OF BELL

Sir,—I have several times heard ringers refer to the effect on the swing of a bell of the size of the wheel. They speak of a bell swinging the slower because the wheel is large.

Without presuming too much experience, I would suggest that this is a fallacy. For it seems to me that, when a bell is once pulled off, there are but two factors concerned in the time it takes to revolve:—

(1) The total weight of the bell and its fittings.

(2) The distance of the centre of gravity of the bell and fittings from the axis of rotation. For practical purposes this amounts to how much the bell is tucked up in the headstock.

I cannot conceive how the size of the wheel is concerned. It will undoubtedly move the rope a greater distance, but can have no other effect.

D. G. H. HOLLIS.

Widford Rectory, Ware, Herts.

IS KENT UNWIELDY ?

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree with the statement in your leading article of October 11th that there is 'wisdom in division.' I agree that guilds should never become unwieldy organisations and officers should be able to cover their territory easily.

There is a lesson in this for my own association, the Kent County, covering as it does an area of 1,570 square miles and having distances of some 73 miles between extreme towers east and west and some 35 miles north and south. It covers the whole diocese of Rochester, all but a tiny portion of Canterbury (Croydon), and a considerable part of Southwark. The time for division into diocesan guilds is indeed overdue.

Some will regard this as rank heresy on my part, and will point out that we are already divided into six districts. This is quite true, but anyone who has had any part in the management of the K.C.A. will, if he speaks the truth, agree with a remark made to me recently. 'The six districts are six watertight compartments; one of them carries the association as far as ringing is concerned and the others exist on the association's large bank balance.' For my part, I am forced to acknowledge the truth of this, and such a state of affairs cannot be good for any organisation, whether an association of change ringers or anything else.

County associations have, for the most part, outlived their usefulness and the time has come when no ringing organisation should extend beyond the confines of its own diocese.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford, Kent.

BLIND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in the references to blind ringers, and I would like to mention that in September, 1925, I was spending a week-end at Marden, near Hereford, where there is a lovely ring of six bells, tenor 16½ cwt. We met one short for a quarter-peal when Mr. T. Barnes, the churchwarden, came into the tower leading a blind gentleman and said, 'Albert, here is an old pal of yours. Do you know him now?' To my surprise it was Mr. Owen Lang, who taught me to handle a bell 40 years before when his father was Vicar of Marden.

After a greeting that I expressed regret that he could not take the vacant rope. He replied, 'I think I can. At least I'll try, Albert, for old time's sake. I'll ring the treble.' He did so, and called the touch and struck his bell perfectly. He had gone blind a couple of years previously. After his father's death he left Marden and went to either Croydon or Swindon. No doubt many ringers in those towns have rung with him. I know Mr. E. Morris has.—Yours sincerely,

ALBERT WEAVER.

Penarth, near Cardiff.

APRIL DAY DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have been in more than one five-bell belfry of late when disputes have arisen as to the correct way to call April Day Doubles. An old Leicester friend of mine (who ought to know how to conduct almost anything) once described it as Plain Bob with a Grandsire single, but this version does not appear to be generally acceptable. The correct calling is 'Bob,' shouted someone at a meeting recently, followed by another voice who said, 'It doesn't matter what you call, bob or single.'

Now, sir, all I know is that one bell at the call makes long thirds, and I have yet to know or hear of any bell making long thirds at a Grandsire bob. So which is correct—Bob or Single? P. AMOS.
Northampton.

Funeral of Major J. H. B. Hesse

The funeral service for Major John Harley Bridges Hesse, whose death on October 18th was recorded in our last issue, was held at Wrington Parish Church on October 22nd. The great church was well filled by relatives, friends and villagers, and the coffin was borne by six local ringers. The officiating clergy were the Rev. A. Chetwynd-Talbot (Rector of Wrington) and Preb. A. J. Hook (Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association).

Representative ringers and friends present included Mr. A. A. Hughes (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. H. Pulling (vice-president, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Miss N. G. Williams and Miss Ann Brown (Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. Skidmore (St. Ambrose's, Bristol), Mr. E. F. Hancock (St. Stephen's, Bristol), Messrs. I. W. G. Fulford and E. G. Beynon (Universities' Guild), Mr. Alan R. Macdonald (Salisbury Guild), Messrs. J. T. Dyke, W. Osborn, H. Sauter, A. E. Wall, E. Fisher, E. G. Caple, Dubric Wood, E. Avery, L. Pullin, E. R. Norton, H. A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mrs. S. Gilling and the local band of the Bath and Wells Association. Canon Coleridge was unable to be present.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by H. W. Knight, A. H. Pulling, J. T. Dyke and A. A. Hughes, and 1,277 of Grandsire Caters was rung on the half-muffled tower bells by the following local ringers after the ceremony: Mrs. S. Gilling (first quarter) 1, H. H. Yeates 2, T. Ferris 3, W. H. Kingcott 4, T. Brice 5, A. Ferris 6, W. Hobbs 7, H. Vowles 8, H. W. Knight (conductor) 9, B. Chard (first quarter) tenor.

MAJOR HESSE'S PEALS.

Stedman Cinques 32 (including 2 at St. Paul's Cathedral and the 'John' peal); Caters 106 (including a 10,025); Triples 143.

Grandsire Cinques 1, Caters 25, Triples 34, Doubles 2.

Treble Bob Maximus 6, Royal 30, Major 64 (including a 10,432), Minor 1.

Surprise Royal (on treble): Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 2.

Surprise Major (on treble): Cambridge 32, Superlative 14, London 18, Bristol 10, Yorkshire 2, Norfolk 1, Dublin 1.

Plain Bob Maximus 2, Royal 8, Major 59 (including a 10,208).

Forward Royal 2, Major 3.

Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Duffield Major 1, Oxford Bob Major 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1.

Minor: Cambridge 1, seven methods 3, four methods 3 two methods 1.

Doubles: Five methods 1.

Double Norwich Caters 1, Erin Caters 1, Double Norwich Major 38 (on treble), Grandsire Triples on handbells 3.

Total 655.

This list includes the first peal of Major at Sherborne and the first peal of Surprise at Sherborne.

APPRECIATIONS.

Dear Sir.—By the passing of Major Hesse we, the Wrington ringers, have lost a most true and loyal friend. We have him to thank very largely for the fine peal of bells we have at Wrington, and they were a great joy to him, especially when they were well struck. In fact, they were a great part of his life.

He was always ready to help us in any way that he could, and we shall remember and appreciate his generosity and kindness.

H. W. KNIGHT

(on behalf of the local ringers, Wrington).
The heading of your leader, 'An Ideal Master,' is quite correct and the tributes paid to John H. B. Hesse are indeed worthy of one who did so much for ringers and ringing. In 1901 he introduced himself to me outside a London tower, and said that John Taylor had recommended ringing to him as a splendid art. After the practice he asked if he could come with me to various towers and get plenty of experience. This was the start of a personal

and ringing friendship with one of the true and noble type it was a privilege to call friend. He knew his limitations and would tell them to you quite frankly. Early in 1903 the Rev. F. E. Robinson was going to call his first peal of Stedman, and having heard that the old gent would sometimes 'bark out' at a trip, John Hesse asked me to ring next to him and help him, in order to avoid being 'barked at' during the peal. The following year we took part in a bachelors peal together, a peal which caused many a joke in after years.

We in the Guildford Diocesan Guild found him not only the ideal Master doing his best for all whatever their station in life, but we also found and appreciated that wonderful engineering knowledge which has resulted in many improvements, wherever he was called in to advise. He did not adopt a 'class' attitude in any connection, and though he held a first class season to and from London, he would always come third with me whenever we met on the railway. This and other characteristic actions on his part always tended to show how thoughtful and considerate he was to others, in fact it can be truthfully said he carried out 'service before self.' It can be said of Major Hesse as of Brutus, 'His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world: This was a man.'

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN HENRY ARBON.

The death is reported on October 15th of Mr. John Henry Arbon, of Monewden, at the early age of 41 years. A member of the Helmingham company of ringers, he regularly attended the weekly practices until the ban on ringing. The funeral took place on October 18th at Monewden.

Mr. Arbon had rung 39 peals in the Suffolk Guild, in methods up to and including London Surprise Major, and took part in several Surprise peals at Helmingham, one of them being named, as a compliment to him, after his native place. Until his illness he was secretary of the Framlingham district of the Suffolk Guild. Of an agreeable and willing nature, he will be missed by many.

MISS HELEN W. BILL.

The death has occurred in Norwich of Miss Helen Winifred Bill. This was not entirely unexpected, as she had been ill since she was blitzed out in one of the Baedeker raids on Norwich in 1942. She became progressively worse and passed away peacefully on September 20th.

A funeral service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the church she had served so faithfully for over 37 years, and on the following Tuesday a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at St. Peter Mancroft half-muffled to her memory.

Although Miss Bill had not done a great deal of peal ringing of recent years, her name was very well known to both Norfolk and Suffolk ringers, as she was one of the five original lady ringers admitted to the St. Peter Mancroft Guild during the Great War and was the first lady to take part in a course of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

Her first peal was one of Bob Major at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, in August, 1919; and in all she took part in about 21 peals. She also had the honour of having rung at St. Paul's Cathedral.

When the new Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was formed in 1938 she was elected to the committee and was of great help in starting the new division.

Helen Bill was quiet and unobtrusive; but it is no exaggeration to say that she was one of the nicest and most loyal persons living. She will be greatly missed by all. S.R.E.P.

MR. W. HAMMOND.

A regular ringer at St. Michael's Parish Church, Braintree, for the past 50 years, except for a short period when business took him to the Dunstable district, Mr. Walter Hammond died on October 20th after a long illness, aged 70 years.

He was always very punctual and a most reliable ringer. He preferred to ring the tenor and liked good striking and kept very good time. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but during his career rang several peals up to Cambridge Surprise Major. He was of jovial disposition and was a great asset to the social side, being very fond of tune ringing on handbells. He will be greatly missed by all ringers in the district, among whom he was extremely popular.

On October 23rd, the evening of the funeral, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, in his memory by the following fellow ringers: S. Warne, G. Lindridge, H. Hammond, B. Redgewell, R. Martin, H. Felton, L. Wiffen and A. Wiffen.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the association was held at St. John's, Alloa, on October 12th and was attended by 35 members. A feature of the meeting was the ringing of two touches by an all ladies' band, this being the first occasion that the Scottish lady ringers have accomplished this. The service was conducted by Canon Sturrock Clarke (Rector).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT.

A good muster of ringers was present at the meeting of the North-East Division of the Essex Association at Bromley on October 12th. Methods rung included Plain Bob, St. Clement's Double Oxford, Court Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Yorkshire. The service was conducted by Mr. T. B. Millatt, licensed lay reader.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. J. Ellis (District Master), a special welcome was extended to Mr. Ronald Bugg, of Thorpe-le-Soken, who had just returned from the Forces. Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. T. W. Lewis and Mr. A. J. Martin were elected non-resident members. The annual district meeting was fixed for Thorington on January 4th.

A NEW BRANCH OF THE LADIES' GUILD

A South-Eastern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was inaugurated at a meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, on October 12th, attended by 25 ladies.

The scheme, as outlined by Mrs. Hairs, is to divide Sussex into four divisions, coinciding with the divisions of the County Association. Each division is to have a member to act as assistant secretary to the branch secretary. Kent is to be covered in a similar manner, the inaugural meeting in that county being suggested to be held in January.

After discussion this scheme was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Cross, seconded by Miss Colgate. Miss Eva Belcher, a foundation member, was unanimously elected vice-president of the branch and Mrs. Hairs secretary. Assistant secretaries for the four Sussex divisions are Miss Wyman, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Tamplin and Mrs. Percy, with Miss Colgate for Kent. These will form the committee. Nineteen new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, in April, 1947. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) of the Sussex County Association for his letter of welcome to the Guild, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Bennett and Stalham for having everything in readiness.

Oxford University Society

Evidence of the flourishing state of the society was provided at the general meeting held in Magdalen College on October 15th, when there was an attendance of over 70 people, of whom about 45 were newcomers. There were also present several old members of the society, now back in residence again, notably Messrs. W. F. Moreton, A. E. F. Trotman, M. A. C. Frewer and A. Routh.

The president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, was in the chair. After the presentation of the treasurer's and Master's reports, Mr. H. von der Heyde was elected to the treasurer's office, which had fallen vacant on the retirement of Mr. J. J. Bredin for reasons of health. Then followed a talk by the Master (Miss B. Spice) on the origin and development of change ringing, illustrated by handbell ringing. A general discussion followed.

At the first practice, on silent bells in New College tower, there was again a record number of beginners who were also present at the first handbell practice the following Saturday. The society has also been pleased to welcome several new members who can already ring, and altogether it is felt that this should prove to be one of the most successful years on record.

WELLS CATHEDRAL PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—I have been instructed by the members of the Wells Amateur Bellringers Society to write you with reference to the advertisement stating that bellringing practice will take place twice a month at Wells Cathedral, viz., second and fourth Wednesdays in the month. The above society members only practise at St. Cuthbert's Church, usually Thursday evenings, and only during the winter months.

Our members, therefore, would be glad if you would be good enough to discontinue the advertisement relating to practices at Wells Cathedral. I am asked also to say that it is usual for any ringing which takes place at the Cathedral should be arranged through the Dean and Chapter or the secretary of the local society.—I am, yours faithfully,

W. E. STILES, Hon. Sec.

Chaleroft, Wells.

Lois Weedon, Northants, parishioners and ringers are proposing to purchase a chalice and paten as a memorial to Mr. William Hinton, for many years parish clerk and ringer.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. STEPHEN'S, EALING, REVISITED.

The first ringing meeting of the South and West District at St. Stephen's, Ealing, for a considerable time was held on October 19th and proved a great attraction. This beautiful church, with its spire visible for many miles around, and its musical peal of bells, has always been an attraction to ringers, but until recently ringing has been very restricted.

Recently, however, owing to the kindness of the new Vicar (the Rev. H. Claude Harland) and the church authorities, a considerable sum of money has been spent in structural alterations inside the tower. Two heavy floors above the bells have been partly removed, allowing the sound of the bells to escape through the spire louvres, and the tower louvres have been blocked up. The result is very successful, the sound of the bells being much softened nearby, they are heard much further away, and the tone seems to be improved.

About 40 members and friends attended from Cheltenham, Chichester Cathedral, Chiswick, Cranford, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Hastings, Harrow, Hillingdon (St. John's), Isleworth, Kensington, Kingston-on-Thames, Lowestoft, Northrepps (Norfolk), Norwood Green, Richmond, Ruiship, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Thames Ditton, Twickenham, Wembley Park and Willesden.

Methods rung, under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and Cambridge, Superlative, London and Spliced Surprise Major, with rounds for learners, and continued at intervals from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was provided by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Izzard and the younger members of St. Stephen's band.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey welcomed the association to St. Stephen's. The Vicar, who had to leave early, responded to a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. G. Baldwin, who referred to his striking address, which referred to the camaraderie existing amongst ringers. The Vicar also referred to the fact that although he had held livings in various places, he had never before had charge of a peal of bells. When he came to St. Stephen's the bells were silent, and it was not until the Christmas of 1942 that he received a tremendous thrill when he heard them ring out for the first time. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that the

Vicar, whenever his heavy duties permit, visits the ringing chamber on a Sunday and conducts the Belfry Office, as given in the Middlesex County Report, with some added prayers—a practice which might well be followed in other places.

At the subsequent business meeting Mr. W. H. C. Davey presided. At the invitation of St. John's, Hillingdon, the next monthly meeting (joint with the Oxford Guild) was fixed for November 30th. An invitation from the Chiswick band to hold a meeting there in January was also accepted.

The following members were elected: Mr. E. H. Pennington (Chiswick) and Mr. J. Smith (St. Mary's, Ealing), Miss A. M. Izzard (St. Stephen's, Ealing) and three students from the College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea—Messrs. K. L. Brown, E. T. Chapman and J. King—the first named being a member of St. Stephen's band—and Miss P. G. Kitchen, of Thames Ditton, and Mr. R. W. Daniel, late of Cheltenham (non-resident life members).

A welcome on his return from the Forces was accorded to Mr. H. G. Andrews, of Kingston, an old Ealing ringer, and good wishes were accorded to the Chiswick and Twickenham bands on their reconstruction. The action of the chairman in insisting that each individual as mentioned should stand up so that 'we could have a look at them' was adopted with applause.

At the suggestion of the chairman, it was proposed by Mr. W. J. Paice, seconded by Mr. G. M. Kilby, and carried, that a special vote of thanks be accorded to the secretary for the work he is doing for the association and especially at St. Stephen's, and that he be requested to record this in the minutes.

On the proposition of Mr. F. G. Baldwin, the best thanks of the association were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, and for his address and welcome; to Mr. Davey for playing the organ and for his chairmanship; and to the local company for the arrangements made, especially to Messrs. J. C. Birt and D. K. Judd, and Miss A. M. Izzard for providing the tea.

Progress is reported from Carhampton, Somerset, where the local band rung their first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. We shall be hearing more of this company: J. Watts 1, R. Young 2, S. Wyburn 3, B. Chubb 4, I. Farmer (conductor) 5, H. W. Lloyd 6.

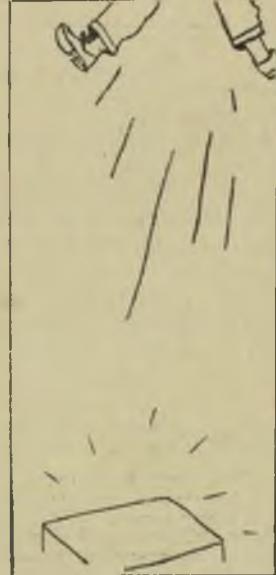
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT GUISELEY.

A very successful meeting was held on October 19th, when over 80 members were present from a very wide area. The fine new ring of eight, tenor 163 owt., was available throughout the day, and everyone expressed the opinion that Gillett and Johnston's had done another very good job. There is no doubt that the new peal will add to the dignity of the ancient Church of St. Oswald, dating back as it does to the early 12th century.

A bounteous tea was served in the British Restaurant and the Guiseley ringers are to be complimented and thanked most heartily for their generous hospitality.

The business meeting was under the chairmanship of the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnston), supported by the Rector, who gave a hearty welcome to the association and reminded the assembly that the ringing of church bells was an act of worship and expressed the hope that ringers would always regard it as such.

Mr. C. J. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston were also present, and, in replying to Mr. Barton, who had expressed delight in the work done, Mr. Johnston thanked the members for the complimentary remarks passed on the bells of Guiseley. Seven new members were elected, and the collection to the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £2 11s. 6d.



Never try to raise a bell until you're sure it's down!

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices will be received not later than Monday.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—William Saunders Memorial Fund.—Will all ringers and friends interested kindly send their donations to Mr. T. J. Belk (Hon. Treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (Hon. Sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

SURREY ASSN. (N.-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSN. (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by service.—D. Cooper and A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Norton (8), Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory. Bring food. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Snaith (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 2 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea. Those requiring tea please advise.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637).—The next meeting will be held in the Vestry of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. A. Taylor, M.A. A wreath will be laid at the base of the tower to the memory of Benjamin Annable, Master in 1746. Business meeting at 3.15 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishops-gate, at 5.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Combined practice each

Monday, 7 p.m., commencing Nov. 4th. First, third and fifth Monday: Adderbury, second and fourth in month: Deddington; until further notice.—E. Pearson, Branch Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—The monthly practice at Tonbridge will in future be held on the first Wednesday in each month, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Sat., Nov. 9th, at St. Wystan's (8). Open practice 3-6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Weybridge (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, by Nov. 5th. Nomination of district officers for 1947 at this meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Saturday, Nov. 9th, Higham (6). Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Names to me by Nov. 4th.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

NORWICH ASSN.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch at Acle (6) on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in Church Room. Bring own food. Cups of tea supplied.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Nov. 2nd, at Bramshott (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only 5.30, Church Room, Liphook. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Woolton, Liverpool, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service at 5. Tea provided.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided at the Caldrees Manor.—H. L. Martin.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Ashby Folville, Saturday, Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only; bring own food.—H. Humphreys.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Broughton-in-Furness. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Broughton-in-Furness, by Wednesday, Nov. 6th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Meeting at West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's (10), Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those notifying Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, not later than 7th.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Willoughby (6), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Please notify Mr. Geo. Hancock, Willoughby, near Rugby, if tea is required.—Miss H. Smith.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, Willow Cafe. Names by Nov. 5th to E. T. Newbury, Railway Avenue, Beckford, near Tewkesbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, Nov. 9th, St. Mary's, Putney Bridge (8), 3 p.m. Tea, Bishop's Park Pavilion 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. All Saints', Fulham (10), 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting, North Wingfield, Nov. 9th. Tea will be provided. Bells ready 3 p.m.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Middleton-on-Wolds, Nov. 9th.—Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in R.A.O.B. Club to all who notify by Nov. 5th Mr. E. Dooks, Station Road, Middleton-on-Wolds, Driffield.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Leigh (6), Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea at Bat and Ball, 5 p.m. Names by Nov. 6th to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, The Green, Leigh, Kent.—C. A. Bassett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Lydiard Millicent (6), Nov. 9th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, Nov. 9th, 2.30 p.m. For teas, notify Mr. W. Riley, 12, Woodland Avenue, Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, not later than Nov. 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Service 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring food.—The Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Wellington (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Hadley, by Tuesday, the 12th.—E. D. Poole.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly, Ebbw Vale (8), Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hanington, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Drighlington, Leeds, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, West House, 40, West Street, Drighlington, before Tuesday, Nov. 19th. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—309th anniversary luncheon, Bridge House Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Deddington (8), tenor 17 cwt. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will dedi-

cate two new treble bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung by Messrs. R. White and Son). All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. for those who notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, before Dec. 10th.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Ivan Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEW MASTER OF SOUTHERN BRANCH.
At the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at Badsey on October 19th, Mr. Frank Jones, of Badsey, was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. J. C. Perkins, who did not seek re-election. Mr. W. J. Newman was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Bob Geden appointed to the Central Committee in place of Mr. James Henning, who expressed a desire to see the branch represented by younger men.

Mr. Hemming's 35 years' service to the branch was recalled amid the applause of the members. He was secretary and treasurer from the commencement of the branch in February, 1911, until his resignation in 1936, when he was elected to the Central Committee. Elections were as follows: Messrs. Austin (hon. member), W. Busby, Frank Spiers and Fred Spiers, of Bidford (performing members). The Rev. G. J. Jefferies presided, and Pershore was selected for the spring meeting.

Ringers attended from Evesham, Bretforton, Bidford, Mickleton, Bredons Norton, Willersey, Eckington, Hampton, Hinton-on-the-Green, Beckford, Gloucester and the local ringers. After shortened evensong, conducted by the Vicar, a splendid tea, provided by the local band and their friends, was served in the Village Hall.

RINGER FOR 76 YEARS

Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of 80, Whiteands Road, High Wycombe, has been a church bellringer for 76 years. In a brief memoir he recalls All Saints' Church, Maidenhead, being built in 1864 by R. Silver and Sons to designs by Mr. Street, R.A., and a peal of bells by John Warner and Sons placed in the tower. A few years later the tower was destroyed by fire.

A second peal was supplied by Warner's and this event was accompanied by an accident. Mr. Henry Boswell, Warner's chief man, had the tenor 17½ cwt. up ready for placing when the pulley block broke and the bell crashed down 40ft. to the pavement below. In its passage it passed through a circular opening in the floor of the ringing chamber, which was only ½ inch wider than the bell itself. The bell was dug out uninjured and hung.

'I was a chorister at 7 and a ringer at 10 at Boyne Hill, where I rang for nearly 30 years. In 1900 I moved to High Wycombe and joined the belfry and still ring. I joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1881 and acted as instructor to ringers at 10 towers. My membership of the College Youths dates from 1879. I have rung about 400 peals in some 260 towers situated in 18 different counties. I remember particularly my first peal of Double Norwich at Caversham, which ended at 10 p.m. Afterwards I walked the 12 miles home!'

OFFICERS' PEAL TABLET

Exception is taken in a letter to the Editor by Mr. Ernest H. Rayner, of Thornbury, Bradford, to the decision of the Yorkshire Association to place a peal board in All Saints', Ilkley, commemorating the officers' peal of the Yorkshire Association in November, 1945. His point is that boards in ringing chambers should be confined to commemorating the achievements of Sunday service ringers and those connected with the tower in question.

Bob Caters at Ipswich

By way of a change from the usual routine or as a novelty, the Suffolk Guild rang a peal of Bob Caters at Ipswich on October 19th. This peal was almost faultlessly struck throughout and the ringers were all charmed by the good music produced.

Probably some persons may criticise this manner of ringing Plain Bob on odd number of bells owing to four blows behind, but there are precedents of four blows in 4ths at a bob in Kent Treble Bob, also four blows in 3rds at a single in Graudsire.

At Leeds, Kent, 6,480 Bob Caters were rung on November 2nd, 1751, and the same number at Maidstone on December 30th, 1786, in 4 hours and 22 minutes. The Ipswich peal had two preliminary courses, then nine courses in the tittums, followed by 24 courses in the plain course position, with the sixth at home in the whole 35 courses. Appended is the composition:—

5,040 BOB CATERS.

By George E. Symonds, Ipswich.

23456789 1 4 8

45236897 — — —

23456 — — —

52436978 — — 3

35426 — — 3

23456 — — 3

45236789 — — —

24536 3 —

52436 3 —

42356 2 —

43256 3 6

Repeat the last 12 courses, omitting bob at 4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NEGLECTED BELL ROPES.

The meeting on October 26th was held at two towers owing to local circumstances. The afternoon was spent at Holbeck, and after tea the ringers journeyed to Hunslet, where Mr. Cole had everything in readiness, but, alas, owing to the fact that the bells had not been rung for some considerable time, the ropes were not equal to the strain and the fourth rope broke during the first touch. While this was being spliced endeavours to find a reasonable peal of eight from the 56 handbells in the tower were made, and a course of Bob Major was rung. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Hammerton) and his wife were interested visitors.

The business meeting was held in the Hunslet tower, the president (Mr. J. McGlenn) presiding, and members were present from Armley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Rothwell, Woodlesford and the local company.

A vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of Holbeck and Hunslet was proposed by Mr. J. McGlenn and seconded by Mr. W. Dixon. A further vote of thanks to Mr. Teale, of Holbeck, and Mr. A. Cole, of Hunslet, for their endeavours in making the meeting enjoyable was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. S. Barron.

The next meeting is due to be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 30th.

LEGACY FOR PETERBOROUGH RINGERS

In his £14,579 will, Mr. Edward Swallow, of Flamborough, Yorks, left £20 to St. John the Baptist Church, Peterborough, for the better furnishing of the ringers' chamber in the belfry, 'for the greater comfort and convenience of the bellringers and their visitors.'

He also left income from £120 to be paid annually on Christmas Day to regular bellringers 'in recognition of their loyalty when the bells were not in full ringing order.'

QUARTER PEALS

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—On September 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brants 1, T. Bates 2, W. H. Brants 3, O. Heskins 4, E. Beach 5, R. Franklin 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, W. Brants 8. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.

WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 120 Spliced Plain Bob and Grandsire and 420 of Grandsire: J. Webb 1, W. Elsegood 2, S. Ruddlesden 3, S. G. Osborne 4, V. Peiry (conductor) 5, G. Webb 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 4, and the first quarter in two methods by all the band, and also the first quarter called by the conductor.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE

'The Ringing World' introduces this week a new feature in the first of a series of articles dealing with the history of the guilds and associations in affiliation with the Central Council. The object is to place on record a summary of the salient features in the life of these component parts of church bellringing in this country. These guilds or associations have more than justified their existence. Through the machinery they have created, not only has a close link been established with the Church authorities, but ringers have by common ties been cemented into one big fellowship. The control of ringing to-day through the guilds working in conjunction with the Central Council is an orderly and organised process; such a state has not been reached without much individual effort, as these articles will reveal.

The privilege of being No. 1 in the series belongs to the Worcestershire and Districts Association. This county is one of the most beautiful in England, with the Malvern Hills rising to 1,395 feet high, the vale of Evesham, famed for its orchards, and the overspill of the Black Country and greater Birmingham spreading its tentacles over the northern part of the county. This incursion of industrialism is told admirably by Francis Brett Young in his books; it stands apart from the old-established industries which have made Worcester famed for its porcelain, Kidderminster its carpets and Redditch for needles.

What has all this to do with ringing? There is an affinity between the industry of an area and the standard of ringing, and it is hoped that one day a member of the Exercise will be found who has specialised in social surveys to give us his conclusions on such a theme. Worcestershire has a good ringing record; change ringing has for years been treated seriously. A peals analysis and points table was in operation for a number of years whereby the ringing standard of various towers was assessed. The Upton-on-Severn band had in those days a big reputation. This old enthusiasm is being recaptured and takes the form of a Surprise band which especially caters for young ringers who desire advanced ringing.

Worcester Cathedral holds a cherished place in the hearts of all members of this association. Apart from being the diocesan centre and close relationship maintained with successive Deans of Worcester, the Cathedral contains two memorials which are of concern

to ringers. In the Cathedral cloisters there is the memorial window to those ringers who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-18, and in the Cathedral peal of twelve the eighth was the gift of members of the association when it was recast in 1928. Fellowship is a strong factor in this association, as evinced by the annual dinners, and the longevity of its officers is unique. Mr. W. H. Johnson has completed 40 years as hon. treasurer, while the last three hon. general secretaries have wonderful records—John Smith 20 years, James R. Newman 30 years, and J. D. Johnson, the present holder, a modest 10 years not out. The Worcestershire Association can be regarded as one of the great pillars supporting the temple of English ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT... <i>Treble</i>	†LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*PERCY PAGE <i>Treble</i>	†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP 6
†DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	†REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 7
†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 3	†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 8
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 9
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
JOHN PUMPHREY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERIC DURRANT ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
GEORGE BAILEY ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
ERNEST J. KING ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 7
*CECIL H. WOOD ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 2	HAROLD SMITH ... 6
AUBREY B. PICKERING ... 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	*HENRY E. GREEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER LEMON <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN WHEADON ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
†ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD V. JOHNSON... 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	*HAROLD F. WOOD ... 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 7
HARRY CHEESEMAN ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS HILDA PAVER ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERIC BALDWIN ... 5
†JAMES HODGSON ... 2	†GILBERT JONES ... 6
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 3	*HERBERT HODGSON ... 7
TOM SCOTT ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 6
*MARY PEMBERTON ... 3	CLARENCE DOBBIE ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'



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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

T. BARKER, ex-R.A.O.C. Treble	KENNETH HALL, ex-R.N. 5
S. TUSON, ex-R.A. ... 2	W. K. MARTIN, ex-R.A.F. 6
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE, ex-R.A.F. 3	J. CHARNOCK, ex-Lancs Fus. 7
*E. RAMSBOTTOM (ex-East Lancs 4	A. HATCH, ex-R.E. ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.
* First peal 'inside.'

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES ... 5
*STANLEY CLIFFORD ... 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
EVEREST FORD ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
JOHN JACKSON ... 4	*WILLIAM BLEASDALE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the 87th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

BASIL JONES ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	PETER LARLIN ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	JOHN WORTH... ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Jack Bancroft, a member of the local band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. ... Treble	H. SHUCK ... 5
L. PRESTIDGE ... 2	T. A. TOWNSEND ... 6
W. DAVIES ... 3	J. GOODMAN ... 7
T. GREENHALL ... 4	*H. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Jack Bancroft, a member of the local band.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Canon E. L. Warren, hon. member of the Worcestershire Association.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 17 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS... Treble	TOM PAGE ... 5
JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	*CYRIL WRIGHT ... 6
HAROLD KENT ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method. First Treble Bob as conductor.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FRANCES A. EDGAR (Lady Margaret Hall) Treble	BETTY SPICE (Somerville) ... 5
*FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) ... 2	J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT (Christ Church) ... 6
JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) ... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 115).
Conducted by JEAN A. SOUTHERST.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK CRITTENDEN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
*LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part. ... Treble	WALTER STEVENS ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 3	CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 7
GEORGE SPARKES ... 4	†HARRY COMMINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. J. TARR.
* First peal on 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight. First of Triples as conductor.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	*ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
*HERRICK BOWLEY ... 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS... 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

EWHRST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	NELSON*E. ELLIOTT ... 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
*HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PHILIP WALKERTreble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
*MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
BETTY SPICE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the visit of their
Majesties the King and Queen to open the new Bodleian Library.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARNTreble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	LEONARD TUFFREY 6
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, QUEENSBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALLTreble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 2	DENNIS ROE 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
GORDON BENFIELD 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

J. Harrison's peal from 'Ropesight.'	Tenor 15½ cwt.
R. A. WILTONTreble	J. BAGNALL 5
F. C. LIMB 2	N. M. NEWBY 6
S. B. USHER 3	F. H. CRAWLEY 7
J. BRACEWELL 4	J. E. BURLS Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb

*DAVID H. ANSTEY ...Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 2	*JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 6
HARRY E. BALAA ... 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY... 7
*ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORETreble	*JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... 5
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDYTreble	THOMAS HARRIS 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*NORMAN COOMBS 6
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 7
*GEORGE HAWKINS ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam J. H. B. Hesse.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN THOMASTreble	ERIC A. DENCH 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX ...Treble	CITBERT W. POWELL... 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 2	*PERCIVAL HARDING ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung by officers of the Guild
to celebrate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Lester Charles
Lunt as Bishop of Salisbury, which took place at the Cathedral on
October 23rd.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCLLA,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

J. Thorp's.	ALAN D. STEELTreble	†NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 5
	*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 2	†ARTHUR PEAKE 6
	†WILLIAM F. GIBBON ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
	†FREDK. WILSHAW ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford Major. First peal of Oxford
on the bells.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
*THOMAS PRICE 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
†GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in method away from treble. † 50th peal. First peal
in method on the bells.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARDTreble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	†HARVEY J. DAKIN 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*LESLIE B. HODGETTS ... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Stedman.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS ...Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN... 5
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	*GEORGE AMBLER Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as
conductor. This peal contains 3,392 changes of London and 1,696 of
Cambridge with 106 changes of method.

SCHILDON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ROLAND PARK Treble	JOSEPH WEST 5
GEORGE W. HUTCHINSON 2	SAMUEL BRYANT 6
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... 3	*THOMAS COOKE 7
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method. A memorial peal for the late Mr. R. B. Robinson, a ringer at this church for over 40 years.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
*GEORGE E. CRISP 3	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung on the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. Francis G. Gleaves.

KNIGHTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN BRIGGS Treble	ALFRED ASHTON 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 6
ERNEST RAYNER 3	ROBERT BOTTOMLEY ... 7
*E. J. TAYLOR 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 6
*PATRICIA HOLMES 3	FRANCIS KIRK 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... Treble	PHILIP M. J. GREY 5
THOMAS BEVAN 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE 6
FREDK. A. BARKER 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
ARTHUR W. J. BITTLER ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR FREESTON Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
SYDNEY JESSOP 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
FRANK DEWEY 3	HAROLD BARSLEY 7
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 4	HAROLD HARPER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HAROLD HARPER.

First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST WILSON Treble	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 5
A. OLIVER LEWIS 2	RALPH W. SAYERS 6
FREDK. N. FLUCK 3	ALLEN MORGAN 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	WALTER H. RAXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal on eight.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Treble	HAROLD F. WOOD 5
*ERNEST TREAGUS 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
CECIL H. WOOD 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 7
JOHN H. HUNT 4	†ALBERT EMERY Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal in method. † First peal. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... Treble	KATHLEEN PITCHFORTH ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2	WILLIAM WARD 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3	DENNIS ROE 7
HERBERT HEATON 4	GORDON BENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by G. BENFIELD.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Treble	HORACE O. OVER 4
MISS E. IRIS ROWLEY ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... 5
HAROLD TURNER 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT COOPER Treble	ERNEST PADGETT 4
ARTHUR HUDSON 2	FRANK LAMB 5
TOM TUNE 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	*MRS. IRENE SOMERVILLE 4
*MISS NORA HOLMES ... 2	*MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW 5
*MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal in the method.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	† HARRY FOLLEN 4
EDWARD BARKER 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
* WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	* CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

* 100th peal for the Ely Association. † First peal.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN WALDED Treble	ROBERT W. PARKER 4
ARCHER T. LOWMAN 2	HAROLD MARCON 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal on the bells. Rung to welcome a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mayer, of Lincoln.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	GEORGE AMBLER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

J. EDWARD CLOUGH ... Treble	CECIL E. CARR 4
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	FRANK K. MEASURES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BOSLEY, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, two of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 5½ cwt.

J. W. L. SLACK Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON 4
A. POTTS 2	C. W. LAWTON 5
S. NOBLE 3	J. WHITTAKER Tenor

Conducted by J. WHITTAKER.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERT CHILVERS Treble	CHARLES V. ORVES 4
* RONALD A. FRANCIS 2	SIDNEY W. ARBON 5
LESLIE FOSTER 3	ARTHUR COOK Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by SIDNEY W. ARBON.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,240 Morris' and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

* ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... Treble	* WALTER R. HUGHES 4
* GEORGE W. HUGHES 2	* ARTHUR BOTTERILL 5
HOWARD HOWELL 3	* HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BOTTERILL.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells since being recast.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 4
RONALD H. DOVE 2	HERBERT GATES 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Specially arranged for Ronald H. Dove.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

* MRS. C. W. DENYER ... Treble	ERNEST GARDNER 4
JOHN W. CARTER 2	CHARLES NEWMAN 5
† KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 3	CHARLES W. DENYER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Fuller.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being ten 120's of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

* DORIS SHEPPARD ... Treble	GEORGE LATHAM 4
LESLIE BARRY 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD 5
THOMAS WITTS 3	* PATRICK ALLEN Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IPPOLYTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

* WALTER PRATT Treble	* LOUIS RENNACLES 4
* ALFRED HARRIS 2	JOHN NORTH 5
* LIONEL BENNET 3	BRUCE MCKIE Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE MCKIE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the rehanging of the bells.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores each of Stedman and Union, four six-scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase and Plain Bob, and 14 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN SHATFORD Treble	MISS M. JEAN LAWRENCE ... 4
BERTRAM F. LUMBERS 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents differently called. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* EDITH SHARP Treble	* REGINALD G. ABRAHAM 4
* VICTOR S. ADAMS 2	* FREDK. W. MYNARD 5
† ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG ... 3	REGINALD H. HOWSON Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. HOWSON.

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

LEAFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND Treble	* ALAN CORNISH 4
CECIL G. CALCUTT 2	† CECIL BUSTIN 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 28 of Grandsire (ten callings), and one Morris' 240. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*CHARLES H. WICKENS ... *Treble* | CECIL H. LONGHURST ... 3
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 | ALBERT E. LAKER ... 4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*
Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
WILFRID J. H. HOOTON ... 3-4 | EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7-8

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

* First peal on handbells 50th peal as conductor.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,*

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

BETTY SPICE (Somerville) ... 1-2 | JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) ... 3-4 | FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) ... 7-8

WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 11).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal on ten bells as conductor.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Oct. 21, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT 73, ST. MARY'S ROAD,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations.

*FREDK. SOUTER ... 1-2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Oct. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARGARET'S,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Fri., Oct. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 12, PARK STREET,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2 | S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5-6
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ... 3-4 | E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Oct. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,*

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 1-2 | *JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4 | †STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7-8
‡EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 9-10

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First ten-bell peal 'in hand.' ‡ First peal on ten bells.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Overtime is the order
of the day for the
Peals Analysis Committee.
Nearly 70 peals appear in this issue, compared
with 63 in our issue of June 21st, our last big
number.

Advantage is also taken of the 16 page issue
to allocate additional space for quarter-peals.
Additional copies of 'The Ringing World'
containing a report of a peal or meeting should
be ordered at the time of sending the commu-
nication to the Editor.

Mr. Howard Howell, of Wolverhampton, has
150 peals to his credit.

The limited stock of 'A Great Adventure'
was exhausted in two days. We are sorry to
disappoint so many readers.

Topography lesson for those contemplating
visiting Oatlands Park by train on November
9th. Turn left at Walton-on-Thames Station,
10 minutes' walk.

After an unsuccessful peal attempt for the
golden wedding of Mr. F. Freestone, 1,260
Stedman Triples were rung at Hornchurch,
Essex, on October 12th, by J. Cornford 1, A.
Chaplin 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Armstrong (first
quarter) 4, J. Groves 5, F. V. Gant 6, S.
Bailey (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

A new body, the B.T.C.S. (Bellringing-
Tintinnabulation-Campanology Society), has
been formed in Kent with the objects of hold-
ing social hours together in tower and hand-
bell ringing so that the ordinary meetings of
the Canterbury District are not interfered
with. Previous to a meeting of this society on
October 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by
T. W. Robinson 1, Harrison Smith 2, F. Fair-
beard 3, H. Stringer 4, H. J. Saunders 5, C.
Turner (conductor) 6.

In the peal at Chilvers Coton, Warwick-
shire, reported last week, it was only Mar-
garet Beamish who is eleven. The other two
first pealers probably wish they had started
ringing at that age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

What is the mystery be-
hind Leafield, Oxfordshire,
bells, the tenor of which
was given by Queen Victoria in 1874? For
72 years this tower has defied those who de-
light in scoring a first peal on the bells.

Leslie C. Wightman, by his peal of Cam-
bridge Minor at Elvedon, Suffolk, has rung a
peal in 100 different towers.

The average age of the hand which rang
the peal at Otley, Yorks, is 18 years. It was
rung by the younger members of the Leeds
area of the Yorkshire Association as a fare-
well to one of the ringers, William Ward, who
is joining the R.A.F.

A welcome home peal was rung at Barrow-
in-Furness on October 25th. The ringers
honoured were R. A. Wilton, J. Bagnall, F. H.
Crawley and J. Bracewell, jun.

War memories are recalled by the peal of
Oxford Treble Bob at Stoke-on-Trent on Oct.
26th. It was rung as a compliment and fare-
well to Mr. and Mrs. F. Rose, of Bombay,
for their kindness to several Stoke ringers
and other North Staffordshire 'boys' while
serving in India. Mr. Rose was for a number
of years a ringer at St. Peter's, Stoke.

According to 'The Shrewsbury Chronicle',
the peal rung at Wem, Shropshire, on Oct.
26th, was of 'double knowledge.' When
Double Norwich has been mastered, 'double
knowledge' in a ringing sense has been gained.
Hence the inspiration for the new title!

There was a part for the ringers in the
choir festival at Chichester Cathedral when
evensong was sung by 700 voices. Ringing
took place before and after the service and
culminated in a quarter-peal of Grandsire
Triples, in which the following towers were
represented: Angmering, Bosham, Chichester,
Felpham, Lyminster and Walberton.

Correction.—The peal at Galleywood, Essex,
on September 27th, was conducted by William
J. Barrett. Apology!

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

We publish this week the first of a series of articles dealing with the histories of the associations and guilds in affiliation with the Central Council. We hope that guild secretaries and officials will co-operate to make these articles a useful contribution to the history of church bellringing.

ONE of the oldest of our territorial associations is the Worcestershire and Districts, the inaugural meeting being held at Bromsgrove on Easter Monday, April 10th, 1882. Mr. J. Perks, of Worcester, was elected Master, Mr. H. Wilks (Worcester) secretary and Mr. W. Duffill (Bromsgrove) treasurer. Five days later the first peal was rung for the association, one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bromsgrove, conducted by Elijah Crump.

At the first annual meeting at Worcester on August 27th, 1887, a fresh start was made with the following officers: Chairman, the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Lord Alwynne Compton); Master, Mr. J. Perks; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. John Smith and P. Owen. It was decided to send a delegate to the Bellringers' Conference at Reading on October 4th that year. The following year affiliation took place to the National Association of Bellringers.

A new Master in Mr. S. Spittle was elected at the annual meeting at Bromsgrove on July 13th, 1885. This year saw the death of Mr. W. Duffill, the first treasurer, and on September 19th Mr. E. Crump was appointed to the post.

In 1886 the association issued its first printed report, which showed that the following towers were affiliated: Bromsgrove, Areley Kings, Brierley Hill, Coodley, Dudley, Hagley, Grimley, Kidderminster, Leigh, Netherton, Wollaston, Wolverley, Worcester and Upton-on-Severn. There were then 71 performing members and 15 honorary. These reports have been published without a break despite the incidence of two major wars. The annual meeting, that year held at Worcester, decided to purchase an illuminated peal book. Only a few special peals have been entered in this book, the complete record of peals being contained in smaller books. Officers elected that year were: President, the Very Rev. Dean Gott; treasurer, Mr. E. Crump; Master, Mr. S. Spittle; secretary, Mr. J. Smith.

In 1887 a decision was taken not to amalgamate with the 'Birmingham Association.' The minutes of 1889 record that Mr. Harvey



ST. JOHN'S, BROMSGROVE
The birthplace of the Association in 1882.



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL
The Association's War Memorial is in the Cloisters.

Reeves, editor of 'The Bell News' and a native of Worcester, presented the association with a peal of 24 handbells by Messrs. J. Shaw, Son and Co., of which can be made four peals of 12, five of 10 and six of 8 bells. A condition of the gift was that they should not be used for tune playing, 'a practice in my opinion derogatory to a skilled ringer.'

In 1890 steps were being taken to form the 'Central Council of Ringers,' and Mr. R. E. Grove was appointed to the Provisional Committee. Messrs. J. S. Pritchett and R. E. Grove were appointed representatives on the first Central Council in 1893. In 1897 it was decided to print certificates of membership.

The association's 'Form of Service' dates back to 1899. It was drafted by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector of Hagley, who was clerical secretary. Mr. Gibbs continued in office until 1904, when the Rev. S. Phillips, of Kidderminster, was elected his successor.

TWO EARLY STALWARTS.

In these early years the Worcestershire Association owed a great deal to two stalwarts—Messrs. John Smith (secretary) and S. Spittle (Master), who held office for 22 and 20 years respectively. Their resignations were received in the same year, 1905. The new Master was Mr. T. J. Salter and the secretary Mr. J. R. Newman. The appreciation of the valued services to the association of Mr. John Smith found tangible expression in January, 1907, when at Kidderminster he was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of gold. At that meeting Mr. W. H. Johnson was elected treasurer, Mr. H. Mason resigning, and he is still in harness.

The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean, was elected president in 1909, when a committee was appointed to consider the formation of branches. A special general meeting was held at Hartlebury on October 1st, 1910, when this principle was carried by 233 votes to 36. The first branch officers were as follows: Northern: R. Matthews (Master), E. J. Dowler (secretary). Western: W. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles (secretary). Southern: H. Middleton (Master), J. Hemming (secretary).

The association had a new Master in 1912 with the election of Mr. A. E. Parsons, and the Rev. J. F. Hastings was appointed clerical secretary. In 1913 saw the innovation of the Belfry Repair Fund, which in its first 20 years dispersed about £80.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The sense of indebtedness to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-18 and also to those who served is to be found in the stained glass memorial window in the Cathedral Cloisters. This was unveiled at the annual meeting on March 28th, 1921, by the Dean and dedicated by Canon Wilson. The names of those killed are in the window and of those who served are on brass plates fixed to the stonework. The number of subscribers was 449 and the cost £177 10s. At this meeting Mr. W. Page was elected Master. He held office until 1924, when he was succeeded by Mr. R. Matthews. In 1926 Mr. J. D. Johnson, who has had such a beneficial influence on the association during the last 20 years, became Master.

The important event in 1928 was the recasting and rehangng of the Cathedral bells. The cost of recasting the 8th bell was defrayed by a grant of £20 from the Belfry Repairs Fund and by subscriptions from members collected by Mr. A. E. Parsons, making a total of £100 6s. 5d. This bell is inscribed, 'The Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association gave me.' The first peal on the new bells, Stedman Cinques, was rung on December 26th that year with the Master as conductor.

The following year the association decided to form a library, and Mr. C. W. Cooper was appointed librarian. This is now a most valuable collection of books on ringing and it is available for members. Mr. R. G. Knowles was elected Master at that meeting.

The jubilee festival at Bromsgrove on April 9th, 1932, was a great occasion. A special report was printed. The dinner held on that occasion became an annual event and has increased in popularity year by year. There was a break during war years, but it was revived in 1945 and held again this year. The Worcestershire Association can thus claim to be the first of the territorial associations to revive these happy reunions.

In 1933 the association had a new Master in Mr. W. Sborn, who held office until 1937, when he was succeeded by the present holder, Mr. S. T. Holt. Mr. J. D. Johnson, who was also Master from 1926-29, became general secretary in 1935 and still holds office. The highest performing membership was reached in 1938 with a total of 510.

SOME NOTED PEALS.

Although peal ringing was not very prominent in the early years of the association—there were only six in the first five years—a good record has been maintained. By the end of 1945 the total was 2,589, an average of 41 a year.

Peals of special interest are the following:—
July 2nd, 1887, at Hanbury, a jubilee peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by G. Hughes, who had only one arm.

In 1904 at St. Helen's Church, Worcester, Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung non-conducted.

September 12th, 1909, at Stone, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung in 2 hours and 17 minutes, conducted by R. Matthews.

December 27th, 1909, a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, 10,176 changes (record); conductor, R. Matthews.

December 26th, 1910, at Clent, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 9,728 changes (record); conductor, R. Matthews.

December 1st, 1912, a peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by the children of Mr. F. J. Johnson, aged 12, 13 and 10.

May 13th, 1919, at Selly Oak, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was conducted by H. Withers standing outside the tower and ringing a small bell in the ringing chamber when a call was to be made.

Among the first peals ever rung to the credit of the association are Whitbourne Surprise, Hinton Surprise and Pershore Bob Major. Spliced Surprise Major up to eight methods has also been rung by the association.

DEDICATION OF WATFORD BELLS

On Sunday, October 27th, during morning service, in the presence of a large congregation, the two new trebles at Watford Parish Church were dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans.

Particulars of the bells have already appeared in an earlier issue, but the weights were wrongly sent in. They are: Treble, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; second, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. The many ringers assembled included Mr. Newton, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. The bellfounders have done a splendid job of work in enriching an already grand peal. Watford now has a ten to be proud of.

University of London Society

CONCERN OVER STRIKING.

The second annual meeting of the society was held in the ringing chamber of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on Monday, October 21st, under the chairmanship of the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Farrington), when 13 ringers attended from the Imperial College (the Royal College of Science, the Royal School of Mines and the City and Guilds College), King's College, University College, Goldsmith's College, the Chelsea Polytechnic and the London School of Economics.

Reports of the Master, secretary and treasurer were adopted. They showed that steady progress had been made and that there was a substantial balance in hand.

The officers elected for the year 1946-47 were: President, Dr. J. L. E. Simpson, Master, P. M. J. Gray; secretary and treasurer, P. R. Blackman; representative on the Universities' Association Committee, P. M. J. Gray; and committee, Miss J. Mattinson, Mr. P. R. Layton and Mr. J. F. Hill.

In addition to the regular practices of the society at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, it is hoped that regular terminal practice meetings at other churches in and around London can be arranged. Members of the society were asked to assist in Sunday service ringing either as a band at churches where there was no regular band or individually where they might help depleted bands.

It was pointed out that one of the main aims of practices ought to be the improvement of striking, for which university ringers had a poor reputation at the moment, but it was also hoped that more quarter-peals could be rung, as it was considered that these proved very good practice in method ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AT ISLINGTON AND HOLLOWAY.

A representative gathering from eleven towers, with visitors from Ewell, Slough and Swindon, were present at the North and East District meeting on October 26th. Entirely new ground was covered by visiting the tower of St. James-the-Apostle, Islington, and good use was made of the bells in the short time available. The Vicar (the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter), himself a ringer, conducted evensong and gave an interesting address by comparing the functions of an alarm clock with one's conscience. In the evening a visit, after a lapse of a few years, was paid to the tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, and here, also, the bells were rung to a number of methods, as well as rounds.

The business meeting was short, but embodied the election of Mr. R. K. C. Wilkings (Upper Clapton) as a ringing member, and votes of thanks to the incumbents of both churches and local captains for an enjoyable meeting.

AT ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON.

Twenty-seven members and friends from Faling, Feltham, Harrow, Heston, Hillingdon and Oxhey attended the South and West District evening meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 28th.

Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), and methods rung or attempted included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and Spliced Surprise Major. A number of younger members obtained good practice in ten-bell ringing.

The secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey) thanked the local company for placing their usual weekly practice at the disposal of the association. He also confirmed arrangements for the next monthly meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 30th, and announced that it was hoped to hold another evening meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Tuesday, January 14th.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE RESHUFFLE OFFICERS.

An interesting feature of the annual meeting of the Maidstone District, which was held on October 19th at Maidstone, was the presence of visitors from all the other five districts of the association. Over fifty members and friends attended, and it was 9 p.m. before the bells of All Saints' had ended their day's ringing in methods up to Cambridge Royal. Evensong at 6 p.m., tea at Herbert's Cafe and a business meeting presided over by Mr. G. H. Spice, general secretary of the association, were other contributions to a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The election of officers for the coming year involved no change of personnel, for while Mr. C. H. Sone is succeeded as district secretary by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, he now becomes with Mr. G. F. Cantrill a district representative.

It was decided to hold the January quarterly meeting at West Malling, and a by-meeting jointly at Barming and East Farleigh. E.S.J.H.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT DISCUSS RECRUITMENT.

Over 70 ringers from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Lewisham, West Wickham, Woolwich, London, Gravesend and Brasted attended the annual meeting of the Lewisham District at Lee on October 26th.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. A. W. Brady-Johnson), who gave an interesting address. Tea in St. Margaret's Hall was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. One practising and one non-resident ringer were elected members. Crayford was chosen for the meeting to be held on January 25th at the express invitation of Mr. E. Barnett, who was elected into the association at Crayford, January, 1897.

The secretary's report and accounts for the year were adopted. Replies to a questionnaire regarding service ringing were read, and it was agreed to consider ways and means to recruit ringers at those towers where the bells are ringable but are not rung regularly. Members were asked to give thought to this problem in the hope that a workable scheme could be adopted at the January meeting. The secretary was instructed to warn church officers of the dangers of clocking bells where this practice was suspected.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. J. E. Bailey and P. A. Corby were reappointed as district representatives for the coming year. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. H. E. Audsley, who refused nomination, holding that this office should be circulated annually among the qualified members.

Notices of motion on agenda of annual committee meeting were discussed, and the district representatives obtained the feelings of the members on the points at issue. Members congratulated Mr. G. A. Simmonds, Lee, on the celebration on that day of his 81st birthday.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist, the caterers and local ringers were carried enthusiastically. The Rector replied and closed the meeting, which was followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. The sum of £1 5s. 4d. was collected at the service in aid of the Benevolent and Belfry Repair Funds.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The bad 'go' of the bells was the only blemish on a happy and successful meeting.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Blake 1, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 2, L. Hansell 3, K. Jones 4, R. F. Ewer 5, E. Sprague 6, W. J. Arnold 7, B. E. Cornell 8.

EXTRACTS FROM THE EDITORIAL POST BAG

Kent's Sense of Unity

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, in this week's 'Ringing World' must not go unanswered.

It is true that Kent covers a very large area, there might even be a case for the general reorganisation of the Exercise on a diocesan basis, but it is quite untrue to assert that five of the six districts into which the county is divided are parasitic on the remaining one.

It may be that the Lewisham District can claim the most skilled bands of ringers, though probably not without challenge, but I am inclined to think that the two districts where the outlook for ringing is most bright are those of Canterbury and Rochester, for in both of them many youngsters are being imbued with an enthusiasm for our art which augurs well for the future.

As for watertight compartments, I would draw attention to the fact that at the recent meeting of the Maidstone District visiting members of the association were present from all the other five districts.

No, however many hundreds of square miles Kent covers, it has not lost its sense of unity, and friendships between ringers in the county transcend the district boundaries in all directions. I feel sure, therefore, that I am giving voice to the opinion of the vast majority of Kent ringers in dissenting from the views expressed by Mr. Barnett.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

APRIL DAY DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The question raised by Mr. P. Amos prompts the observation that he, together with a number of five-bell ringers, has little knowledge concerning the nature of the rows in either Grandsire or Plain Bob Doubles.

In Grandsire it is possible to produce the 60 in-course rows in one touch of 60 changes. Assuming that we have the fifth as half-hunt, it is possible at the end of the 60 to introduce what is known as a Single—but is really a Bob-Single, to produce the 60 out-of-course rows or changes to complete the 120. Why a Bob-Single? I would point out that the first two rows of a Bob are produced before the treble makes its backstroke blow at lead. This call can only be used in place of a Bob and not that of a Plain Lead.

A Single in any method changes the course of an even number of bells. A Bob in any method changes the course of an odd number of bells. In Bob Doubles, Singles are not required for the simple reason that they occur automatically at each backstroke lead of the treble, whether a Bob is made or not. Therefore, each lead of a 120 with an odd number—lead No. 1 for instance—contains even or in-course rows. Two bells lying still at the lead end cause the rows in No. 2 lead to become odd or out-of-course.

Now take the Single from Grandsire and use it in Plain Bob instead of the usual Bob. It will be seen that although two bells in Grandsire have their coursing order changed by it, three bells are affected in Bob Doubles. For this reason then, when used in Bob Doubles, it becomes a Bob, and the result is known as April Day. When Single is called in this 'hybrid' method it is usually a sign that an incompetent conductor is taking the line of least resistance to keep a weak band 'on the rails.'

It may interest your readers to know that there are eight ways of calling 120. Besides the usual way of calling any one of the working bells, unaffected in seconds place, calls can be made every lead except when the observation bell is making seconds place. Nine Bobs in 120! It must be borne in mind, however, that if a 120 ends with a call it must start 21354 Grandsire!

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

47, Cedars Avenue, Coupton, Coventry.

Overseas Ringing

CONTACTS WITH MIGRANTS.

Dear Sir,—Under the heading, 'Migration again to Australia,' there appeared in the 'Times' of November 2nd the following statement:—

'Two hundred skilled building trade workers, all single men, will form the advance contingent of the legions of migrants who are expected to avail themselves of the chance of migrating to the Commonwealth in the next few years under the Governmental Anglo-Australian scheme. They will leave by the Largs Bay on November 30th, and will be followed early in the new year, as soon as shipping berths are available, by another body of 400 building operatives.'

The article then goes on to say that this is but the beginning of a stream of emigrants to the Commonwealth which is ultimately expected to reach 70,000 a year. As similar schemes for other dominions are in progress of being worked out, it seems probable that the number of migrants from our shores will very soon reach seven figures. The number of change ringers in this country compared to the total population is small. Even so, there is every likelihood of individual ringers availing themselves of these opportunities for a new life in one of the Dominions.

In view of this, I would like to recommend that ringing associations in this country get the names of any who are intending to go and, if possible, the addresses to which they are going. It may be found possible either through personal correspondence or through the columns of 'The Ringing World' (which, I know, finds its way overseas) to put them in touch with ringers and ringing societies already there, and to keep in touch with them and render them assistance (like sending ringing books and treatises) after they are settled.

All kinds of ways of assisting 'colonies of ringers' abroad may be found as time goes on. But at this stage the paramount need would seem to be to make and keep contact.—Yours truly,

ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN.

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

SIXTY-SIX YEARS A RINGER

At Feniton, Devon, on October 26th, in conjunction with the monthly practice of the East Devon Branch, a shield was dedicated in the ringing chamber by the Vicar, the Rev. Iden Hart, to commemorate 66 years' service as a ringer by Mr. J. Chown, who, until compelled by ill-health to give up, was captain of the Feniton band.

Ringling was from 2.30 to 4 p.m., when a short service conducted by the Vicar was held, the lesson being read by the Rev. — Chappell (Vicar of Escot), the address being given by the Rev. G. Ayre (Vicar of Payhembury), who referred to Mr. Chown's loyalty to the Church as a ringer as well as in many other ways. After the blessing the Vicar proceeded to the ringing chamber with the shield, which he hung on the wall and dedicated. A few rounds were rung on the bells by four members of the local band, assisted by Mr. J. Wheaton, of Buckereil (a life-long friend of Mr. Chown's), and Mr. F. Myers, of the Plymouth Branch.

Tea was served in the Victory Hall, at which the Vicar presided, when again reference was made to Mr. Chown's good work for the church. This was responded to by Mr. F. M. Gibbons, who referred to Mr. Chown—in private life a carpenter—as a very good workman and one who always gave of his best. Miss Chown replied on behalf of her father, who was unable to be present on account of ill-health. J.A.

Ilkley Memorial Tablet

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to note Mr. E. H. Rayner's objection to the decision of the Yorkshire Association (of which he is a member) to erect a tablet in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Ilkley, recording an officers' peal rung there on November 3rd, 1945, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the association by the late Jasper W. Snowdon of that town. It was precisely because of the late Jasper W. Snowdon's close connection with that tower that it was chosen as the venue for the commemoration peal, from which it is obvious that it conforms to the requirements specified by Mr. Rayner himself.

I wish to make it clear that the proposal originated from a lay member at the annual general meeting held at Leeds on May 4th (at which Mr. Rayner was present), but he voiced no objection then or subsequently. He was aware that the matter was referred back for consideration and settlement at the next general meeting in accordance with rule, in view of the fact that financial issues were involved. He was further aware that the meeting in question, of which due notice was given, was to take place at Ripon on Sept. 28th; but he neither attended this meeting, nor did he send in his objection in writing—the appropriate and obvious quarter to send it. I respectfully submit, therefore, that his action in voicing his so-called objection through the ringing Press, instead of through his association in the first place, is a breach of the allegiance he, and for that matter every member, owes to their respective organisation.

I am not entering into the merits or demerits of purposes for which peal boards should or should not be erected, which is, of course, purely a matter of opinion. It is my duty, however, to reaffirm that in this case it was the unanimous opinion of the Yorkshire Association that the peal should be commemorated by means of a suitable board or tablet, and to make clear at the same time that the decision taken does not even impinge upon Mr. Rayner's expressed opinion.

My point is, and I am sure I shall have the backing of every loyal member of any and every association, that the associations themselves are the competent authorities to transact their own domestic business, and the accepted rule is for the minority to loyally abide by the decisions taken by the majority. The Ripon meeting, where the decision in question was taken, was attended by more than 80 members, representative of all the districts, and not one voted against the proposal. I am, however, taking note of Mr. Rayner's so-called objection, and also the irregular manner in which it was made.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS, General Sec.

THE TRIO OF EDWINS

Dear Sir,—It was news to me to read in 'Belfry Gossip' that I was known in the trio of Edwins as 'Long Teddy,' and I am afraid your correspondent has indulged in some 'wishful thinking.'

For the first 30 years of my ringing life my father and I were known as 'Old and Young Teddy' respectively, and when my son took to ringing as a small boy, to distinguish him from his grandfather and myself he was described as 'Little Teddy.'—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, F. W. Burnett 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, H. A. Nobes 4, E. A. Jurd 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN**PRESENTATION TO MR. J. H. ENGLAND.**

Secretary of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association for 16 years, Mr. J. H. England, South Normanton, has resigned through pressure of other duties. Appreciation of his services was expressed at a meeting at South Normanton on October 26th, when he was presented with an electric clock, suitably inscribed.

The gift was over-subscribed and the executive decided to hand over to Mr. England the balance in cash with the request that he would buy a suitable gift for his wife, whose work and interest is well known in the association and in South Normanton.

The Rev. T. H. Evans (Rector of South Normanton) presided, and was supported by Mr. J. E. Hobbs, Watnall (president of the association), Messrs. Wilson Dobb, Silston (vice-president), Mr. J. W. Price, Clay Cross (secretary), Mr. C. M. Heathcote, Sutton-in-Ashfield (treasurer), Miss M. Hudson, Clay Cross (Ringing Master), Mr. H. Doughty, South Normanton (auditor), Mr. J. Bleby, Mr. T. Jennings, Mr. T. Radford (members of the executive), together with Mr. H. Draycott, Tibshelf, who has been a member of the association for over 50 years.

Towers represented were Alfreton, Anit, Hucknall, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Demby, Heath, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Silston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Tibshelf, Watnall, together with the local ringers. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor.

The Rector welcomed the visitors to South Normanton and referred to the invaluable service of Mr. England both to the Church and the association.

Mr. Hobbs, in making the presentation, said that Mr. England's tact and knowledge of ringing had been an embellishment to the office of secretary and he himself was an ornament to the Church. Mr. J. H. Paice supported Mr. Hobbs' remarks.

Acknowledging the gift, Mr. England said that they had not come to the parting of the ways, but he had to resign through pressure of his duties connected with his work. When he took office the association was in low water, but with the help of Mr. Wilson Dobb and other loyal ringers had pulled the association round. It was not easy to keep an organisation going in a colliery district where for a number of years the miners had been hard at work all week; it was only natural that they could not get to meetings.

Mr. England went on to say that he had been ambitious for the association and for himself, but his personal ambition had been cut short through an accident at work. In early days the association had suffered from a rule since amended which laid down that only five and six-bell towers should be admitted. This meant that ambitious ringers had to move out of their sphere and join associations which catered for eight-bell ringers. He had tried during his term of office to keep before the ringers the objects of the association, and he reminded the gathering that the bells of the church were dedicated to the glory of God; therefore, he disagreed with those who suggested that peal ringing was the final goal.

Mr. England also paid tribute to the late Mr. William Scott, and Mr. H. Draycott, who was with them that evening, and to the clergy for their interest and support.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and the ladies who provided tea.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 6th, 1264 Bob Major: Miss D. Templeman 1, C. J. Baker 2, J. F. George 3, E. Fletcher 4, F. W. Shaw 5, A. Ward 6, H. Beardsley 7, E. F. Gobe (conductor) 8. Rung half-muffled by Mr. F. C. Humphreys (ex-churchwarden). First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 7.

PEALS AND THEIR STANDARD

Sir,—If ringers wish to ring lengths of 5,000 and upwards and can do so without making themselves a nuisance, by all means let them. But many will be inclined to agree with Messrs. Rigby and Cashmore when they say that in most cases this is far too much to inflict on a long suffering public, and with the latter when he says that in most cases these peals are not worth recording.

Certainly it is well to record peals of outstanding merit or interest, but one wonders what the historian of the future will think when he has to plough through such masses of commonplace stuff to get at what he really wants.

But when Mr. Cashmore suggests that the minimum be increased to 7,000, one is inclined to disagree. Probably almost as many would 'have a go' at this longer length, and although fewer might be successful, it would in no wise mitigate the 'nuisance' situation. Ought not the policy to be in the direction of shorter lengths, but a very much higher standard?

It may not be a very safe comparison, but if in a band of musicians one man blows his trumpet half a beat out a few times, their reputation would be gone, whereas in ringing, striking, which may be so poor as to make the touch or peal strictly speaking untrue, is recorded equally with that of the highest class.

Just how this higher standard is to be attained or proved is not quite so easy. One way might be a return to competitive ringing shorn of its old-time abuses, or, on the other hand, it should not be beyond the wit of man nowadays to devise a not too expensive machine which would record the quality of the striking and which might be owned, say, by an association and loaned to those who wish to qualify as being in the front rank. The method rung could be, as now, left to the honesty of those taking part. Also it would give to those who are unable, for physical reasons, to stand for three hours or more an added interest in their ringing.—

Yours faithfully,
W. J. ELDRED.

King's Lynn.

LADIES' GUILD**LEICESTER BRANCH GAIN TEN MEMBERS.**

A company of approximately 45 ringers and friends were present at a meeting of the Leicester Branch of the Ladies' Guild, held at Chlivers Coton on October 26th. Ringers attended from Allesley, Anstey, Castle Bromwich, Chlivers Coton, Coleshill, Coventry, Desford, Ibstock, Keresley, Leamington, Leicester, Meriden, Northampton, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Oxford, Rugby and Wolverhampton.

Methods rung included Stedman Doubles and Triples, Grandsire Triples, Wellington Court Major, Gainsborough Little Bob, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Duffield Major, Double and Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Spiced Bristol, London and Cambridge Surprise Major and rounds for the learners.

A service was conducted by Capt. Willett, of the Church Army, in the absence of the Vicar, and this was followed by a delightful tea arranged by the local ringers.

Before the business meeting commenced, congratulations were extended by the vice-president (Miss I. B. Thompson) to Margaret Beamish on her achievement of ringing the second to a peal of Grandsire Triples at the age of 11 years. Also votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies who had provided the tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sibley some time in December. Ten new members and two honorary members were elected.

A most enjoyable day closed with some light refreshments and handbell ringing in the Parish Hall.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS**MEETING AT NEWTON ABBOT.**

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a quarterly meeting at Highweek, Newton Abbot, on November 2nd, which was attended by members and friends from Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth (St. James'), Newton Abbot, Paignton, Collaton, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Totnes, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth. The president and general secretary were also present.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Durling), assisted by Preb. E. V. Cox, the Rector giving an excellent address.

After tea at Thomas' Restaurant, the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman), who was supported by the president, Mr. A. L. Bennett (branch secretary) and the Rev. J. A. Durling. Arising from a letter received by the secretary concerning a possible memorial to the late Mr. C. R. Walker, a sub-committee consisting of the branch chairman, branch secretary, the Rev. J. A. Durling and Messrs. C. F. Austin and B. H. Cooper were appointed to go into the question and report at the next meeting. The following were elected associate members of the branch: Messrs. R. Drenan, W. Harvey and G. Unglow, of Totnes, and F. Turner, of Ashburton.

Resolved that the following meetings be held in 1947, subject to the necessary permission being obtained: Teignmouth on February 8th, Totnes on April 26th, Ipplepen on July 20th, and Bishopsteignton on November 1st.

Among matters discussed were the Instruction Fund and the secretary's expenses, and it was decided to have collections at all services for the Instruction Fund, commencing at the annual meeting. Hearty votes of thanks were proposed by the president to the Rector, to Mr. B. H. Cooper (the organist), and to the branch secretary for the arrangements. Ringing again took place in the evening, the methods rung throughout the day being Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Major. A.L.B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**DISTRICT SECRETARY LEAVING.**

Three months' notice that he was unable to seek re-election owing to his removal from the district was given by Mr. R. J. Stone, secretary of the Portsmouth District, at the meeting at Soberton on October 26th. Some 41 members attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Godefrey), tea was served at the Station Hotel, Droxford, and at the business meeting two honorary and seven ringing members were elected. The annual meeting has been fixed for January 18th at Fareham. Methods extended from rounds to Superlative.

ROYAL VISIT TO LEICESTER

To mark the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Leicester, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin on Oct. 30th. Details of the peal, which was conducted by Harold J. Poole, will appear in our next issue.

At St. Margaret's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung by Mavis Whitehead 1, C. Raymond Hill 2, Edward R. Whitehead 3, Thomas H. Bent 4, Josiah Morris 5, John Bramley 6, Walter Tanser 7, Ernest Morris (composer and conductor) 8, Walter P. Whitehead 9, Edwin Catell tenor.

MR. KEEBLE'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Keeble has asked me through 'The Ringing World' to thank Messrs. H. Chapman, D. Vincent and H. Pratt, and especially J. Euston, for kind letters sent to him, and sends his kind regards to all ringers.—Yours truly,
J. C. NEWMAN.

London Road, Feering, Essex.

QUARTER PEALS from 29 Counties

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Robinson 1, W. Middleton 2, T. J. Clement 3, Miss Mary Walshaw (conductor) 4, G. Robinson 5, J. Wilson 6, A. Capstick 7, T. B. Newton 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Wilson (daughter of 6th ringer) on the occasion of her marriage.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Cooper (conductor) 1, Miss Laura Mottishaw 2, Miss Nora Holmes 3, L. Webb 4, R. Thompson 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, R. Wilcocks 7, B. Birkett 8. First in method by 3, 4 and 5.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Barber (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Bush 2, R. Cropsey 3, A. Williams 4, W. Coe 5, R. Hart 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, E. Howard 8.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Summerwill 1, W. White 2, E. White 3, W. Tiley (conductor) 4, H. White 5, G. Sage (first quarter) 6.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor was rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. Lindsay, who is leaving the parish: C. R. Hanson 1, H. Surtees (age 12 years) 2, C. T. Lamb 3, R. Oliver 4, J. Lishman 5, T. W. Dodd (conductor) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Prior 1, C. P. Chalk 2, E. Garbett 3, H. M. White 4, H. W. Watts 5, F. W. Tharby 6, P. A. Chalk (conductor) 7, T. Ward 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Brattle 1, G. Martin 2, E. Eldridge 3, G. Lister 4, E. Hobbs 5, T. Holmes 6, J. Eldridge (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allport 1, J. Lloyd 2, C. Skidmore (conductor) 3, T. Williams 4, E. Parsons 5, B. Lawton 6, W. Masters 7, G. Bate 8.

BROAD CLYST, DEVON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Oallard (first of Triples) 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, E. E. Retter 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, J. Salway 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. Retter (conductor) 7, A. Colley 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. May (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, Miss A. Talbot (first quarter inside) 3, Mrs. C. Pearce 4, G. Stocker 5, R. Crook (first quarter in method) 6, R. Rex (conductor) 7, C. Parker (first quarter) 8.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Noon 1, F. Long 2, H. Knights (conductor) 3, E. Sowman 4, C. Ison 5.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Oct. 14th, at the Priory Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Wilts 1, Miss Sparshatt 2, G. Preston (conductor) 3, E. Hinton 4, F. Jacobs 5, E. Waters 6, H. Harrison 7, K. Derham 8, G. Scragg 9, H. Gillard 10.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Francis 1, J. Marsh 2, C. Jones 3, E. Drew (conductor) 4, F. Hinton 5, T. Davies 6. Rung half-muffled.

COSGROVE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 20th at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Kelly 1, J. Fleetwood 2, D. Blows 3, T. Laybourn 4, G. Playle 5, R. Funnell 6, J. Armstrong 7, L. Bullock (first as conductor) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—At St. Michael and All Angels', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Landon 1, A. Meadowcroft 2, Miss H. Landon 3, W. Furness 4, P. J. Eves (first as conductor) 5, B. Bover 6. Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. F. A. Roughton's induction as Vicar of the parish.

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—At St. Benedict's on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, W. Gregory 2, H. Lee 3, C. Scull 4, H. Scull (conductor) 5, J. Dennis 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Trim on his 79th birthday. First quarter as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: J. Radford 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, S. Breeze 3, F. Oldroyd 4, A. Collyer 5, C. Hazelden (conductor) 6, F. Radford 7, A. Rossiter 8. First quarter-peat by ringers of 1 and 8.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Carter (first quarter on eight) 1, J. Payton 2, A. F. Thirst 3, A. Butler 4, T. G. Bevan 5, Dr. A. Winterton 6, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 7, J. O'Dell 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, P. D. Oldham (first in method) 2, A. F. Lancaster 3, R. Newman 4, E. Pratchett 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 17th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 540 of Plain Bob: W. Carpenter 1, A. Waller 2, A. Ford 3, N. Inskip 4, M. Stephens (conductor) 5, P. Inskip 6.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sopp 1, S. Killner 2, C. Tovey 3, V. Nicholls 4, P. Duncton (conductor) 5, M. Sopp 6.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Hutchings 1, J. Weaden 2, Miss M. M. Legg 3, Miss G. M. Legg 4, G. Prescott (conductor) 5. First quarter by ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hough 1, W. Matthews 2, J. Worth 3, V. Norbury 4, W. Gayes 5, G. Farrer 6, F. Yates (conductor) 7, H. Percival 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Oct. 19th at the Cathedral, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: C. Fairlie 1, Miss A. Potter 2, H. Reynolds 3, H. Longden 4, J. Potter 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, W. Pye 8, R. Longden (conductor) 9, G. Pye 10.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, Miss P. Jackson (first 'inside') 2, F. Casby 3, H. S. Arbin (conductor) 4, A. E. Hoare 5, W. Vince 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. In memory of Sgt. Pilot R. G. Tinsley (a ringer of this church), who lost his life in action on Oct. 6th, 1942.

MONMOUTH.—On Oct. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Price (first quarter-peat) 1, W. E. Williams 2, W. H. Symonds 3, G. Davis 4, A. T. Wingate 5, J. J. Webb (conductor) 6, L. H. Jones 7, A. W. Davis 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. Jackson 1, E. J. Boffey 2, F. Barnard 3, T. Astbury 4, F. Ollier 5, H. Stubbs 6, J. E. Brough (conductor) 7, H. Chesworth 8. Rung with 6.8 covering. First quarter-peat for ringers of 1, 6 and 8.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: T. A. Townsend 1, W. Davies 2, A. Greenhall 3, T. Greenhall 4, H. Hubbard 5, S. Prestidge 6, L. Chissett (conductor, first quarter Stedman) 7, J. Tromans (first quarter) 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Oct. 13th at SS. James and Basil's, a quarter-peat of Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): N. H. Hewitt (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Addison 2, K. Arthur (conductor) 3, J. Roach 4, J. Plane 5, T. W. Crowe 6.

NEWMARKET, CAMBS.—On Oct. 9th, on handbells, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. A. Acres 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, R. C. Sharpe 5-6, R. Heath 7-8, S. Forwood 9-10. First quarter-peat of Royal for 1-2, 7-8 and 9-10.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Bishop 1, T. Bates 2, F. Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, A. Cross 5, R. Franklin (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, S. Boore 8. First quarter by 1.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.—On Oct. 13th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cooper 1, F. Green 2, H. Smethells 3, F. Sharples 4, N. Tomkins (conductor) 5, J. Kershaw 6, B. Smith 7, N. Bryan 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sayers 1, P. Wright 2, E. Smith 3, A. Fisher 4, C. Wright 5, N. Oner 6, C. E. Bassett (conductor) 7, N. H. Bassett 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Greenwood 1, F. W. Rogers 2, T. Page 3, C. E. Bassett 4, F. W. Burnett 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, F. S. Macey 8. First quarter-peat in the method by 3, 4 and 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York, a former Vicar.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Curtis (first quarter-peat) 1, R. Wood 2, L. D. W. Athfield 3, H. Wood 4, A. V. Corden 5, C. Wood 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Veats (first quarter) 1, G. Allsop 2, J. Stephenson 3, H. Harris 4, W. T. Elson 5, W. Winter 6, P. A. Corby (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lyddon (first quarter) 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, B. J. E. White 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. Hammond 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, W. Rogers (conductor) 7, F. H. Hicks 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 6th at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Trevor Cross 1, T. G. Dennis 2, F. J. Cheal 3, E. Naylor 4, B. Edwards (conductor) 5, G. A. Naylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. Hollands (first as conductor) 8.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Webb 1, R. Richardson (Surfleet) 2, Mrs. Richardson 3, P. Bird 4, A. Morris 5, W. Poston 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, W. Hart 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Pearce (first quarter) 1, A. R. Gale 2, W. E. Judd (conductor) 3, F. V. Sinkins 4, B. T. Lister 5, R. Franklin 6, E. L. A. Hudson 7, E. H. Preston 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Bob Major: Mrs. U. M. Ferguson 1, G. W. Debenham 2, A. Dale 3, C. Tarr 4, F. J. Spicer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, T. J. Southam (first quarter as conductor) 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Guest 1, H. Giles 2, W. E. Coles 3, G. Amor 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled except the tenor, which was open at back on the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of a tablet in memory of the men of Simpson who fell in the war.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 13th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: A. Ballard 1, J. Bailless 2, C. E. Turner 3, R. Tiple (first quarter-peat of Triples) 4, L. Hewitt 5, L. E. Towers 6, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 7, W. Briggs 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 13th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: R. Garner 1, Miss G. Burchall (conductor) 2, L. Rollinson 3, Mrs. O. Moxon 4, N. Moxon 5, Miss K. Burchall 6, R. Sleep 7, T. Chandler 8. First quarter-peat for 1, 3, 4 and 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Keal, on his induction to the living of Carlton-on-Trent.

WBEDON, NORTHANTS.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 11th, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire: E. Elsigood 1, J. Webb 2, V. Perry 3, S. Osborne 4, G. Care (conductor) 5, G. Webb 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Hodgson 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, J. H. Botham 4, L. H. Bowler 5, M. Hodgson 6, A. Cutler 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8.

WHITTLE-WOODS, LANCs.—On Oct. 6th at Church of St. John, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Bowker (first quarter) 1, Ruth Bradley (first quarter) 2, T. Barker 3, E. Ramsbotham 4, J. Charnock (conductor) 5, S. Tuson 6, E. Lawson 7, F. G. Bradley 8.

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BIRTH

HARDMAN.—On October 20th, 1946, to Bertha (nee Reeve), wife of A. E. Hardman, of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, a son (Ernest William).

MARRIAGE

BELTON—FREEMAN. — At St. Mary's, Barwell, Leics, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 1946, between Thomas Clifford Belton, of Barwell, and Cicely Mary Freeman, of Birstall, Leics, by Canon H. V. Williams, S.C.F., T.D., Rector of Barwell. Residence: Arden Cottage, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics.

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EIGHT HANDBELLS, in good condition for change ringing; good price paid.—Box No. 107, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Sat., Nov. 9th, at St. Wystan's (8). Open practice 3-6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Weybridge (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Nomination of district officers for 1947 at this meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided at the Caldrees Manor.—H. L. Martin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, Willow Cafe.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Nov. 9th, St. Mary's, Putney Bridge (8), 3 p.m. Tea, Bishop's Park Pavilion 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. All Saints', Fulham (10), 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting, North Wingfield, Nov. 9th. Tea will be provided. Bells ready 3 p.m.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Leigh (6), Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea at Bat and Ball, 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Biggleswade District.—Short notice of meeting.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Wellington (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Hadley, by Tuesday, the 12th.—E. D. Poole.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly, Ebbw Vale (8), Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting is at Miles Platting on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager (8 bells), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who send word by the 12th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Eastham (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Acting Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Groby, dedication of peal boards, Saturday, November 16th. Service 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Ringing after service for visitors.—V. Geary.

DEVON GUILD.—Ringing practice at St. Thomas', Exeter, Kent and Stedman, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Cathedral 6.30 to 8.—F. C. Smale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Buckden, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Wraxall 4 o'clock, Saturday, Nov. 16th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Annual, Newbury (10), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service

4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Wednesday, Nov. 13th.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.—Pleas'ey, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. C. Rogers, Ventnor, Buttery Lane, Skegby, near Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern District.—Meeting Halesowen, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea, Central Cafe, 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

PEAK SOCIETY. — Meeting at Tideswell (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Angmering, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 14th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—The meeting proposed for Kingston on Nov. 16th has been postponed.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Luton (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday, Nov. 13th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th, Bedworth, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names, please, by 13th latest.—H. G. Summers.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Market Harborough District.—Great Bowden (5) 3-5, Market Harborough (8), 6 to 8, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tea at Cadenza Cafe 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 11th, to F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary Road, Market Harborough.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Tuxford (6). Names for tea by the 13th to W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford.—H. Denman.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral on Nov. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All those who wish tea please inform Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—H. Parkinson, Branch. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Drighlington, Leeds, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, West House, 40, West Street, Drighlington, before Tuesday, Nov. 19th. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—309th anniversary luncheon, Bridge House Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Numbers strictly limited to 150. Names with remittance by Nov. 17th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3-9 p.m. No service. Tea, White Horse, 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Gospel Oak, N.W.5, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 4.30 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 followed by tea. Names to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, N.W.5, by Nov. 20th. Also available: Highgate (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and Hampstead (10) from 4 to 5 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. St. John's bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Andrew's bells from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea in St. John's Hall 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey and A. D. Barker, Hon. Dis. Secs.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, Nov. 30th, Barming (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. East Farleigh (6) after tea. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sprotborough 2.30 p.m., Nov. 30th. Service 4 p.m.

Tea (free of charge) 4.30. Names not later than Nov. 19th to E. Short, Kathlyn, Melton Road, Spotborough.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Deddington (8), tenor 17 cwt. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will dedicate two new treble bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung by Messrs. R. White and Son). All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. for those who notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, before Dec. 10th.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practices are held during the term at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on Monday evenings at 6.15. Visitors are welcome.—P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Youth was well represented among the 19 ringers who attended the meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Haverhill on October 26th. Towers represented were Chevington, Whepstead, Clare, Stoke-by-Clare, Sudbury, Great Cornard, Rushmere, Haverhill and Fulbourn. The Vicar presided at the business meeting when three new members and one probationer were elected. Bures St. Mary was chosen as next place of meeting.

The younger members had their first taste of tower bell ringing in rounds and call changes, while a variety of methods from Stedman Doubles up to Cambridge were rung. A resolution in support of the Guild's Restoration Fund was commended.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Very enjoyable was the meeting of the South-Eastern District at Boreham on October 19th, when 48 members and friends were present. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. J. Hoase) conducted the service, tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. A. Everett and Mrs. Edwards.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and a warm welcome was extended to all the visitors by the District Master (Mr. H. Mansfield), and thanks on their behalf were expressed by Mr. C. Ellis (Harwich).

Misses J. and E. Coker, of Maldon, were elected from probationer to ringing members, and Miss M. Shadrock, of Springfield, was elected a ringing member. The election of Mr. A. W. Church, of Boreham, prior to a peal was confirmed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury on December 7th.

The hon. secretary thanked the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and for conducting the service, Miss Thomas for playing the organ and Mr. A. Everett for making tea arrangements.

Towers represented were Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Burnham, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Waltham, Brentwood, Harwich, Witham, Bocking and Newmarket.

Mr. P. A. Corby rang his 50th peal this year on October 16th. There is no telling what might be accomplished in the remaining seven weeks!

A NEW RING FOR THE GUILDFORD DIOCESE

On November 1st, by invitation of the Rector (the Rev. S. Hide), ringers from Guildford, Godalming, Haslemere, Cranleigh and Dunsfold met at Hascombe Church, where the old five bells have been recast and rehung, making a peal of five, the work having been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The tenor weighs only approximately 4 cwt., and the treble is most likely the lightest bell that many present had ever rung. Although so light they are beautiful both to ring and to hear, and Hascombe is indeed to be congratulated on possessing such a musical ring.

Ringings were done by all present who could handle the bells, and there was a promising audience of ringers-to-be. Rounds and some 120's of Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

After ringing the party adjourned in full campanological style for refreshment, where our kind host entertained us. A.W.J.A.

A TRIP TO DEVON

Five members of the Hughenden belfry left High Wycombe Station on Oct. 26th for Heavitree. With the kindly assistance of three local ringers an attempt was made for Stedman on this glorious ring of eight. After an hour and a half's good ringing, however, the principal object of the trip ended in failure.

The next objective was Chulmleigh, but on arrival at Exeter Station the last train had just gone. With the aid of two taxis the train was caught at the next station, leaving the party not only breathless but tickless. At Chulmleigh, the home town of two of the company, Percy and Arthur Newton, we were entertained by Mr. H. Newton, who is also a ringer.

There was service ringing at Chulmleigh next day. Only 'stone' is rung here, and as five change ringers could not ring eight bells, we took part in it. Chawleigh and Lapford were on the programme for Sunday afternoon, and Grandsire and Stedman, interspersed with touches on the handbells, were rung at both towers. Back to Chulmleigh for the night, and with regret on Monday morning we left for Exeter, taking a look round the Cathedral and much damaged city before catching the train home. The handbells were in use during the journey to the considerable pleasure of our fellow travellers. Our thanks to Mr. P. Newton for making the necessary arrangements and to his parents. A.G.J.

OBITUARY

MR. RALPH WOOD.

Mr. Ralph Wood, who died on October 17th, aged 76, was a ringer at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

In his memory a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes, was rung on October 22nd by Miss D. Wacey 1, W. Prior 2, E. Garbett 3, W. T. Prior 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, H. Bull 6, H. M. White 7, T. Ward 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Shepperd 1, B. Latham 2, T. Wits (conductor) 3, Mr. Thrift (Chelmsford) 4, W. Dean 5, R. Sharpe 6.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 13th a quarter-peal of Doubles, including Stedman, Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire: D. Sankey (aged 15) 1, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 2, A. Patrick 3, J. Kumbly 4, P. W. Grice 5, D. Yates (aged 15) 6.

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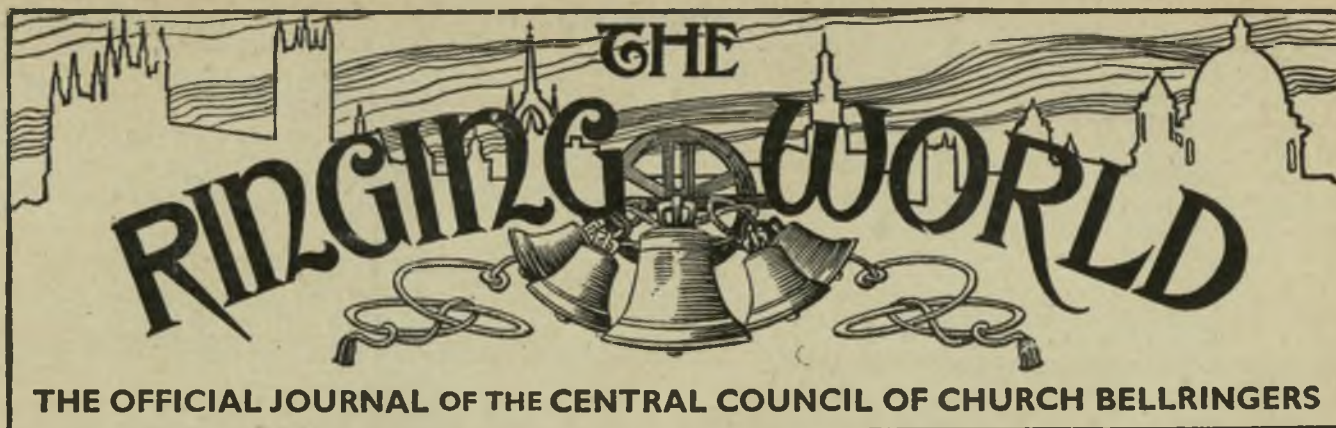
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last Sunday was Remembrance Day, the first of a new series of hallowed days commemorating two wars. Practically all the readers of 'The Ringing World' were last Sunday in their respective belfries making their particular contribution to this day of national remembrance. In the town churches there were services of a civic character. The two minutes' silence at the writer's church was observed by the civic authorities accompanied by other semi-official bodies assembling outside for a short service. On the roof, lining the parapet stood the ringers. 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille' were sounded, and then for fifteen minutes preceding the morning service the bells were rung. No, it was not just ordinary ringing; it was one of those supreme moments when perfect striking produced that rhythm of exaltation, and the words of Laura Riding came to mind:—

'It falls to many to be blessed
In their shortcomings.'

The same spirit of remembrance prevailed in every village. There came the British Legion, men who have survived two wars, with their golden standards, perhaps accompanied by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. The bells pealed out their call to worship. It might be on only five bells, or the glory of eight or ten. Village bells are in a sense part of the background of rural England. These Remembrance Day services, when the whole community unites into a oneness, call for something special from the ringers. Reports to hand from various parts of the country indicate an improvement in Sunday ringing in villages and a large number of new bands in varying stages of proficiency. It is a good and heartening sign. Ringing is more assessed in public estimate by the regularity of its Sunday services touches than by its performances on the secular side. Remembrance Sunday was the day the public expected to hear the bells; we believe there were very few silent peals.

And we ringers have our remembrances as other folk. In many belfries, amid the collections of peal boards and tablets, will be found an In Memoriam tablet. There is one in the writer's belfry, and as the ringing proceeded last Sunday thoughts naturally lingered on their names. The first to catch the eye was a sailor-boy of the 1914-18 war; below him were the names of those of the last war, the air-gunner who met his death in his plane, and others. Amid the bobs and the singles the remembrance of these ringers came to mind. All of us, at times, are too much

occupied by mundane thoughts. T. S. Eliot, in one of his poems, gives these impressive lines:—

And I pray that I may forget

These matters that with myself I too much discuss,
Too much explain.

Remembrance Sunday is the day of a vision, the day of reunion between two worlds and the day when all of us, however inarticulate, capture for a short time that sense of eternal fellowship.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 4	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 11
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung to commemorate the visit of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth to the Cathedral on this day.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 7
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	JOHN L. MILLHOUSE ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 6	*JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	FREDK. PAGE ... 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5	JOHN DEARLOVE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Treble Ten.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
THOMAS FRANCIS ... 2	HORACE BELCHER ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 8
JOHN CHILCOT ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

NINE BELL PEAL

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NESTA D. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 6
*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
†ERNEST AUSTEN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 8

JOHN CHESTERMAN ... *Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on nine bells. † First peal of Treble Bob.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 72 lb. in E.

ARTHUR G. BASON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
*ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 6
HENRY TOOKE ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDK. RICHARDSON ... <i>Treble</i>	LOUIS HEAD ... 5
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
ERNEST SPILLER ... 4	*RONALD E. NORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the 1,000th anniversary of the dedication festival of this church.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 58 lb. in D minor.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
DENIS A. BAYLES ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled for William Edward Bason, for 44 years a much respected member of the association and some time Master of the St. Peter Mancroft company.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

ARTHUR DICKERSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. ... 5
THOMAS SIMMONS ... 2	CECIL POYNTZ ... 6
ARTHUR POYNTZ ... 3	*ALBERT PEGG ... 7
LEONARD POYNTZ ... 4	GEORGE POYNTZ ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by G. POYNTZ.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late William Bason.



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On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD, FAR HEADINGLEY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

MISS L. K. BOWLING... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
*JACK F. HODSON 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
†HENRY R. PARKINSON ... 3	ALFRED SMITH 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Mrs. E. H. Marshall, wife of Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the association.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*ROLAND SMITH <i>Treble</i>	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 6
*MISS M. A. WHITEHEAD 3	FRED STANFORTH 7
ALBERT MARTIN 4	ERNEST MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CALEB FENN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First of Major, aged 14 and 12 respectively.

CARBIS WAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSON <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	CYRIL E. LANKON 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
HARRY MILES 4	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal on the bells. Rung on the patronal festival.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

EDGAR C. PIZZY <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES M. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

*LEONARD J. HEAD <i>Treble</i>	*VICTOR W. CONQUEST ... 5
JAMES G. NEWMAN 2	*EDGAR J. CONQUEST ... 6
*HUBERT C. HILLYARD ... 3	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD 7
†HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 4	FREDK. J. PLUMMER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. E. ARNOLD.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

PENHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE EDWARDS <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST J. LADD 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	ROBERT COLLINS 7
ERNEST H. EVEREST ... 4	*THOMAS E. SONE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding on the previous Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwards, and also a birthday peal for C. H. Sone, who was 79 on the previous day.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. LANCASTER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE CARE 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	*A. JAMES GLASS 6
PHILIP JONES 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
NOEL J. DISERENS 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE LANCAASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWIN G. MOORE <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
*ROBERT HIGGINS 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
JAMES HIGGINS 3	NEIL I. ALLNATT 7
WILLIAM JUDGE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PATRICK ALLEN <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE BARRY 5
WILLIAM STAITE 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 6
BASIL LATHAM 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 7
GEORGE LATHAM 4	THOMAS WITTS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HELMUT VON DER HEYDE (Brasenose) <i>Treble</i>	BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 5
JOHN V. LONSBROUGH (Keble) 2	*H. PETER RAYNOR (St. John's) 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR (Lady Margaret Hall) 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) 7
MARGARET C. COSSAR (St. Anne's) 4	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. No. 736).
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. 100th peal for the society.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	*JAMES W. RAITHYB ... 6
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	FREDK. G. HOOPER 7
*NATHANIEL T. MOXON ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

HUNTSHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... <i>Treble</i>	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
ARTHUR TRUMAN 2	*JOHN KELLAND 6
HARRY PURCHASE 3	ARTHUR H. REED 7
CYRIL J. STEVENS 4	HARRY COMMINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. REED.
* First peal of Triples.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
 KEN MEDWAY *Treble* | JOHN O. OWEN 4
 TREVOR HAYWARD 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN 5
 MICHAEL POWELL 3 | WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by M. POWELL (age 15).

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
 *HENRY WEAVER *Treble* | *HAROLD F. WOOD 4
 EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 | LEONARD STILWELL 5
 *ERNEST TREAGUS 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

RUCKINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 One 240 (Morris' Arrangement) and 40 six-scores (10 callings).
 Tenor 11 cwt.
 WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... *Treble* | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 3
 WILFRED W. RING 2 | HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 4
 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH *Tenor*
 Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. The first peal on the bells

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's, viz., two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.
 TOM HILLMAN *Treble* | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4
 FRED LONGWORTH 2 | ERNEST J. GOWLER 5
 ALBERT MORLEY 3 | FRED READ *Tenor*
 Conducted by F. READ.

SEMLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents. Tenor 26 cwt.
 JACK MUSSEL *Treble* | LEONARD HARRIS 4
 *HERBERT ABRAHAMS 2 | WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
 *PETER ANGER 3 | FRANK L. HARRIS *Tenor*
 Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal of Bob Minor.
PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven 720's each called differently.
 J. H. BLUFF *Treble* | H. GOAKES 4
 *D. WRIGHT 2 | R. H. KNIGHT 5
 P. AMOS 3 | P. D. BALDOCK *Tenor*
 Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Minor.
ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 DEREK PUGH *Treble* | ALLAN SMITH 4
 JOHN MEADOWCROFT 2 | HAROLD HAMER 5
 JOHN ALWYN TAYLOR 3 | JAMES TAYLOR *Tenor*
 Conducted by H. HAMER.
 Rung for the 80th consecration festival.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST MARTEN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 One extent of Oxford, two of Kent and four of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6½ cwt.
 THOMAS ABBOT *Treble* | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4
 VINCENT A. HEMMING 2 | ARTHUR MORRIS 5
 LEONARD TUFFREY 3 | EDWARD T. LLOYD ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Ledsam, a ringer at the above church, whose marriage with Mrs. Sands took place during the day.

YATTENDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.
 G. TOWNSEND *Treble* | S. F. TUFFLEY 4
 JOAN MATHEWS 2 | R. F. CROOK 5
 *JOYCE DOWNHAM 3 | G. E. FOWLER *Tenor*
 Conducted by G. E. FOWLER.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all except the conductor. Rung to the memory of three old ringers of this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
 AT ALEXANDRA ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 O. BROYD 1-2 | T. BIRD 5-6
 A. CATTERWELL 3-4 | R. RIPPINGALE 7-8
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. BROYD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes.
 IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor size 17 in A.
 ERNEST MORRIS 1-2 | CHARLES MARSHALL 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3-4 | JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8
 Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
 Rung on the eve of the King and Queen's visit to Leicester.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.
 AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's.
 MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2 | ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
 JOHN THOMAS 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
 Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes.
 AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor size 13 in E.
 R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)... 1-2 | S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5-6
 *K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) | E. L. LINDLEY (Trinity)... 7-8
 Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS (St. Catherine's).
 Non-conducted and silent,
 * 25th handbell peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.
 AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLECT FOR TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 A Variation of Holt's Ten-part.
 MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
 CLEMENT GLENN 3-4 | JACK BRAY 7-8
 Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
 The first 5,040 rung on handbells in the method.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: K. L. Brown (first quarter on eight) 1, J. C. Birt 2, D. K. Judd 3, J. E. L. Cookey 4, A. Cutler 5, F. A. Finch 6, L. H. Bowler 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

BARWELL, LEICESTER.—On Oct. 27th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Duncombe 1, T. C. Belton 2, R. C. Tipler 3, A. A. Lucas 4, L. Kirkland 5, C. R. Belton (conductor) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, R. Coleman 8. First quarter-peat by ringers of treble and tenor.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and 300 Grandsire): G. Care 1, G. Gayton 2, E. Robinson 3, L. Battison 4, P. Jones (conductor) 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary the Great, 1,255 Stedman Caters: J. F. Moor 1, E. J. Lindley 2, J. Freeman (conductor) 3, K. S. B. Croft 4, S. E. Darmon 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, C. W. Smith 7, T. Reginald Dennis 8, R. F. B. Speed 9, H. L. Martin 10. First quarter of Caters for 1 and 2.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss N. E. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3, W. A. Goldstone 4, E. Armstrong 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, R. J. Andrews 7, R. Lathbury 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Kelly 1, J. Fleetwood 2, D. Blows 3, T. Laybourn 4, G. Playle 5, R. Funnell 6, J. Armstrong 7, A. C. Chaplain (conductor) 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. T. Hills 1, Miss Pat Gilbert 2, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 3, H. Springate 4, F. Richardson 5, T. Beaumont 6, E. A. G. Allen 7, R. E. Norris 8. First quarter of Stedman by 2 and 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in honour of the Marquis of Salisbury's birthday: A. Price 1, A. Cull 2, W. Holmes 3, R. Cochrane 4, A. Burgess 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, A. Lawrence 7, J. Smith 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, L. Clissett 2, Molly Tromans 3, T. Greenhall 4, H. Shilcock 5, J. H. Cox (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung to celebrate the 67th birthday of the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Webb, also for his 49th year of service in the bellry.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dennison 1, L. Townley 2, T. Haslam 3, T. J. Clement (conductor) 4, H. Pearson 5, K. Holmes 6, I. J. Heap 7, T. W. Knights 8. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment for the treble ringer.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 20th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, S. Ball 2, L. Ohislet (first quarter) 3, P. Andre (first quarter inside) 4, W. Packer 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, R. Boyce 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. Dawson 1, A. Brighton 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, E. Butler 4, E. Furbank 5, R. Stannard 6, C. Wilmington 7, E. Smith 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. A. Jurd 1, L. P. Cook 2, J. D. Harris 3, H. A. Nobes 4, A. D. Mills 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (first quarter in method as conductor) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First quarter in the method for 2 and 5.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Bob, 720 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob): P. Jones 1, W. Collis 2, G. Care (conductor) 3, Miss B. Osborn 4, E. Nobles 5, W. Hammons 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Oct. 18th at the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Jones 1, F. Hannington 2, T. Rhoderick 3, E. Stitch 4, W. Heath 5, G. Large 6, A. Parnell 7, W. Phillipps 8, C. Greedy (conductor) 9, T. Barker 10. Rung after peal attempt for induction of new Dean.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Thomas', Leesfield, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Connor 1, Arthur F. Taylor (conductor) 2, L. Eyre (first quarter) 3, W. Cosdale 4, E. Moores 5, A. Baker (first quarter) 6, J. Walmsley (first quarter inside) 7, A. Bromley 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. L. Hewitt, a Leesfield ringer, and Miss M. L. Ratcliffe, of Cape Town, South Africa.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Ward 1, T. H. Mather 2, A. Billington 3, R. B. P. Hulse 4, D. Maddock 5, E. H. Hughes 6, J. Orme 7, W. Allman (conductor) 8. First quarter of Kent for 4 and 6. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

SALISBURY.—On Oct. 23rd at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Page P. Wenham 2, J. E. Figgures 3, F. C. Smith 4, F. Harris 5, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Bowden 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, L. E. Parris 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Cane (first quarter) 1, P. Knight 2, A. Soper (first quarter inside) 3, D. Cane 4, D. Farthing (first quarter as conductor) 5, Rev. D. L. Board 6.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, A. W. Hayward 2, W. T. Clarke 3, E. Causley 4, A. H. Reed 5, R. Hayward 6, S. G. Coles (conductor) 7, D. Sheldon 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: K. V. C. Hawkins 1, F. Barrington 2, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 3, W. Stevens 4, S. N. Bristow 5, C. W. Tarr 6, G. Sparks 7, A. H. Hawkins 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Albert North and Miss Middleton.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Last week we reported the second annual meeting of the London University Society; this week we record their first peal and Oxford's 100th. It was Geoffrey Dodd's 21st birthday present, and as conductor he thanks the team for their good and steady striking.

Cambridge University Guild have made Guild history with their first silent peal rung on Nov. 1st.

Years ago the Surprise band at Holy Trinity, Guildford, had a national reputation. The peal on Nov. 5th broke an interval of eleven years in Surprise ringing at this well-known tower.

To call his granddaughter's first peal is the privilege of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, of Willesborough, Kent. He is the only foundation member of the Kent County Association living, and carries his 79 years remarkably well. Mr. Ruck has devoted much of his time during the last 15 years to teaching ringing and has been highly successful.

There is news of another Kent worthy, Mr. G. Edwards, aged 78. He rang the treble to the peal of Grandsire Triples at Penshurst in honour of his golden wedding. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Edwards entertained the band to tea. This peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Sone, father of the conductor, who was 79 the previous day.

Congratulations to Oxford University Guild on their 100th peal. It was anticipated this term and arrangements were made for several old members to come to Oxford for Nov. 2nd. Colds caused a number of absentees, and a telegram on the morning of the peal, announcing another withdrawal on account of fog on the road, necessitated some quick thinking and acting on the part of the Master. A very creditable performance eventually took place at Dorchester, and the 100th peal was rung at the first attempt with no serious trips and a good beat throughout.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Painswick Surprise Major called by Mr. P. A. Corby at Withyham contained 5,088 changes and not 5,056 as published last week.

A letter containing ancient peal records of Holy Trinity, Guildford, posted on June 23rd, reached Mr. W. G. Wilson at Wembley, Middlesex, four months to a day later. This fact, we trust, will serve as a reminder to those who have not sent in records of their ancient mural tablets to Mr. Wilson. His address is 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Wembley.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow in an address to members of the Norwich Rotary Club read an anonymous letter he had received, together with the present of an old door bell. The letter ran: 'Seeing as we have found the bells of Ber Street Church annoying we have sent this to you hoping you will get some like it to ring instead.' The gift has received amazing publicity, being quoted in national dailies and weeklies.

Mr. H. Carnwell has completed 58 years as a ringer at Kingsley, Staffs. At the age of 77 he is still a regular Sunday service ringer. With his pupils he rang 1,296 Minor (360 York Surprise, 216 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Wragby, 360 Kingston) on Oct. 27th. The ringers were J. Mosley (first quarter) 1, G. Hulme 2, W. Edwards 3, E. Twigg 4, F. Edwards 5, W. Carnwell (conductor) 6.

'Young John Perkins, aged 80, has done it again,' writes a St. Ives, Hunts, correspondent in forwarding the following quarter-peal, 1,344 Bob Major, rung on Oct. 20th at All Saints', by: J. P. Stocker 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, R. Heath (Newmarket) 5, G. Mauer (Louth) 6, John Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

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Benjamin Annable Commemoration

COLLEGE YOUTHS MEET AT ST. BRIDE'S.

A very interesting and impressive ceremony took place at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, on November 2nd, when the society kept green the memory of Benjamin Annable, Master of the Society of College Youths in 1746.

In the vestry of the ruined church, the secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, read an account of the life and work of Benjamin Annable compiled by Mr. E. Alex Young from information provided by Mr. J. A. Trollope. This account showed how, when the society was in low water because of the failure to bring on the younger members and train them, Annable came forward with fresh enthusiasm and restored the fortunes and prestige of the society. Many of his peals bore the description 'the first that was ever done,' and this great pioneer left his mark not only on the society, but upon the Exercise generally.

The Master, Mr. E. G. Fenn, attended by the officers and members of the society, then proceeded to the small chapel at the base of the tower in which Annable had so greatly distinguished himself, and laid a wreath on the Communion Table, saying as he did so, 'I place this wreath on behalf of the members of the Ancient Society, in grateful remembrance of the life and work of Benjamin Annable, Master of this Society in 1746. May this memory ever be kept green.'

Prayers were then said by the Vicar of St. Bride's, the Rev. A. Taylor, who afterwards gave an account of the great struggle they had made to keep worship going week by week after the destruction of the church. He stated that the bells had been completely destroyed, and that everything possible had been done to ensure the safety of the tower.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer) and Mr. E. Alex Young then voiced the thanks of the society to the Vicar for his sympathetic help in making this simple but very impressive ceremony possible.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION SECRETARY LEADS TOUR.

On November 2nd a band of ringers from Chilcompton, Ditchat, Castle Cary, North Cadbury, Queen Camel and Montacute, under the leadership of Mr. J. T. Dyke, the secretary, visited the towers of Barton St. David, West Lydford and Kingweston.

Starting at Barton St. David, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and New Doubles were rung on the light ring of 5. The Vicar, the Rev. R. Jerram, visited the tower and was introduced to the company. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells for his benefit.

Tea was taken at Church Farm, and the party, bidding farewell to Mrs. Frampton (the hostess), made for West Lydford. This church is on the River Brue and its six bells sounded well by the water. After ringing the secretary's 'service touch,' the party joined the Vicar in his evensong.

Later more Grandsire, Stedman and Minor was rung and the bells were lowered in Tittums. Kingweston was reached about 7. Here Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung on the heavy but well-toned five. The party then retired to the Quarry Inn, where Landlord Bennett had 'hot dogs' waiting for them. Our leader was forced to ring Triples on the handbells in an armchair owing to an attack of lumbago. This he managed with his usual skill. The two least experienced members of the band greatly appreciated the calm and fatherly guidance of Ronald Beck, whose ready help was always forthcoming when needed.

E.E.F.

BELLS OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED A Secular Ring in a Deplorable Condition

The bells in the Town Hall of Berwick-upon-Tweed form perhaps one of the least known of our secular peals. The Town Hall is an edifice in the Renaissance style, not unlike St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, in appearance: in fact, its architect, Dodd, is believed to have been inspired by Gibb, who designed St. Martin's. Building was commenced in 1754, during the mayorality of William Temple, an ancestor of the late Archbishop, and completed in 1757.

The bells, a ring of eight with a tenor of nearly 21 cwt., were cast by Lester and Pack at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1754. In the town's official history the impression is given that the new bells were cast out of the metal of an older peal, which must have hung in an earlier building, but of further evidence supporting this there is none. In addition, there is a local legend that the bells of the Watch Tower at Morpeth and those of Berwick were in some way or another inter-changed during their journey from London, so that each tower now possesses the bells of the other, but this can hardly be so, as the inscription on the local tenor includes the name of Mayor Temple. Little or nothing further is known of the early history of the bells.

Of early ringers or ringing there is again little trace, although the ringing here has always been a monopoly of the freemen of the town. The only record concerning the bells in the Freemen's Guild Book is dated 1807, when authority was given for the repair of the wheels. In the first half of last century the Newcastle and Gateshead Union Society of Ringers was fairly active and rang peals in towers as far distant as Hexham, but I think it is unlikely that these ringers ever ventured so far north as Berwick or even knew of the existence of a peal there.

The first authentic event in the history of the bells seems to have been in 1894, when the second and fifth were recast and the whole peal rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick. J. Buffery, of Birmingham, came to do the rehanging, and when the job was completed he and a band from Newcastle rang the first peal on the bells—Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hours 1 minute. The

band consisted of several of the old stalwarts of the Durham and Newcastle Association and it is interesting to recall them: W. Holmes (conductor) 1, Thomas Hudson, jun. 2, R. S. Story 3, F. Lees 4, C. L. Routledge 5, A. Hillier 6, F. J. Harrison 7, J. Buffery 8. This performance remains the one and only peal rung in Berwick.

To-day ringing is done on nine special occasions during the year (e.g., Mayor's Day, King's Birthday, Trafalgar Day and the like) by a local, paid band, who are ardent disciples of Churchyard Bob. In addition, the fifth is rung as a curfew each evening from 8 to 8.15.

I first made contact with these bells when I persuaded the 'master ringer' to let me ring the curfew one evening recently. What amazed me at first was the fact that the ropes have no sallies, the reason being, I am told, that when the Town Council last approved the purchase of a new set of ball ropes the order was given to the local sail maker, who, knowing precisely nothing about ringing, simply provided the requisite length of cable rope! I certainly hand it to the locals for toughness!

The ringing chamber itself is rather unique too, as it forms part of a joiner's shop complete with benches, vices and wood shavings. As can be imagined from the state of things below, the bells themselves are not all that can be desired. The sixth is hopelessly cracked and both it and the seventh have 'hoods' or 'helmets' around the crowns. I sounded the tenor and, surprisingly enough, it seems to be quite a good bell.

Ignorance on the part of the Town Council and lack of enterprise on the part of the local ringers no doubt account for the deplorable condition of these bells, but it seems to me a great pity that Berwick, so proud of its colourful history, should allow one of its oldest possessions to fall into such disrepair. Perhaps we can hope for an early restoration, however, for according to the 'Berwick Journal,' Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recently surveyed the tower in connection with the repair of the clock, which has also seen service since 1756, and in their subsequent report have suggested a comprehensive scheme of restoration, embodying both bells and clock. I only hope the present Town Council is open to good advice.

K. ARTHUR.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Another milestone in the history of the society was reached on November 2nd, when the 100th peal for the society was rung at Dorchester.

Of the 100 peals, 75 have been in hand and 25 on tower bells, and all except six have been rung since September, 1941. There have been nine peals of Grandsire (Doubles to Cinques), 41 of Plain Bob (Minor to Maximus), seven of Stedman, 11 of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, six of Double Norwich, 10 of other Plain Major methods, and 14 peals in more than one method.

The highest achievement of the society was the peal in 21 spliced Plain Major methods, in January, 1945, and the first peals have been scored in the following methods: Spalding College, Kidlington College, Maidstone and New London Court Bob Major. Two peals have been rung entirely by ladies—Grandsire Triples in the tower and Bob Royal in hand—and there has been one non-conducted peal, Bob Major in hand.

Of the 100 peals, 72 have been conducted by John E. Spice, seven by Betty Spice, six by William L. B. Leese, four by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, three by Wilfrid F. Moreton, two each by Harry Miles and Alan White, and one each by Margaret D. Telford, Jean A. Southerst and John B. Howes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

From the start of the Guild this district has always been a difficult proposition, seeing that it covered an area without any big towns and with many problems always facing the officers. Although reports of meetings have not appeared in these columns for some time, yet the district carried out much good work during the war years, and on November 9th it was a glad sight to record a real bumper meeting at Oatlands Park.

Ringers came from far and near to have a ring on two peals of bells not often available for meetings, and after 1½ hours' ringing at Oatlands a bright service was conducted by Canon Cole, who, in his address, told about 60 ringers that he would not speak about ringers attending church, for he could see they did so. He further stated that he would not talk of bells or ringing, for though he always rang the 3rd to touches in his own tower, his hearers knew more about it than he did.

A capital tea was partaken of at the schools, and at the business meeting Canon Cole presided. Among the new members was the Vicar of Oatlands (Canon Cole), and this should strengthen the revival of change ringing in Oatlands, where much good work has been accomplished this year. After the meeting the ringers visited Weybridge, where 1½ hours' ringing was enjoyed. Ringers came from far and near, and there was quite a range of ages.

CORRESPONDENTS' NEWS, VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Length of Peals

'NO FIDDLING' WITH FUNDAMENTALS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. G. Cashmore is wrong when he tries to pass his opinions for facts; surely although peals of 5,000 may be commonplace to expert bands who can frequently get together, they are not so for a local band who aspire to ring a peal, particularly in districts where opportunities for practice are rare.

I would suggest that any attempt to 'fiddle' with the fundamentals of change ringing should be strongly opposed. One of these is that 5,000 changes or more (according to method and number of bells) is a 'peal,' any length over this is a long peal, anything less is either a touch, a quarter-peal, a half-peal or whatever it actually is.

Let us by all means ring a half-peal or similar when occasion, circumstances or choice demand, but not introduce the modern tendency to do less, but claim the same reward, into such an essentially English art as change ringing.

I thought most peals were rung not for swank, as Mr. Cashmore states, but with justifiable pride either in one's personal achievement or at having brought credit upon the guild or association concerned, by putting forth an effort, the reward for which is a 'peal.'

I was under the impression that peals were recorded with the idea of interesting and giving pleasure or inspiration to people who could read about the achievements and feel proud of friends or fellow-ringers, bands or associations, and to emulate the good examples.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating the band at Carhampton, Somerset, at ringing their 720 Cambridge Minor. I know how they have persevered right from 'scratch.' When they ring a peal in this method, and I believe they will, I hope no one will suggest that they have rung this so that they may 'swank,' but that its publication will inspire and encourage others as much as it will certainly please.—Yours truly,
Hayes, Middlesex. W. H. COLES.

A CRICKET PARALLEL

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I must disagree with my friend, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, concerning the length of peals and also with his contention that bellringing is no longer a sport. I must confess that when I go out for a peal it is usually for the pleasure of ringing. Should I be able to identify the peal with some particular occasion or assist someone else a little further on in the art, then it adds still more enjoyment, of course. Nevertheless, I fear I treat a Saturday afternoon peal attempt just as I do my cricket match in the summer.

I don't think any Lancastrian would concede a 'century' to Hutton or Leyland if either scored only 75 at Manchester, however much 'annoyance' he had been spared by their early dismissal, and a 'century' at cricket is surely merely a special performance by reason of the fact that after 99 we run into three digits. This is quite parallel to our 5,040 changes being standardised by the extent on seven bells, it is a convenient length, a nice time and a good test of endurance and concentration well within the capabilities of any competent ringer. How many peals has Mr. Rigby lost in the last hour of the three?

Finally, do we not often annoy the public more with our protracted practice meetings, which sometimes extend from 2.30 p.m. to 8 or 9 p.m.?—Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

11, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

WEEDON, NORTHAMPTON. — On Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Doubles (600 Grand-sire, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): E. Elsgood 1, J. Webb 2, W. Elsgood 3, S. Osborne 4, V. Perry (conductor) 5, S. Stone 6.

Overseas Visitor's Thanks

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' express my sincere appreciation to the bellringers in England for their friendship and kindness extended to me during my stay in the old country, 1941-1946?

Whilst in England I derived much pleasure in visiting as many towers as possible, and visited towers at Plymouth, London, Manchester, Leeds, York, Lincoln and many others in towns and villages. I always found the same friendly spirit and welcome when I met the ringers and it has left with me many happy recollections. I particularly desire to thank the band at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where I spent some considerable time on Sundays and practice nights, and in particular the captain, Mr. Myers, and his family.

Knowing the considerable amount of damage inflicted by the war to the towers in England, the members of the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, band express their deepest sympathy and earnestly hope that plans are now well in hand for their restoration in the near future. Wishing success to all, I am, yours faithfully,
LAURIE HAINES (F.-Sgt.).

Royal Australian Air Force,
Point Cook, Victoria, Australia.

BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to all ringers in charge of arrangements for broadcasting to send notice to 'The Ringing World,' indicating the time and wavelength, at least ten days in advance, and to you, sir, to print such notices regularly in one place in your columns, so that a busy reader can pick up his 'Ringing World' and know at once where to look and what to listen for? Bells before a service are not advertised in 'Radio Times,' and are not like to be, while paper shortage continues. A very musical touch of Triples was in progress on Sunday morning, Nov. 3rd, when the organ came on the air. I concluded that it came from Wellington, but it was only by luck that I heard it.

F. L. EDWARDS.
Kington Magna Rectory.

VISITORS AT PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—Apropos the complaint regarding the practice at Broadclyst for Stedman and Major when visitors absorbed much of the time ringing Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich, whoever was in charge of the meeting, either the Guild Master or the tower conductor, was lacking in his duty in regard to methods rung. The visitors should not be blamed if they did ring Cambridge or Double Norwich. I know that even-bell ringing in Devon is not very advanced because the majority of ringers in the West of England like to hear the tenor behind.—Yours, etc.
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

HUNTSHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples at Huntsham, Devon, on November 2nd, was of special pleasure to those participating, as one of the local band rang his first peal of Triples there. Huntsham is practically the starting point of change ringing in Devon and of interest to all who are familiar with Troyte's book on change ringing. The family residence is situated in the lovely grounds at the back of the church.

There were some anxious moments during the latter part of the ringing, as the end of the treble rope broke after two hours' ringing and a piece about a foot long fell off, but the man on the rope stuck well to the job in hand, and, much to the band's relief, the peal came home.—Yours faithfully,
C. W. J. TARR.

Milverton, Taunton.

Tune Ringing

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the account of the Worcestershire Association and the gift of 24 handbells by Mr. Harvey Reeves on condition that they shall not be used for tune playing, a practice, in my opinion, derogatory to a skilled ringer.

Derogatory means injurious. I hope this drastic condition and prejudiced opinion will not affect adversely the position of those ringers who love both change and tune ringing by placing them in a lower caste.

My first contact with my ringers in one parish was by hearing them ring tunes at a social. I did not notice it affected their skill in the belfry on Sunday, although they had used the belfry handbells. One or two of them were skilled peal ringers.

I have had change ringers who have twice given Empire broadcasts on the handbells and I have seen their names in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' My experience has been that those who begin tune ringing on the handbells pass into the belfry as change ringers.

I do hope that this Worcester opinion of long ago will not lead to those ringers who know and love music being considered as of a lower grade or caste of church bell ringers.
J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

LANCASTER R.C. CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The weight of the tenor of Lancaster (R.C.) Cathedral is 25 cwt. and not as stated in the peal report published in your last issue.

This must be one of the heaviest peals of eight in the country. The treble is over 10 cwt. and the other bells go up at over 2 cwt. a bell, making a total weight of about seven tons, or nearly a ton per bell.

F. RIGBY.
8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Lancs.

RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I think it is about time something was done in Yorkshire towards furthering the interests of Sunday service ringers by the formation of several diocesan guilds, membership of which would require a ringer to be attached to a church situated in such a diocese and not unattached as many are to-day and making no special effort for attendance at Sunday service ringing. Many of our forgotten towers would then feel that interest is being taken in them and efforts made to further their interests and scope in Sunday service ringing.—Yours, etc.,
ERNEST H. RAYNER.

Thornbury, Bradford, Yorks.

MR. J. GEORGE'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—I commenced peal ringing when I was 35 years and 11 weeks old. Since then I have rung 1,279 peals in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in 50 different counties and three wars as shown below:—

1,231 on tower bells in 399 different towers, conducting 19 peals.

43 on handbells in 25 different places.

Has anyone beaten this record from the age of 35 years and 11 weeks old and still living?—Yours sincerely,
JAMES GEORGE.

Sheldon, Birmingham 26.

With several pre-war ringers back in their accustomed places, Chertsey, Surrey, hopes for better things in the near future. Quarter-peals are a feature of this district's ringing. Among the new recruits are Miss Mary Cole, daughter of Canon Cole, of Oatlands Park. She started ringing last January and can now ring Double Norwich.

SOME NOTES ON CONDUCTING

Plain Bob Major

It is hoped that these notes, written as simply as possible and from an entirely practical point of view, may be of some help to young ringers who wish to turn their attention to the very interesting art of bob-calling. The writer would welcome the questions of any young ringers attempting to follow the articles, and would particularly welcome the criticisms of other conductors.

In calling a peal or touch the conductor has two main functions. The first is to make the calls accurately and audibly, and the second to know whether the bells are right or not, and in the case of a peal to stop if they are wrong. It is not necessarily his function, nor should the band demand that he should keep the bells right. Each member of the band should be responsible for his own bell and should not expect to have his slumbers disturbed from time to time by the conductor or anyone else.

Human nature being what it is, however, it is important to be able to put a trip right, but apart from that it is very useful to be able to call a peal with confidence and without having to burn the midnight oil with a wet towel around one's head for weeks in advance in order to 'learn the peal.'

I cannot write with much experience of odd-bell methods, which in any case are infinitely more difficult from the conductor's point of view than even-bell methods, but it is perhaps logical to consider even-bell methods first and to apply the experience gained to odd-bell methods. In even-bell methods it should be possible for a conductor to start for a peal knowing only the calling and yet to be sure at any point of the peal that the bells are right. The difficult task of learning all the course-ends by heart can be entirely avoided.

To start with Plain Bob Major, the basic method on eight bells, it should become obvious very soon to a learner that the bells retain a set coursing order—7532468—until a call is made. The bells are always met in exactly the same order except that the treble interposes between a different pair of bells each time. It is probably safe to assume that most ringers know this plain course coursing order by heart. Those who do not would be well advised to take an early opportunity of learning it. The conductor should accustom himself to taking deliberate notice of each bell as it passes him—if necessary at first he could whisper the number of each rope to himself as he pulls after it. Once he has formed this habit he will immediately notice if he passes any two bells in the wrong order.

An important point in Plain Bob is also to be certain that the treble courses between the right pair each time. In the first lead of the plain course she is between 3 and 2, in the second lead between 5 and 3, in the third lead between 7 and 5, and so on, moving one bell forward in each lead as the bell concerned makes seconds place. If the treble should shift with either the bell she is coursing or the bell coursing her a lead is omitted or one added without affecting the general coursing order. Therefore, the positions would continue to come up all right, but the length and truth of the touch or peal would be affected. Needless to say, in the case of a peal, it could not be recorded as a legitimate performance. It is perhaps idle to speculate how often, in the case of rough ringing, this kind of thing has passed unnoticed!

The reader is no doubt aware of the positions of the tenor at which calls may be made without disturbing the coursing of the 7th and tenor. These calls are known as Wrong when the tenor is dodging 7/8 up. Before when the tenor is making seconds. Middle when the tenor is dodging 5/6 down, and Home or Right when the tenor is dodging 7/8 down.

If a call at Wrong is made when the bells are still in the plain course it may readily be seen that the second runs in, the third runs out and the fifth makes the bob. It will be seen that these three bells are those which, in the plain course, are coursing immediately behind the seventh. Now the effect of the bob at Wrong is that the bell following the seventh is shunted behind the other two. Thus, when the call has been made, the coursing order, instead of 7532468, becomes 7325468.

Assuming the bells to be once more in the plain course, and for the moment disregarding the Before, we turn our attention to the Middle, and find that the sixth runs in, the fourth runs out, and the second makes the bob. It will be seen that these three bells are those which in the plain course are coursing immediately in front of the tenor. The effect of the bob at Middle is that the two bells in front of the tenor are shunted in front of the bell before them. Therefore, the coursing order when the call has been made, instead of being 7532468, becomes 7534628.

Reverting once more to the plain course, and considering the Home we find that the fourth runs in, the second runs out, and the third makes the bob. These three bells are those which, in the plain course, are separated in the coursing order by one bell between them and the seventh in front, and by one bell between them and the tenor behind. The effect of the Bob at Home is that the two last of the bells referred to are shunted in front of the other one. The coursing order when the call has been made, instead of being 7532468, becomes 7524368.

With practice it becomes possible to transpose mentally the effect of a call upon the coursing order before the call is made, and so be sure immediately that the work involved by the call has been correctly carried out. As an example, let us consider the effect that bobs at Wrong, Middle and Home all in the same course would have on the coursing order. Starting from rounds the coursing order would be, as we have seen, 7532468: the bob at Wrong would change it to 7325468: from this order the bob at Middle would produce 7324658: and from this in turn the bob at Home would produce 7346258. The accuracy of this can be tested by examining the course as written down in the usual manner:—

23456 W M H

64235 — — —

The coursing order of the course 64235 is 7346258, proving that our transposition has been correctly done.

One calling position remains to be considered, the Before. This is the only call normally used which disturbs the seventh and tenor, and even after a Before the seventh continues to course behind the tenor, but the relation of these two bells to the other five working bells is altered. The new coursing order is, however, easily arrived at. From the plain course order of 7532468 bring the bell next before the tenor over the four bells in front of it and you have 7653248. It will be seen that the three bells affected by a Before are the sixth's place bell, which makes the bob, and the seventh and tenor, which run in and out respectively. It should be noted that a call Before invariably lengthens or shortens the course by one or more leads. Plain Bob is lengthened by one lead.

BAYCROP.

(To be continued.)

Major J. H. R. Freeborn, of Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks, has rightly called the attention of the Editor to his articles dealing with all the aspects of the planning of bellries and the maintenance of bells. The Editor regrets that this valuable and timely contribution to literature on the subject had escaped his attention when he wrote his editorial on 'Rebuilding our Churches.'

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

SCHOOLGIRL RINGERS.

A feature at a meeting of the North-East (Tiverton) Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Uplowman, was the presence of about 20 young ladies from a neighbouring private school, which has for some years encouraged interest in campanology. Several have in the past qualified for certificates of proficiency. The district loses most of them on completion of studies, but perhaps other localities derive advantage. Anyway, the district can be congratulated on the steady maintenance of instruction for newcomers who on their part usually show aptitude in managing and mastering the principles of ringing.

Uplowman, by the way, is believed to be the only church in Devon that retains in the porch frameworks with iron pegs for the hats of male worshippers. Margaret Countess of Richmond, mother of Henry VII., built part of the church about 1500.

Altogether about 40 members of the Tiverton and other branches, including the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), attended the meeting with which a service and tea were associated. The Rev. J. M. Turner presided. The annual meeting was fixed for Tiverton on Jan. 25th.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A NEW PEAL AT CARLTON.

A meeting of the Selby and District Society was held at Snaith on November 2nd, when 23 members and friends were present from Barby Don, Bawtry, Carlton, Easttrington, Goole, Hemingbrough, Howden, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and Thorne. Cups of tea were provided by ladies of the parish and were much appreciated.

The Vicar (Canon W. J. T. Pascoe) presided at the business meeting and extended a cordial welcome to the society and expressed the hope that further visits to Snaith would be made. He hoped to persuade some of the young people of Snaith to take up the art of change ringing. Arising from the minutes, it was arranged that the next meeting should take place at Escrick on Saturday, December 14th.

Canon Pascoe then introduced the Vicar of Carlton (the Rev. E. Lawson Brewis), who told the meeting that he hoped the new peal of six would be ready for ringing before Christmas. Mr. Brewis thanked Canon Pascoe for placing the Snaith bells at the disposal of the Carlton learners for tuition.

A vote of thanks to Canon Pascoe and to the ladies was proposed by the society's chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley, who referred to the good 'going' of the bells despite the fact that they were nearly 300 years old. Canon Pascoe, in reply, referred to the spirit of comradeship existing amongst ringers, aided, no doubt, by visits to other towers.

The secretary was instructed to prepare a set of rules for the society, which are to be considered at the December meeting and submitted to the annual meeting in January.

THORLEY BELLS

On October 27th, the Archdeacon of St. Albans visited St. James' Church, Thorley, to dedicate two memorial bells. The new treble bell bore the inscription: 'In memory of Laurie and Maud Frere, of Twyford House, given by their daughter, Beryl Laurie Frere, 1946.' The fourth bell was recast in memory of Francis H. Procter by John and Constance Procter, 1946.

The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and after the dedication service the peal of six bells was rung for the first time by the Thorley band. Ringers from Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth were present.

For the evening service touches of Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Minor were rung by ringers from Bishop's Stortford, Broxbourne and Standon. Thorley now possesses a splendid peal of six bells.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

BIRTH

KEY.—On November 6th, 1946, at 10, Grange Street, Burton-on-Trent, to Ethel Marion, wife of Barnabas G. Key, a daughter (Pamela Elizabeth).

DEATH

LARGE.—On November 1st, 1946, at Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, Walter Large, in his 89th year, sometime instructor for the Oxford Guild, and co-founder of the Four Shires Guild.

FOR SALE

Order at once for Christmas delivery. The 'DELIGHT' RINGER'S RECORD BOOK. Full details and specimens from Will H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Ideal present for a ringer.

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A secondhand 'small peal' of HANDBELLS wanted for tune ringing; must be in good condition.—Please write Miss Marjorie Jaco, 110, Magdalen Road, Exeter.

SITUATION VACANT

BLACKSMITHS.—First-class men, used to power hammer work.—Write, giving full details of experience, to Gillett and Johnston, Bell Founders, Croydon.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Groby, dedication of peal boards, Saturday, November 16th. Service 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Ringing after service for visitors.—V. Geary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Buckden, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern District.—Meeting Halesowen, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea, Central Cafe, 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual, Newbury (10), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral on Nov. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All those who wish tea please inform Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—H. Parkinson, Branch. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Practice at Withyham, Friday, Nov. 22nd, 7.30 p.m.—C. A. Bassett.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Drighlington, Leeds, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, West House, 40, West Street, Drighlington, before Tuesday, Nov. 19th. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—309th anniversary luncheon, Bridge House Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 1 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Numbers strictly limited to 150. Names with remittance by Nov. 17th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3-9 p.m. No service. Tea, White Horse, 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Gospel Oak, N.W.5, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 4.30 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 followed by tea. Names to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, N.W.5, by Nov. 20th. Also available: Highgate (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and Hampstead (10) from 4 to 5 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Special meeting, Pytchley, Nov. 23rd. Cups of tea only.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elston (6), Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m. Meeting to discuss proposed Newark Branch. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting in St. Albans, Nov. 23rd. Bells of St. Michael's (6) and St. Stephen's (6), 3 p.m. to 4.30, and in the evening. Tea at Abbey Restaurant, Holywell Hill, 5 p.m. sharp. Names to R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans, by Nov. 22nd.—W. Hughes and R. Darvill, Dis. Secs.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Gilmorton (8), Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m. (Buses leave Newarkes 2.5 p.m. and 4.35 p.m.) Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, the 19th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (St. Paul's).—Ten-bell practice, Monday, Nov. 25th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. St. John's bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Andrew's bells from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea in St. John's Hall 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey and A. D. Barker, Hon. Dis. Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sprotborough 2.30 p.m., Nov. 30th. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free of charge) 4.30. Names not later than Nov. 19th to E. Short, Kathlyn, Melton Road, Spotborough.

NORTH WALES ASSN.—Bangor District.—A practice will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 2.5 p.m.—Marjorie Jones.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, Nov. 30th, Barming (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. East Farleigh (6) after tea. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea only to those who notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 2.30 p.m. All Saints' (8) also available 2.30 p.m., and St. Peter's (8) 6-7.30 p.m. only. Tea at Scarlet Pimpernel Cafe at 4.30 (price 1s. 6d.). Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, without fail by Nov. 27th. All very welcome.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell (10 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by Nov. 26th to D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 4.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Deddington (8), tenor 17 cwt. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will dedicate two new treble bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung by Messrs. R. White and Son). All welcome.

BROMHAM, BRADFORD.—On Oct. 27th at St. Owen's, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Watson 1, G. White 2, R. Chapman 3, F. C. Tysoe 4, Miss P. Gilbert 5, W. Tebbutt 6, A. C. Sinfield 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Holman 1, W. R. Humphrey 2, Colin Champion 3, Miss Dallas 4, F. J. Sanders (conductor) 5, Rev. A. H. W. Sanders 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. F. Dixon 1, T. W. Bullock (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, R. Charge 4, T. H. Taffender 5, R. H. Begrie 6, H. A. Andrews 7, R. Newman 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, Miss Ann Thomas (first of Stedman) 2, C. W. Powell 3, N. Adams (first of Stedman) 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (conductor) 7, C. E. Tett 8.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER LARGE.

The death occurred on Nov. 1st at Stretton-on-Fosse, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos., of Walter Large, at the age of 88. He was a co-founder of the Four Shires Guild and also was a link with some of the early founders of the Oxford Guild with whom he rang peals, notably Joe Field, J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and F. E. Ward.

He was born and learned to ring at Sherborne, Glos. (six bells), moving to Burford, Oxon, about 1880, where soon he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, no mean achievement in those days. Becoming acquainted with John Monk, of Witney, he frequently walked the seven miles each way from Burford to Witney, and called several peals of Triples.

Later he was appointed instructor to the Oxford Guild, and taught bands at Leafield and also at Shipton-under-Wychwood after the latter's bells had been augmented to eight. In spite of all the walking these activities entailed, he never complained, and his enthusiasm was infectious.

About 1902 he went to live at Todenham, and it was while here that Walter Large and the then Vicar of Todenham together formed the Four Shires Guild (Oxford, Gloucester, Worcester and Warwick) to cater for all the isolated towers. The Guild flourished considerably. Meetings were regularly held and certificates awarded for raising and falling, resulting in much improved striking. During this period at Todenham he was not only teaching and conducting there, but also at Moreton-in-Marsh, where there were eight bells but previously no ringers. He got together a band and afterwards called their first peal of Grandsire Triples. To Walter Large, also, the ringers at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water owed the success of their first peal.

Settling finally at Stretton-on-Fosse, where there are no bells, he continued to take active interest in ringing and ringers in Cotswold towns and villages until age prevented his doing so. Since the outbreak of the recent war he had done little or no ringing, following the art which he loved so much through the medium of 'The Ringing World.' This he could, to the last, read without the aid of glasses. It has not yet been ascertained how many peals he rang, but his invaluable work in the encouragement and training of raw recruits to the Exercise will long be remembered throughout the Cotswold country.

To carry on the torch he taught his three sons, Edward (Birmingham), George (Newport, Mon.) and Arthur (Stretton-on-Fosse), as well as C. Locke (Chipping Campden), his stepson. The third generation in this ringing family is represented by G. E. Large, of Claines, Worcs., who is Walter Large's grandson. He also leaves a widow and four daughters, and by trade was a master stonemason.

MR. AMOS W. CLARK.

The death occurred on Oct. 29th of Mr. Amos W. Clark, a regular member of the Croydon Parish Church band of ringers for about 45 years and leader of that band from 1922 to 1929.

Mr. Clark was a well-known ringer in Surrey and the adjacent counties, and held office in the Surrey Association as District Master of the North-Western District for a number of years. He was well liked wherever he went for his quiet but cheerful ways in the belfry and readiness to help beginners. The writer himself owes a great deal to Mr. Clark in his early days of ringing for his patience and understanding. Mr. Clark had rung about 150 peals in a variety of methods.

The funeral took place at Reigate Parish Church on Nov. 2nd, and the following members of the Croydon Parish Church ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave: R. Davies 1-2, F. E. Collins 3-4, D. Cooper 5-6, J. Saunders 7-8. Other ringers present were Messrs. G. Hoad, F. Hoad, W. Claydon, of Reigate, and O. Sippetts, of Crawley.

MR. J. CHOWN.

We regret to report the death of Mr. J. Chown, of Feniton, Devon, who died on Oct. 28th and was buried in Feniton Churchyard on Nov. 2nd. It was only on Oct. 26th that Feniton ringers paid a tribute to Joe, as he was known, by the dedication of a shield to commemorate his 66 years as a ringer and church worker. Although confined to his house on that day, we little thought the end was so near. He was carried to the grave by six ringers amid many signs of sympathy and respect.

After the funeral a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung by the following: F. Marks 1, W. Bird 2, J. Arbury (conductor) 3, C. Tolman 4, E. Marks 5, T. Virgin 6. J.A.

SUFFOLK GUILD

BURY ST. EDMUNDS DISTRICT.

Fifty-two ringers from Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire attended the annual meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds District on November 2nd, and many methods on the ten at the Norman Tower and the eight at St. Mary's Church were rung.

Tea was taken at a nearby cafe, and this was followed by a business meeting, the chair of which was occupied by the Rev. A. C. Pelly, Vicar of St. Mary's, supported by the Rev. — Lambert, curate of the Cathedral Church of St. James, and the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. C. W. Pipe).

The annual report of the district secretary contained an appeal to the older ringers to support and encourage young people who showed an interest in ringing, otherwise they would soon find themselves without ringers.

Mr. A. Gillings was re-elected district secretary for the coming year, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ixworth early in the New Year.

Young George Pipe, aged 11 years, son of the general secretary, was present and took part in ringing with the most skilled ringers, and it is hoped that his qualities will prove an inspiration to other young ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTON BRANCH MEETING.

Mr. E. K. Lewis renewed his war-time associations with the Preston Branch when he attended the meeting at Preston Parish Church on Nov. 9th. Over 40 ringers were present, branches represented being Lancaster, Wigan, Blackburn, Fylde, Manchester and Preston as well as the Chester Guild. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Grandsire and Stedman on tower bells and Plain and Treble Bob on hand-bells. Proceedings ended with a beautiful 'drop' on the tower bells.

Mr. F. G. Bradley presided at the business meeting and welcomed the visitors. Chorley St. Mary's (R.C.) Church was chosen for the next meeting on Dec. 14th. A vote of thanks was passed to those who had made the arrangements and served the tea. Mr. J. Woods (Lancaster) and Mr. Elkins (Bowden) and other visitors thanked the branch for a very enjoyable afternoon.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 19th at Christ Church, a half-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 1 hour 30 minutes, consisting of 2,592 changes: W. Core 1, J. Lunham 2, T. Hammond 3, T. Horridge 4, N. Heaps 5, F. Almond 6, A. Mawdesley 7, J. Ridyard (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by treble, 2nd and 7th ringers.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Smith 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, Miss M. Cole 3, Miss J. Smith 4, Mrs. V. Lathbury 5, J. W. Ward 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, V. Smith 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. First 'inside' by 4.

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QUARTER PEALS

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: M. Collett (first quarter, aged 12) 1, B. J. Forest (first quarter inside, aged 16) 2, B. S. Nichols (composer and conductor) 3, T. S. Stratford 4, F. Soden 5, F. W. Soden 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — At St. Modwen's on Oct. 21st, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles, 7.6.8 covering: C. Green (first quarter) 1, T. Pryce (first inside) 2, J. H. Brittan (first as conductor) 3, H. Cornwell 4, A. Skelton (first inside) 5, K. Pratt 6, H. H. Brittan 7, W. Minor 8. Rung in honour of Trafalgar Day.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ex-P.C. D. T. Matkin (conductor) 1, ex-P.S. W. C. Dowding 2, P.C. L. Tuffrey 3, Ex-W.R.C. A. Beamish 4, P.S. A. Botterill 5, P.C. A. Hemming 6, ex-W.R.C. F. Crump 7, P.S. T. Drinkwater 8. First quarter-peat in method by 6th, and first quarter by 8th. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt for Stedman by members of the Police Guild.

HYDE, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Booth 1, W. Shaw 2, Doreen Wilde (first quarter-peat) 3, A. Haughton 4, R. Edwards 5, B. Bradley 6, S. Bowker 7, T. Wilde (conductor) 8.

SANDON, CHELMSFORD. — On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Halls 1, A. Bartholomew 2, P. Eves 3, H. W. Shadrack 4, W. Barrett (conductor) 5.

STAVERTON, DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. Jackson 1, Sydney Osborne 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, Victor Parry 4, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 5, Mrs. Powell 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1, 2 and 5.

STROUD, GLOS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,946 Grandsire Triples: L. Dawson 1, P. Allen 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, L. Barry 5, H. Bennett 6, T. Witts (conductor) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

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RINGING IN SOUTH WALES

Now the joyful bells a-ringing,
All ye mountains, praise the Lord.
Lift our hearts, like birds 'a-winging,
All ye mountains, praise the Lord.

These opening lines of the Welsh Carol, *Nos Galan*, can appropriately be applied as a prelude to any observations on ringing in the Principality with particular reference to the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. And it is with such a spirit of thankfulness that South Wales can look back upon the progress in the art of change ringing. Here are facts concerning development which have taken place within living memory. When the Llandaff Association was formed 53 years ago there were only 11 peals of eight and none of 10 or 12 in the Diocese. There are now one ring of 12, one of 10 and 26 of eight in this area. A sad feature is that Llandaff Cathedral was seriously damaged by the war and only a skeleton of the building remains.

Many of us, in distant parts of England, are in danger of taking too narrow a perspective of South Wales. The Wales of our imagination is the picture as presented by the film 'How Green was my Valley,' the desolation of the mining villages of the Rhondda, and the abject poverty that prevailed before the last war through the industrial depression. These circumstances eat into the core of human intelligence numbing the mental outlook. But there is, thank God, another side of Wales. Despite the drabness, there are those who can lift their eyes to the mountains, and so foster and develop their art. They have seen the vision, or as a free translation by the Rev. W. Lloyd of the Welsh Carol, 'Dark the Night,' runs:—

When behold, the clouds are parted—
Westward, lo, a light gleams far
Now his heart's true quest has started,
For his eyes have seen the star.

The man more than any other who captured the vision of the star is Mr. J. W. Jones, who is now eighty years of age. For 46 years he was secretary of the Association, retiring as recently as 1945. By a coincidence, and unbeknown to the editor, after a decision was made to publish the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in this issue, news was received of the honour accorded Mr. J. W. Jones by his own people. His own bells, those of All Saints', Newport, have been rehung and retuned and, after the dedication

ceremony, the Bishop of Monmouth made the presentation of a cheque to him. When these bells were originally dedicated in 1902, Mr. Jones was appointed leader of the tower, an office he has held with conspicuous ability ever since. Despite his 80 years, Mr. Jones is making the journey to London this week-end to renew acquaintance with his old friends at the annual luncheon of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Llandaff and Monmouth is not the largest of the Associations in affiliation with the Central Council; but, amid economic and other difficulties, its members are upholding the sacred side of the craft by Sunday service ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
LEWIS SNELL ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*FRANK LORD ... 9
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 4	JACK BRAY ... 10
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5	JOHN WALDEN ... 11
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6	HERBERT LOWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Cinques on tower bells.
A birthday compliment to Frank Lord.

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	HENRY E. GREEN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 10
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 11
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung as a compliment to Councillor A. W. Percox and Mrs. Percox on their appointment as Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall.

TEN BELL PEAL

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 6
*DONALD C. PRICE ... 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
ALAN WHITE ... 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 8
*+THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 9
†ARTHUR R. BURGESS ... 5	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal on a working bell.

WINDSOR.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harding, sen. 1, J. H. Lancaster 2, T. Smith 3, A. Smith 4, W. Welling 5, A. J. Glass 6, N. V. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Adcock 8. Rung for the christening of the daughter of A. Smith.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER WOLSTENCROFT Treble	*RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
ARTHUR ROBERTS ... 2	BURLEY WALSHAW ... 4
MARY WALSHAW ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
ROBERT WINPENNY ... 4	†V. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*BETTY SCHOFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 5
*JAMES SKEATS ... 2	*NICOLAS M. NEWBY ... 6
*STANLEY CLIFFORD ... 3	*JOHN BAGNALL ... 7
KENNETH HALL ... 4	JAMES E. BURLS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*VICTOR WOOD ... Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
HARRY MILES ... 3	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 26 cwt.

*EDWIN DREWITT ... Treble	ALAN CORNISH ... 5
*BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 2	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 6
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 7
FREDK. MESSENGER ... 4	†HENRY FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Triples. Rung on the birthdays of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Bateman) and the conductor's granddaughter.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. Carpenter's Six-part (No. 24 C.C.C.). Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*HARRY SPRINGETT ... Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 5
*FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 3	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	*WILLIAM W. HOLLANDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. 25th peal together by ringers of 6 and 7. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Francis J. Cheal, whose birthday was this day.



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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. Carter's Twelve-part (three-lead course).

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE W. JEFFS ... <i>Treble</i>	*†BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT... 2	*HARRY RICHARDSON ... 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 7
*B. JACK STUBBS ... 4	STANLEY G. ROBINSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
JAMES WOODYATT ... 4	GEORGE COLLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E1,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST E. FURBANK ... 5
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER... 2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 6
JOHN G. NASH ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
ALFRED PRIOR ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST T. NEWNHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
ARTHUR RADLEY ... 2	†ERNEST PICKETT ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
*ARTHUR J. BULL ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	*JOHN S. MASON ... 5
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
†JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 100th peal together. † First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Barber.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*H. WM. BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
MISS LUCILE M. HUBBERT 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise.

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On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

Mrs. J. FINN ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK BRAY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
ALBERT LAMBKIN ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... 7
*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 4	FRED LACEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	WALTER LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT A. HADLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MARRINER ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2	GEORGE COOK ... 6
*GORDON P. T. PETERS... 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
CHARLES SMART ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 76th birthday, also to ringer of the 7th.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

H. G. F. REYNOLDS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 5
ERNEST GOWER ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER E. MASTERS ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
BERNARD LAWTON ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 3	CHARLES RICHARDS ... 7
JOHN LLOYD ... 4	PERCY RICHARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Mrs. M. MARSHALLSAY <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS... 5
REGINALD A. REED ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
*TOM PAGE ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 32 with extremes, each called differently.

*JOHN WARD Treble	*JOHN BENNETT 4
CHARLES V. CATTELL ... 2	ARTHUR CATTELL 5
ALAN CATTELL 3	*JEAN WARD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Leicester. First peal on these bells since being rehung and augmented by a new treble in thanksgiving for victory.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 7½ cwt.
V. J. BENNING (King's)... Treble	A. F. THIRST (Imp.) ... 4	
C. A. VESSEY (Polytech.) 2	P. M. G. GRAY (Imp.) ... 5	
P. R. BLACKMAN (Imp.)... 3	G. DODDS (Polytech.) ... Tenor	

Conducted by G. DODDS.

First peal for the society. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Single Court; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (6) Plain and Double Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Sixty changes of method		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 4	
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	GEORGE SAVER 5	
F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in ten methods on the bells. Half-muffled in memoriam William Edward Bason, interred here the previous Thursday.

YARNTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Grandsire, three of Union and one of Antelope.		Tenor 28 cwt.
*G. ASTON Treble	W. DURHAM 4	
*J. HICKMAN 2	*J. GREEN 5	
H. FLOYD 3	R. WHITE Tenor	

Conducted by H. FLOYD.

* First peal.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 7½ cwt.
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ... Treble	†WILLIAM WALKER ... 4	
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	GIRLING RIGBY 5	
*HAROLD PAILING 3	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor	

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on six. † First peal. First of Kent Minor by all.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.	
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Treble	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4
CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS 2	*HERBERT LOWMAN ... 5
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to William H. Barber, of Newcastle.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*MISS MOLLY NEWTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
WM. J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*JOHN A. ACRES 1-2	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First handbell peal away from tenors.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)... 1-2	K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 3-4	*S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.

* 25th peal together. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 12, PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2	S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 3-4	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT CAMPANA, BUSHFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. CLEMENTS, CRAYFORD COLLEGE, DOUBLE BOB, AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	FRANK LORD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Huckstepp 1, T. Cullingworth 2, W. Ring 3, H. E. Mitchell 4, W. A. Oldfield (conductor) 5, C. W. Everett 6, H. S. Wickens 7, D. Godden 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lovett 1, K. E. Lovett 2, J. W. Lowe (conductor) 3, H. Myatt 4, F. W. Lowe 5, G. F. Grant (first quarter) 6.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): C. Ball (first quarter of Doubles) 1, G. Brown 2, F. Tonge 3, J. Pearson (first quarter) 4, V. A. Jarrett (conductor) 5.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th at St. Michael's, Twerton, 1,946 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Hallett 1, T. P. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. O. Fry, jun. 4, S. J. T. Shellock 5, W. H. Hurford 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Prescott 8. Composed by H. W. Brown and rung to celebrate his 84th birthday.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Howard (first in method) 1, H. Wingrove (conductor) 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, R. Buckland 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Levett 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss G. Murkitt 1, Miss J. Hearn 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock (aged 12 years) 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, C. A. Burgess 6, J. D. Taylor 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 3. First post-war quarter of Major by the St. Peter's Society.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov. 1st at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Beamish (first quarter of Major) 1, J. E. Moreton 2, J. F. Clarke 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Gibbons 5, J. Draycott 6, J. Thompson 7, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by a local band.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, M. Sinden 3, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 4, C. F. Taplin 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd at St. John the Baptist's, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, J. Saunders 2, Mrs. O. Collins 3, W. Oatway 4, C. Parks 5, H. G. Pratt 6, R. Abbott 7, C. Dean 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. Cooper (conductor) 11, F. E. Collins 12. First quarter-peal on twelve bells by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (conductor) 1, G. Winter 2, R. Coombes (first quarter inside) 3, F. Hale 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Romain 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church on Nov. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss B. Pottinger 1, C. Smart 2, W. Massey 3, W. Robinson 4, A. A. Hadley 5, G. Marriner 6, F. Oakshott 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 7.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Winterbourne 1, T. W. Bond 2, C. W. Bond (first in two methods) 3, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 4, C. Bennett (first in two methods) 5, W. Floyd (first quarter-peal) 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: V. Tipton 1, L. Whithy 2, F. Whithy 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Springham 5, W. Wedlock 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First quarter in the method for 2 and 5.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: J. W. Wilkins 1, R. Blaby 2, A. Newton 3, P. Newton 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. Heywood 6, W. Lee 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Elmore (first quarter) 1, J. Adams (first away from treble) 2, Herbert Adams 3, H. Adams 4, F. W. Pritchett (conductor) 5, F. Darvill (first quarter) 6.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooksley (first quarter) 1, C. Jefferies (first inside) 2, Miss N. Gardner 3, D. W. Gardner 4, E. Palmer 5, W. Richings 6, R. Harding 7, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, for the patronal festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Strickland 1, R. Selway 2, F. Farrant (conductor) 3, H. Gaylard 4, A. Locock 5, A. Dyer 6, F. Sweet 7, J. Jetten 8.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Smith 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, Miss M. Cole 3, Miss Joan Smith 4, Frank Hopgood 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, Victor Smith 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Nov. 2nd at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, F. A. Burnett 2, P. Speck 3, H. A. Nobes 4, A. D. Mills 5, F. G. Barron 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hunt 1, Miss J. Burrows 2, L. Hansell 3, Miss M. Burrows 4, T. J. Southam (conductor) 5, K. J. Jones 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, F. E. Manns 2, L. Page 3, R. Turner (conductor) 4, J. Mussell 5, J. Merrifield 6.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Durrant (first quarter) 1, R. Billings 2, F. Hart 3, A. J. Hart (conductor) 4, J. Hart 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart 7, A. Richardson 8.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

Back in the ranks of peal ringers is Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. He rang a handbell peal on his 74th birthday, October 9th, 1941, and said he would not attempt another. He has now changed his mind with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stapleford, Notts. His friends look to him now to complete his 800th.

Another veteran back in harness is Mr. Albert A. Hadley, who rang the treble to Kent Treble Bob Major at Ashtead, Surrey, on Nov. 9th, the day of his 76th birthday.

Birthday congratulations to Mr. James George, of Sheldon, Birmingham. He will be 93 on November 27th. His last peal was on September 26th, 1945, at Branksome, Dorset, when he rang 7-8 to a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells in two hours and 28 minutes.

The 73rd birthday of Mr. Evander L. Littlewood, who has rung at Asfordby, Leicestershire, for 56 years, was honoured by 720 Bob Minor by C. Saddington 1, E. L. Littlewood 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, D. Toon 5, H. Bell (conductor) 6.

Of more than passing interest is the 1,260 Plain Bob rung at Nettleham, Lincs, on Nov. 2nd, by W. S. Hill 1, C. H. Jeffery 2, A. P. Walker 3, L. Frecknell 4, E. Needham 5, R. Parker (conductor) 6. There is no record of any length of Minor by a local band since the belfry recorded peal of 5,040 changes on Easter Monday, 1813. The quarter was rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

For the enthronement of Canon Bloomer as Bishop of Carlisle an attempt was made at Housingham, Cumberland, to ring a peal of Minor, which came to grief in the second 720. Afterwards 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by T. Holmes 1, R. W. Iveson 2, J. C. Bell 3, R. T. Dixon 4, J. E. Brown 5, S. Rowland (conductor) 6. It was the longest length for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first quarter for conductor.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Those who know Sussex towers will take a note of the peal of Double Norwich at Eastbourne on November 9th. These bells were made into eight in 1886, and while a few peals of Triples have been rung, attempts at Major have proved elusive. It is said that even the great Washbrook failed to turn this tenor into a peal.

While serving with the Royal Marines at Sydney, Australia, Mr. E. F. Connock, of Camerton, Bath, saw in an Australian paper a cartoon inspired by the following news item: 'Salisbury (Eng.) Guild of Bellringers recently voted against a competition among church bellringers in case it might lead to bets on results of the contest.' 'Bells' and 'bells' were skillfully interwoven and there was similar play on the words 'peal' and 'peel.' Ringing activities appear to make world news.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Witney, Oxon, on November 2nd, was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and not to the credit of the association mentioned in our last issue. To all concerned we express our regrets.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick A. Munday, of Basingstoke, and Miss Joan Robinson, of Chippenham, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on November 9th by the following: Miss M. Holloway 1, R. A. Hickman 2, J. E. Ballard 3, J. Weaver 4, E. P. Austin 5, C. W. Munday 6, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 7, and J. B. Woodley 8. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday are making their home at Guildford.

Here is a test for Sunday service ringers. On November 10th at St. Giles' Parish Church, Oxford, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung unaccompanied and silent. This was the first time that a Sunday service band has accomplished this in the City of Oxford. The ringers were: R. Higgins 1, H. Gearing 2, V. J. F. Bennett 3, J. Higgins 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, P. Walker 6, K. Walker 7, W. Allen 8.

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IN 1893 the diocese of Llandaff covered a large area, consisting of the whole of Monmouthshire and the greater part of Glamorgan. There were then only eleven rings of eight and none of ten and twelve in the diocese, although there was a fair number of fives and sixes scattered about in the rural areas. Change ringing bands in the diocese were limited to four or five.

That was the position on October 13th, 1893, when a meeting was held (mainly through the efforts of Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon) at Llandaff to consider the advisability of forming an association. The Bishop presided and the minutes say a large number of ringers attended. The Bishop was elected president, Mr. Evan Davies first master and the Rev. Minor Canon Downing first secretary.

It is believed there are only two foundation members alive to-day, Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) and Mr. Alan Rowley (Cardiff). Both are still active ringers. Mr. Evan Davies, a schoolmaster at Caerleon, was a pioneer of change ringing in South Wales. He collected a band at Caerleon—there were only six bells in the tower then—and taught them change ringing. To make a peal of eight he had two bells cast and hung them himself. On November 25th, 1893, at Llandaff Cathedral, the first peal (Grandsire Triples) for the Association was rung. This was conducted by F. E. Ward. In 1894 three peals were rung, all Grandsire Triples.

The first secretary, Canon Downing, resigned in 1895 and was succeeded by the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, of St. John's, Cardiff. In this year the bells of St. Woolos', Newport, were augmented from six to eight.

The year 1897 was a memorable one for Cardiff, when the bells of St. John's were rehung and augmented to ten. This provided South Wales with its first peal of ten, and the first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on them on June 7th, 1898.

46 YEARS SECRETARY.

The Rev. D. H. Griffiths resigned in 1899 and Mr. J. W. Jones was made joint secretary with the Rev. Conop L. Price. From the start Mr. Jones did most of the work, and after a year or two Mr. Price automatically dropped out. Mr. Jones remained secretary until 1945, when he asked to be relieved of his duties by a younger man. To be an association or guild secretary for a period of 46 years must be almost a record. It has been largely through his endeavours and enthusiasm that the association has been so successfully carried on.

A study of the peal book in the early years is interesting. In the first 17 years to 1909 69 peals were rung, giving a yearly average of four. From 1910 to 1913 the bellhangers were busy in the district. New rings of eight were installed at Radyr, Caerphilly, Llanbradach and Pontypridd, and Marshfield and Machen were augmented to eight. This seems to have



MR. J. W. JONES

For 46 years Secretary of the Association.

given a great impetus to peal ringing. From 1910 to 1914 131 peals were rung, giving a yearly average of 26.

As to methods rung, very little progress was made in the early years. Of the 69 peals rung four were Grandsire Caters, 52 Grandsire Triples, two Grandsire Doubles, two Bob Major and nine Bob Minor. It was not until 1911 that the first peal of Stedman is recorded. From 1910 onwards peals of Stedman and Treble Bob were fairly frequent. On Dec. 13th, 1913, the first peal in which a lady took part was rung at Rumney, Miss Ethel Pacey ringing the fifth to Grandsire Doubles.

By 1914 the association was in a flourishing condition. Practically all the eight-bell towers as well as a large proportion of the six and five-bell towers had their Sunday service change ringing bands. Then came the first world war and depleted many of the bands and curtailed ringing generally. Several ladies were recruited to fill the gaps, including a complete band at Rumney. Only ten peals were rung for the association during the war years. In 1920 the bells of Llandaff Cathedral were augmented to ten, making three rings of ten in the diocese, St. Woolos', Newport, having been made ten in 1913.

When the diocese was divided in 1921 and the new diocese of Monmouth created, the question arose about dividing the association. It was decided to continue as one association, but to alter the title to include Monmouth. At this time Mr. Fred Chamberlain was the leading conductor in South Wales. He conducted many peals for the association, mostly Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Unfortunately a railway accident cut short his ringing career. He now lives at Sidmouth, Devon.

PERIOD OF PROGRESS.

On July 27th, 1922, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Pentre, by the local band and was the first in the method for the association. This was the first local band to break away from the four standard methods and later went on to ring peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, the only ones (to date) rung for the association by resident members.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF
The first peal of ten in the Diocese.

From 1925 onwards, when Mr. A. J. Pitman was composing his spliced peals, a band, including Mr. Pitman, was ringing many of his compositions of Triples at Bridgend. On May 16th, 1925, they rang the first peal of Spliced Triples ever rung (Union and Grandsire). They rang several others at different times of Grandsire, New Grandsire, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and St. Iltyd's in various combinations. They also rang the only peal (to date) of London Bob Triples ever rung. From 1919 to 1939, 517 peals were rung, an average of just under 26 per year.

During the war Llandaff Cathedral was badly damaged by H.E. Only the shell remains, but the ten bells are still in the frame, and may need attention before they can be used again. The floor of the ringing chamber is also damaged and cannot be used. Since the war few peals have been rung, but work is going on building up new bands and filling in depleted ones. It is gratifying to see so many young recruits of both sexes coming along. The position to-day is far different to that of 1893. There are now one ring of twelve, one of ten and 26 of eight in the area. Though all this is encouraging, there is still plenty of scope in restoration, recruitment and teaching before a really satisfactory position is reached. The present membership is 255.

F. J. H.

FIRE AT ST. MARY'S, OXFORD

The fire which broke out in the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 17th, completely gutted the organ and did extensive damage in the chancel, where the roof was almost completely destroyed. Fortunately the nave and tower, containing the heavy ring of six, were unharmed. Within an hour of the fire being brought under control, and at the special request of the Vicar of St. Mary's, the bells were rung by members of the University Society, enabling an act of worship to be made from the church in the absence of the usual Sunday evening service for undergraduates, which was held instead at the Cathedral.

LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS IN THIS WEEK'S POSTBAG

Spliced Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated March 26th, 1943, will be found the figures of 5,024 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major which I produced on a plan which gave over one thousand changes in each method with the tenors having a good share of the work of the methods.

Having now found sufficient time to go a little further into the matter, I have been able to obtain the following composition of 1,120 London, 1,152 Bristol, 1,408 Cambridge and 1,408 Superlative. It will be seen that with the exception of the 6th missing two leads of Bristol, all the bells have to do the full work of each method. In this respect I do not think a better composition can be produced having over a thousand changes in each method.

Mr. Cashmore is to be congratulated on obtaining a composition in which all the bells do all the work of each method.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. PITMAN.

23, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

By A. J. Pitman.

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35426	—									L	B	B	B	S	C		
45236	—									L	X	C	S	C			
23456	—									L	X	C	S	C			

X Superlative or Cambridge.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Dear Sir,—During a recent conversation about bellringing, I explained to a friend a few elementary facts about change ringing. My friend told me that before our conversation he had regarded bellringing as 'just pulling a rope,' and he said he was very interested in the subject. This is typical, for most people have hardly the slightest knowledge of what happens in the belfry, and yet bells must reach the ears of everyone at times conveying their all important message.

I do feel it would be an advantage to the public and the Exercise if a series of, say, four broadcasts could be arranged with the B.B.C., to be given perhaps on Sundays. These would no doubt arouse interest and so the efforts of ringers would be more successful. If some members of the Central Council proposed this course to the B.B.C., it seems the latter would take some notice.

These are just my views, but I feel it is important to raise the matter and also to have other ringers' opinions.—Yours sincerely,
PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, near Bradford, Yorks

News from South Africa

HANDBELL RINGING.

Dear Sir,—In connection with my letter and advertisement in 'The Ringing World' in March I have had letters from 28 ringers, some of whom will come to South Africa, I am sure, when the shipping position is easier.

When people hear I am interested in bells they ask me if I have ever heard the Steel-Paine bellringers. These people established a tremendous reputation for themselves. They came from Australia originally, I believe, and toured South Africa from end to end, playing in every little 'dorp' (village). They used various kinds of bells, including Sleigh bells, so I am told. I have met a Mr. H. de Kok, who is related, by marriage, to Mr. Claud Steel (professional name—real name Wareham). Mrs. Steel, Claud's mother, is still alive and lives at Bethlehem, Orange Free State. Mr. H. de Kok, by the way, is a son of de Kok of Boer War fame. Can ringers in Australia add any further information about the Steel-Paine bellringers?

The late Canon G. H. Ridout's set of 33 (?) handbells are at present on loan to a school at Naboomspruit. Since they were borrowed over two years ago I have often thought of writing to Mr. Langschmidt, the headmaster, to tell him something about change ringing, but I'm afraid I have shirked the task. If any ringer feels like writing (and I am sure a letter would be welcomed), the name and address are as follows:—

Mr. E. H. Langschmidt, P.O. Box 4, Naboomspruit, Transvaal, South Africa.

Mr. Langschmidt and Mr. Soldner, assistant master, are energetic and keen on music, and when I last heard from Mr. Langschmidt they were busy coaching the children in tune playing for a school concert.

There is a set of handbells at Die Pretoria Kinderhawe, Pretoria, Transvaal, but I do not know anything of the history of these bells. Die Pretoria Kinderhawe is an Afrikaans Children's Home.

At St. Mary's, Woodstock, a suburb of Cape Town, there is a set of 14 Mears handbells, tenor size 18 in G. Speaking from memory, the notes are G, C, C sharp, D, E, F, F sharp, G, A, B, C, C sharp, D, E. The tower is in poor condition. Of the eight tower bells, the treble has no stay at present and the 2nd no rope.

St. Paul's, Durban, possesses a set of eight Mears handbells, tenor size 19 in F sharp. The 7th of this set is a 'dud.' St. Mary's, Greyville, Durban, has ten handbells also by Mears, tenor size 20 in E. The 8th of this set makes a satisfactory 7th at St. Paul's. One day I was borrowing it for this purpose and had the misfortune to drop it from the top deck of a tram. It narrowly missed the driver, who no doubt wondered what was happening when the bell came down just behind him and clattered down into the street. It speaks well for the bell's toughness when I say that it came through the ordeal completely undamaged. I may mention that I got off the tram almost as quickly as the bell!

I find that although the pitch of the notes of St. Mary's and St. Paul's handbells correspond, mine, by the same maker, are about a semi-tone flat compared with them.—Yours truly,
C. CHAMBERS.

P.O. Box 1496, Durban, South Africa.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that the peal rung at Peterborough on November 2nd was incorrectly published as being rung for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The ringer of the third is not a member of the above Guild.—Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT.

Northampton.

The Norwich Door Bell

THE REV. A. G. G. THURLOW'S GIFT

Dear Sir,—The item in Belfry Gossip in today's 'Ringing World' is the first intimation I have received about the wide publicity given to my recent present of an old door bell, though I knew it was in the local Press.

I received it after a band of Cambridge University Guild members had tried to round off the recent week here with a peal attempt of London at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich. After, I think, about 1,000 changes of London they rang—more successfully—about 500 spliced. As the only spliced I have rung was when I knew in advance what methods were coming and when, I feel that my anonymous correspondent gives me, by implication, undeserved praise.

The parcel consists of an old H.P. Sauce box, with, of course, the word 'Sauce' large on each side of it. Inside is a specimen of the usual type of old-fashioned door bell, on the spring on which this type hangs, carefully wrapped in newspaper, and on the top this charming letter, written in the shaky hand of one apparently unused to writing, and addressed from one of our most historic streets, a street which, with the slums which used to disfigure it, always raises a laugh when mentioned at the local Christmas pantomimes here.

'Ber Street Norwich
Ber Street Church — annoying we send this to you hoping that you get some more like it and ring them instead

Yours truly
One

as
suffers.'

(evidently! one might add, from the angle at which the signature is written.)

Incidentally, its note (B) fitted in with the light six handbells I had brought to demonstrate Minor to the Rotary Club, so I was able to follow out my correspondent's instructions literally.

If everyone who has derived pleasure and amusement from this item were to send me 1s. for the rehanging of the bells of St. George Colegate, which I want to get done in order to provide a nice light ring of six for teaching beginners in Norwich, we should soon get enough to do the job.—Yours sincerely,
A. G. G. THURLOW.

NEW ZEALAND GREETINGS
RINGING AT CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the band who rang the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, after whom our Cathedral is named. As a Birmingham man, I hope Mr. Albert Walker will get a band to beat it in the Bull Ring. I just remember the 11,111 being rung. Charlie Dickens, who rang in it, gave me a lot of help as a young ringer, also his brother Fred.

We are making a fair amount of progress. We rang 660 Grandsire Doubles last Friday, All Saints' Day, for the dedication festival of the Cathedral, the 65th anniversary of the opening. The ringers were: Colin Ward 1, Trevor Witte 2, George Claydon (late Sutton Coldfield Parish Church 37 years ago) 3, Reggie Philpot 4, Jim Reeve (Ringing Master) 5, Cuth Hollobon 6.

Mr. Witte was home recently and was given a good time, for which we thank you.

We look forward to 'The Ringing World,' which I personally read from cover to cover, despite the fact that it gives me an attack of homesickness every time. There is plenty of scope for joiners and carpenters in this glorious land of summer and plenty, so if anyone wants to come out, come to Christchurch.

Best wishes to all friends at home and the compliments of the season.

GEORGE H. CLAYDON.

56, Heywood Terrace, Christchurch, N.Z.

All Saints', Newport, Bells

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. W. JONES.

The bells of All Saints', Newport, have been retuned and rehung, the ceremony of dedication being performed by the Bishop of Monmouth on November 12th. Veteran leader of the ringers in this tower is Mr. John W. Jones, who is now 80 years old and was for 46 years hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association.

The Bishop in his address said change ringing was an art which had been developed only in this country—campanology was essentially an English art. Now that the country was returning to something approaching more normal conditions, a genuine revival in the art of bellringing was taking place.

'If the art of bellringing perished, something very beautiful and very valuable would be lost,' he declared, adding that bellringers' skill was dedicated solely to the service of God and His Church.

He regretted that the organ was now used in places like cinemas, for he thought it was a degradation of a noble instrument. In these days the call to worship was needed perhaps more than ever: the call of the bells would play its part.

THE MYSTERIOUS CRAFT

Later, at a social function in the Mission Hall, the Bishop presented Mr. Jones with a cheque as a token of admiration and appreciation from the Church. It was, said the Bishop, pleasant to pay tribute to one who was pre-eminent in the 'mysterious craft'—one who had set an example of steadfast, single-minded devotion to his art.

The Rev. C. R. G. Lewis (Vicar) spoke of Mr. Jones' unselfish service to the church, and the skill with which he taught others to carry on the service.

In his reply, Mr. Jones recalled how the original bells at All Saints' were presented to the church by the late Mr. Edmund Hannay Watts, who caused the church to be built. With him that night, he said, were two of the other earliest ringers at the church—Mr. Frank Charles and Mr. Absalom Thomas.

Born at Tidenham, Glos., on December 5th, 1865, Mr. Jones came to Caerleon with his parents at the age of four. He was taught bellringing by Mr. Evan Davies, schoolmaster at Caerleon at that time; he first rang the bells in Caerleon Church in 1888 and has rung in 636 towers. His first peal, Grand sire Triples, was rung at Caerleon on January 12th, 1889, and this was the first peal on the bells.

When All Saints' Guild of Ringers was formed, Mr. Jones was appointed leader, was present when the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff in May, 1902, and has thus had the unusual experience of participating in two dedications of bells in the same church.

The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and we have received from Newport congratulatory letters on the marked difference to the tone and go of the bells.

VISITORS AT PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter which appears in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' over the signature of Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, concerning the practice meeting at Broadclyst a few months ago, I do not think Mr. Knight knows the true facts. The methods advertised in 'The Ringing World' for this particular meeting were Stedman and Major, and no Major method was specified at all. Under these circumstances the Ringing Master who was in charge was quite within his rights in allowing Double Norwich and Cambridge to be rung. Although the practice lasted all the afternoon, a matter of nearly three hours, only a plain course of these two methods were rung, and the time they occupied was just 20 minutes. The main trouble seems to have been that after these methods were rung the visitors who took part in them left the tower.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

OBITUARY

MR. HIRAM MEAKIN.

The death has occurred in Stockport of Mr. Hiram Meakin, whose ringing career extended to 63 years in all, 49 of which were spent in faithful service to St. George's, Stockport.

Living over two miles from the tower, he rarely missed service ringing, and for many years was chairman of the company. It was only last February that increasing feebleness compelled him to desist from ringing and from attempting the 81 steps to the ringing room. His hope was that he would yet resume later on in the year, but it was not to be. His death occurred on November 3rd at the age of 79 years, to the grief of his ringing friends, eight of whom attended the funeral at Cheadle Cemetery on Nov. 6th to do honour to this fine old ringer.

A course of Grand sire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Barnes, H. Jackson, A. F. Bailey and W. Jackson. On Sunday a touch of 467 Grand sire Caters was rung by a Sunday service band as a memorial: F. M. Laffin 1, E. Goddard 2, T. Simpson 3, A. Frost 4, E. A. Jackson 5, W. Jackson 6, P. Laffin 7, C. Bell 8, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 9, T. Jackson 10.

Mr. Meakin, who was a College Youth, had rung about 50 peals, mainly for the Chester Guild, but his chief claim to remembrance will be his unwavering faithfulness to Sunday service ringing, a man to be relied upon, and it is in this spirit that his comrades say farewell to their old friend.

P.L.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A PEAL FOR HUTTON CRANSWICK.

Over 50 members of the Barnsley and District Ringing Society accepted the invitation of the ringers of Middleton-on-Wolds to hold their monthly meeting at that village on November 9th. The meeting was highly successful and the following towers were represented: Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Cottingham, Goole, Hessele, Hull, Hutton Cranswick, Kirk Ella, North Cane, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-Wolds, Nunburnholme and Patrington.

The day's activities started with a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. D. T. S. Evans (Rector), who gave the society a cordial welcome. It was preceded by a service touch of Grand sire. A most substantial tea followed provided by the local ringers and their wives and friends.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. G. F. Williams) was in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary). Apologies for absence were received from the Hedon ringers. The Rev. D. T. S. Evans and the Rev. G. L. Storer (Vicar of Hutton Cranswick) were elected honorary members. The invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's, Beverley, for the society to hold its next meeting there was accepted with the greatest pleasure.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the organist, the local company and their ladies for the success of the meeting.

The Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, the Rev. George Scour, explained the scheme to enable Hutton Cranswick Church to have a peal of six bells and a chiming apparatus put in the tower in the near future. He said the faculty had been granted and the order placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London. The total cost would be about £1,300. Collections and donations, nearly all in small amounts, amounted to £1,036, leaving approximately £260 still to be raised. A collection was taken and the sum of £3 was handed to the Vicar, who expressed his grateful thanks.

This brought the business to a close and the members returned to the tower for more ringing, the bells being kept going until 9 p.m. with Grand sire, Bob Minor, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and rounds. 'Stand' being called brought a happy and successful meeting to a close.

Mulbarton Bells

A NEW NORFOLK SIX.

A new treble bell in Mulbarton Parish Church was dedicated on October 27th by the Bishop of Norwich. The bell is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Middleton in memory of their son, Mr. Geoffrey A. F. Middleton, who while serving in the Royal Engineers was killed on May 28th, 1940, during the evacuation from Dunkirk. The bell is inscribed to this effect. A set of 19 handbells in an oak case, given by Mrs. Audrey Helen Middleton in memory of her husband, was also received.

Opportunity was taken at the service to celebrate the repair of the five other bells. Nos. 2 and 3 were hung in 1612, No. 5 in 1653, No. 4 in 1714, and No. 1 in 1808. Ever since they were hung they had been ringing from the same position, but now, as a result of subscriptions from the parishioners, they have been repaired and quarter turned. For Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee a new steel frame was made and the bells put back in the same position, with a space left for a treble.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Middleton entertained to tea friends and relatives, as well as ringers from a wide area of Norfolk.

The new bell was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the work was carried out by Mr. J. Thomas. On November 9th the first 720 on the bells was rung by H. J. Hall 1, H. Nicholls 2, H. G. Lake 3, Mrs. F. C. Goodman 4, F. W. Middleton 5, F. C. Goodman (conductor) 6.

ANOTHER KENT VETERAN

Exactly 19 years ago six ringers from Milton-next-Gravesend journeyed to Shore and rang a peal of seven Minor methods on the 60th birthday of one of their colleagues, Mr. George Morrad. By a stroke of good fortune the same band were still alive and ringing, and on Saturday, November 16th, they went to the same tower to try and repeat the performance.

The veteran, now 79, was keen for this attempt, but unfortunately after nearly an hour's ringing and at the end of the second 720 he was showing signs of distress and 'Stand' was called. The ringers were C. M. Mitchell, H. Argent, F. A. Mitchell, J. Burles, G. Morrad, F. M. Mitchell (conductor).

Better luck for your 80th, George. This is the spirit that keeps the art alive. Some of the London ringers who used to visit this village many years ago on Sunday mornings will regret to hear the ringers could not get their 'boots mended' after the attempt.

F.M.M.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT BECKENHAM

A combined meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at St. George's, Beckenham, on November 2nd. Approximately sixty ringers attended, hailing from Bromley, Burgess Hill, Crayford, Croydon, Dartford, Erith, Leatherhead, Lee, London, Lewisham, Mitcham, Henfield, Walton-on-Thames, West Wickham, Woolwich, Wrotham and the local band.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued, with an interval for tea and service, until 9 p.m. Touches in the standard methods and rounds for beginners made up the programme. Tea was served in St. George's Hall, the Rector (the Rev. Canon F. Boyd) presiding.

At a short informal meeting after tea the Rector, on behalf of the Church and the Kent County Association, extended a warm welcome to the members of the Surrey Association. In reply, Mr. D. Cooper (Master, Surrey Association) thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and the Kent Association for arranging the meeting. It was resolved to hold a similar combined meeting in the areas of the two organisations alternately each year.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Kent Association form being used. A collection on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund realised the sum of £159.7d.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is *one penny per word, minimum 2s.* For additional insertions with no change, one half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

MARRIAGE

PORTER—JACKMAN. — At St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, between William Charles Porter and Eunice Jasmine Ruth Jackman, both of Oxford, by the Rev. F. E. Lunt, Rector of St. Aldate's. Residence: 47, Juxon Street, Oxford.

FOR SALE

Order at once for Christmas delivery. The 'DELIGHT' RINGER'S RECORD BOOK. Full details and specimens from Will H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Ideal present for a ringer.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Drighlington, Leeds, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. All welcome. — E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—309th anniversary luncheon, Bridge House Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 1 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Numbers strictly limited to 150. —A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Gospel Oak, N.W.5, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 4.30 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 followed by tea. Names to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, N.W.5. Bells also available: Highgate (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and Hampstead (10) from 4 to 5 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby. — Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting in St. Albans, Nov. 23rd. Bells of St. Michael's (6) and St. Stephen's (6), 3 p.m. to 4.30, and in the evening. Tea at Abbey Restaurant, Holywell Hill, 5 p.m. sharp. —W. Hughes and R. Darvill, Dis. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. St. John's bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Andrew's bells from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea in St. John's Hall 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey and A. D. Barker, Hon. Dis. Secs.

NORTH WALES ASSN.—Bangor District.—A practice will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 2.5 p.m.—Marjorie Jones.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — By - meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea only to those who notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—A meeting, to mark the re-opening of the bells, will be held at Romford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 27th, please.—J. H. Crampton, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell (10 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by Nov. 26th to D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch. — Bacup St. Saviour's (8), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. — H. Parkinson.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, Nov. 30th, Barming (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. East Farleigh (6) after tea. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 2.30 p.m. All Saints' (8) also available 2.30 p.m., and St. Peter's (8) 6-7.30 p.m. only. Tea at Scarlet Pimpernel Cafe at 4.30 (price 1s. 6d.). Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, without fail by Nov. 27th. All very welcome.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business, 5.45 p.m., in the belfry.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Crimlesham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. — W. Buckenham, Marham.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at All Saints, Hastings, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. St. Clement's after tea.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural.—Pucklechurch (6), Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting. Card for tea to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Middlewich, Nov. 30th. Tea provided for those who send their names to R. Hatton, Esq., 3, King Edward Street, before Nov. 27th. — D. C. Osborn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District. — Meeting at Baldock, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 6.30 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Leonard H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — Combined practice, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3.30 p.m.—G. Pullinger.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Weston Favell, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley.

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at Hyde (8), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting at Benfieldside (6), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., for those who notify Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham, not later than Thursday, Nov. 28th.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., at Seale Lodge. Please notify for tea by 26th. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Meeting at Ibstock (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Myatt.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—District annual, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Cadoxton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stith, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at St. Chad's Headingley, Nov. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those sending names to Mr. H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Headingley, Leeds 6, by Nov. 28th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at Bull Hotel, 4.15, only for those who let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 26th. Business meeting afterwards. — W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — No meeting for November owing to unavoidable circumstances.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 30th. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Eastern District.—Cottingham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m., for all who notify Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, E. Yorks, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Mad Hatter Cafe. Please send numbers to G. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. Nomination of district officers at this meeting.—A. H. S.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 to 5.30, St. Marie's (8); 6.30 to 9, Cathedral (12). Tea at British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock.

ESSEX ASSN. — Northern District. — Meeting at Halstead (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern District. — Next meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Dec. 4th, please.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Lydd, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. —Annual meeting at St. David's on Dec. 7th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Numbers for tea by Dec. 2nd. — W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Dransfield, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, before Dec. 2nd. — Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Deddington (8), tenor 17 cwt. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will dedicate two new treble bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung by Messrs. R. White and Son). All welcome.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Special meeting, Southwell, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Business: Revision of rules and forming new districts. Full particulars later.—T. Groombridge, jun.

EAST CROMPTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the centenary of our church, St. James', East Crompton, near Oldham, we are having the six bells in our tower recast and rehung in a new frame for eight bells. May we appeal to all ringers for their help towards this effort?

The cost for the complete work will be over £1,000. Any monetary gifts will be gratefully received by the following persons—

J. BUTTERWORTH,
3, Society Street, Shaw, or
Miss A. WHITTAKER,
4, Duke Street, Shaw.

OXFORD RINGERS' WEDDING

Two members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. William C. Porter, of 131, Fern Hill Road, Cowley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter, of Lowestoft, and Miss Eunice J. R. Jackman, of 10, Coleridge Close, Cowley, only daughter of Mrs. Jackman and the late Mr. John Jackman, of Honeyburgh, near Brill, were married at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, on November 16th.

The Rev. F. E. Lunt officiated and Mr. Mackinnell was at the organ. Mr. George Porter (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Wilfred Cockhead, was attended by Miss Kathleen M. Blake.

Both bride and bridegroom ring at St. Martin's and All Saints', Oxford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at East Dereham on October 19th and attended by 27 members from Attleborough, Carbrooke, Dereham, Fornsett, Elvedon, Chediston, Norwich, North Elmham, Mulbarton, Scotlow, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, and Capt. and Mrs. Rogers, of Isleworth.

At the business meeting the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, was in the chair. Messrs. F. W. Knight and A. Thirst were elected non-resident life members, and A. Buck, A. Allen and B. Hammond ringing members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. —Boston), the organist, and the ladies for helping at tea. The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Mulbarton on Saturday, January 11th.

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QUARTER PEALS

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.—On Oct. 20th at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Bayles 1; Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, C. F. Vasey 3, C. A. Benn 4, P. Fisher 5, G. G. Graham 6, S. C. Walker (conductor) 7, J. W. Robson 8. Rung as a parting compliment to D. A. Bayles, who is leaving to take up research work in the south.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Peskett 1, W. R. Falconer 2, Mrs. G. Tamplin 3, C. H. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (conductor) 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. N. Bond 7, F. S. Smithers 8. First quarter-peal of Triples as conductor. Rung in connection with the choirs festival.

EALING, LONDON.—On Nov. 3rd at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Fogden 1, J. E. Churchill 2, C. J. Tricker 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. P. Kent (conductor) 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. Harding 7, Miller 8.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Mann (first quarter) 1, H. Mansfield (conductor) 2, A. Hubble 3, F. Lewis 4, A. South 5, S. Linnett 6, S. Easter 7, F. Chalk 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Oct. 17th at St. Peter's Church, 1,257 Stedman Caters: G. E. Padgett 1, F. A. Salter 2, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 3, E. Bartram 4, T. V. Jennison 5, R. A. Aley 6, W. N. Brown 7, F. Bradley 8, J. A. Fenton 9, R. J. Bowler 10.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: T. J. Warner 1, G. E. Fearn 2, F. E. Pervin 3, J. N. Jukes 4, H. Bragg 5, E. C. Shopperd 6, J. F. Harvey 7, J. A. Bragg 8, A. Walker (conductor) 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

WIMBLEDON, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Dixou 1, T. H. Taffender 2, S. Croft 3, H. Blackett 4, W. J. Ellis 5, G. Green 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, H. Cox 8.

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TRADITION

Underneath the surface of to-day
Lies yesterday and what we call the Past,
The only thing which never can decay.

These words by Eugene Lee-Hamilton come to mind when writing about the Ancient Society of College Youths. There was something intangible about the gathering that assembled for the 309th anniversary luncheon on Saturday which created in the mind of the stranger a consciousness of having contact with the past. The company assembled were the direct descendants of men drawn from trades and professions who have regarded their ringing as a sacred trust. That exclusiveness, which was a marked characteristic of the Guilds and early ringing societies, still prevails. Not that there is a lack of friendship to the stranger within the gate; far from it, for hospitality is indeed a feature of such gatherings; but rather the exclusiveness of knowing that they are the torchbearers of a trust which started on November 5th, 1637.

This week Mr. Ernest G. Fenn vacates the office of Master. An examination of the known list of Masters, headed by Lord Brereton in 1637—the records are lost between the years 1755 and 1822—shows that no previous Master has held office for eight consecutive years. Mr. Albert A. Hughes was Master for four consecutive years, 1914-1917, and, in the memory of present members, Mr. Francis E. Dawe was Master for five years, but with an interval of one year. Only one other Master had sorrows of office comparable with Mr. Fenn. He was William Stewkley, who held office in 1666, the year of the Great Fire. The incendiaries of the last war and the high explosives shattered many a tower, and it would be interesting for those with the ability and time for research to compare the relative damage between the Great Fire and the last war to London ringing. St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, was partly burned in the Fire, and it was to deal with a threat from incendiary bombs nearly 300 years later on this very church that the Master had to adjourn proceedings of the Ancient Society to enable the ringers to fight the flames.

One repercussion of the Great Fire was not only the many new churches, but new rings of bells provided. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, in his fascinating book, 'The College Youths,' gives the following London churches with bells in 1700: Eight bells each, St. Mary-le-Bow; St. Lawrence, Jewry; St. Stephen, Coleman Street;

St. Clement Danes; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Andrew, Holborn; St. Margaret, Westminster; St. Saviour, Southwark; six bells each: St. Olave, Hart Street; All Hallows, Staining; St. Vedast, Foster Lane; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate; St. Botolph, Aldgate; St. Andrew, Undershaft; St. Benet Fink; five bells each: St. Peter-le-Poer; St. Bartholomew-the-Great; St. Botolph, Aldersgate; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and St. Martin, Outwich. With the rebuilding of the 14 London churches as promised in the recent report, will such a love of bells be revealed as in the years that followed the Great Fire? Here is a special responsibility for the College Youths of this day and generation. They might well reply, 'Philosophy triumphs easily over misfortunes past and to come, but present misfortunes triumph over philosophy.' The Ancient Society has within its ranks men of ability who should make the preservation of London ringing one of their special objects. The fact that the bells of only two towers were available for ringing for the many visitors from the Provinces indicates the poverty of facilities in the Metropolis.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 2	*C. HETHERINGTON ... 8
*MISS M. FIDELL ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 9
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	*ERNEST WALLACE ... 10
*JOHN A. BROWN ... 5	W. NORMAN PARK ... 11
JOHN ANDERSON ... 6	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal of Cinques. Rung as a seventieth birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Barber.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
IN THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C. sharp.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	*A. J. FORD ... 6
*MISS JEAN FREER ... 2	*R. G. SIMMONDS ... 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 8
SHELFORD SPARKOW ... 4	URBAN WILDNEY ... 9
ROBERT J. STEED ... 5	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.
* First peal of Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE Treble	†REGINALD A. ALEY ... 6
†GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	FRANK DEWEY ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	†T. VERNON JENNISON ... 8
†HAROLD PAILING ... 4	RONALD H. DOVE ... 9
FRANK W. BROWN ... 5	FREDK. A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 40½ cwt. in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	†WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 6
MARY E. DAVIS ... 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
*HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
TREVOR E. MARKS ... 5	*JOHN E. COLES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ENVILLE, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

PERCY RICHARDS ... Treble	*FREDK. HANDLEY ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	*CHARLES RICHARDS ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

* First peal of Cambridge.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANCIS C. PURSELL ... Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
HAROLD F. BURTON ... 2	†DR. W. R. WINTERTON ... 6
WALTER AYRE ... 3	THOMAS BEVAN ... 7
FRANCIS A. BARKER ... 4	FRANK W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS Treble	†HAROLD MARCON ... 5
*JOHN E. COOK ... 2	†H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 3	†CYRIL WARD ... 7
†NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) Treble	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel-wyn) ... 5
*G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 2	*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 6
*S. E. DARMON (St. John's) ... 3	*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) ... 7
*K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) ... 4	*P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild.



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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... Treble	ERNEST SHORT 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	HARRY BARNES 6
*NORA HOLMES 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 4	FRANK REED Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Major.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
JAMES S. WEBB 2	*JOHN E. SPICE 6
*ERIC J. GILBERT 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
*GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
*ALLEN MORGAN 2	WM. C. DOWDING 6
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*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung half-muffled for Armistice-tide.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HARRY C. JONES ... Treble	*ROBERT HIGGINS 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
NEIL I. ALLNATT 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... 7
*HARRY W. BADGER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERNEST A. JURD ... Treble	*EDWIN S. SMITH 5
FREDK. A. BURNETT ... 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
*AUBREY D. MILLS 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
†HAROLD A. NOBES 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in method away from treble. First peal in method as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
HAROLD MARCON 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 6
CHARLES C. MCGUINESS... 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
CYRIL WARD 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

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

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
SIDNEY O. CHENEY 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	JILL POOLE 7
HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
WM. J. ROBINSON 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
*PATRICIA HOLMES 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Treble	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
JOSEPH S. CARTER 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 7
KENNETH W. ROE 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal ever rung in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Treble	*RONALD G. BUGG 5
WILLIAM A. ROUSE 2	EDWARD B. SMITH 6
*GEORGE WATERMAN ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
*ERNEST H. SCARFE 4	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal as conductor.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS 5
EDWARD LARGE 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 6
JAMES WOODYATT 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WILLIAM LEWIS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

Rung by four fathers (1, 2, 3, 4) and their four sons (5, 6, 7, 8).

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY 6
*MISS ANN CATT 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
ARTHUR RICHARDS 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by F. A. COLEY.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, STALEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

R. LEES Treble	S. HODGSON 5
J. SIMISTER 2	J. WORTH 6
C. K. LEWIS 3	T. WILDE 7
MISS M. ELKIN 4	A. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by J. WORTH.

SIX BELL PEALS

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *MRS. DORA EVANS ... *Treble* | STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 4
 *WM. H. HURFORD ... 2 | WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 5
 GEORGE HAWKINS ... 3 | ROGER O. FRY ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by W. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in more than one method by all the band.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH *Treble* | HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 4
 WILFRED W. RING ... 2 | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
 ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERIC B. HARTLEY ... *Treble* | THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4
 JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 2 | ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
 LAWRENCE G. TARR ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... *Treble* | JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
 FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2 | HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 5
 JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3 | GEORGE GARDNER ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by HUBERT G. SUMMERS.

This is the first peal upon this ring of six, all cast by John Briant in 1792.

BATHFORD, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
 EDWARD J. FRY ... *Treble* | *REGINALD HOOPER ... 4
 *NORMAN PURNELL ... 2 | ROGER O. FRY ... 5
 *FREDERICK SAMPSON ... 3 | *WILLIAM FISHER ... *Tenor*
 Conducted R. O. FRY.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. LAMBERT ... *Treble* | FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 4
 FRANK H. HICKS ... 2 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
 ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3 | ALFRED W. DURHAM ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

Rung half-muffled for those who died in the two world wars.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT HOWARD ... *Treble* | *WILLIAM G. SHORT ... 4
 *WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 2 | *GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 5
 CYRIL WANDER ... 3 | ALBERT H. BENNETT ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal. † First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

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

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 1-2 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7-8
 Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

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

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
 WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C

*KATHLEEN HIGGINS (Lady) | BETTY SPICE (Somerville)... 5-6
 Margaret Hall ... 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON (St.
 FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. John's) ... 7-8
 Anne's) ... 3-4
 Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS (C.C.C. No. 121).
 Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First handbell peal and first of Major. First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in O.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 5-6
 *WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3-4 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8
 †FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 9-10
 Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
 * First peal on ten bells. † 90th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations.

*PETER NIX ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4
 RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6
 Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8
 Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
 The first peal in the method on handbells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Three Minutes.
 AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,920 of Plain Bob and 3,120 of Grandsire.

*PETER NIX ... 1-2 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
 *J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5-6
 Conducted by PETER NIX.

* First peal in two methods.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes.
 AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8
 Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.
 First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): Miss E. Landon 1, L. P. Cook 2, F. W. Burnett 3, W. Tate 4, H. A. Nobes (conductor) 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt 7, F. G. Barron 8. First quarter as conductor.

AMESBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, C. L. Wenham 3, P. Anger 4, P. D. Wenham (conductor) 5, W. Abrahams 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 10th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled): E. Fry 1, E. White 2, A. Adams 3, T. Hayward 4, R. O. Fry (conductor) 5, K. Medway 6. First quarter by a resident band.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINGS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. F. Carford 1, W. Dawson 2, C. Wander (conductor) 3, B. H. Dalton 4, L. P. Wilson 5, A. H. Bennett 6. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Brayshaw 1, Mrs. Marshallsay 2, B. B. Rogers 3, Mary E. Davis (conductor) 4, C. Forfit 5, E. Waters 6, A. Davis 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter as conductor.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. Case 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, F. Vickers (first in method as conductor) 4, W. Yates, jun. 5, A. E. Nichols (first in method) 6, T. E. Roberts 7, W. Yates, sen. (first quarter) 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Nov. 3rd at St. Paul's, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Brain (first quarter) 1, W. J. Leach 2, G. Harrison 3, B. G. Key 4, G. L. Roden (first as conductor) 5, A. Foster (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss D. Roden (first quarter) 1, W. J. Leach 2, G. Harrison 3, B. G. Key 4, G. L. Roden (conductor) 5, L. C. Chamberlain (first quarter) 6, G. Wallis 7, E. White 8.

QUARTER PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (half-muffled): Miss G. Murkitt 1, C. A. Burgess 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss P. Holmes 4, A. F. Thirst 5, H. W. Barrett 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Miss J. M. Broomfield 8. First in the method by all except 7th. Rung after meeting too late for peal start.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On November 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): Miss E. George 1, Miss V. Potter 2, J. Perrott 3, W. Brownett 4, T. Blow 5, C. Potheary 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, F. Brownett 8. Rung after funeral service for the Vicar, Canon C. S. T. Watkins.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): J. R. Lambkin 1, H. Hoverd 2, F. Walker 3, H. Rayner 4, R. L. Sills (first quarter-peal) 5, R. G. Rayfield 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Lord Wrenbury 1, P. K. Williamson 2, K. S. B. Croft 3, R. Leigh 4, J. F. Moor 5, E. J. Lindley 6, S. E. Darmon 7, R. F. B. Speed (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pavely 1, T. Laybourn 2, W. Reeve 3, J. Carrot 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. Cornford 6, F. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 1, 2 and 5, and first in method as conductor.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Squire Croft (first quarter in method) 1, Thomas H. Taffender 2, Charles Attley 3, Thomas W. Taffender (conductor, also first quarter in method) 4, Alfred Prior 5, Ernest E. Furbank 6, James Bullock 7, Edward D. Smith 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Nov. 9th at the Town Hall for the installation of the Lord Mayor, Ald. T. H. Adams, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: George Pye 1, William Pye 2, John Mulliner 3, Donald Brown 4, Ronald Edwards 5, Walter W. Wolstencroft 6, Albert Ford (conductor) 7, John Crawshaw 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) at St. Mary's Church: E. J. Birt 1, P. H. Allen 2, R. T. Watts 3, S. G. Goulding (conductor) 4, D. Thornton 5, L. H. Jones 6, D. L. Jones 7, C. D. Launder 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Whitmore 1, Harry Richardson 2, S. G. Robinson 3, W. Copperwheat 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, B. J. Stubbs (conductor) 6, C. M. Whitney 7, E. Whitney 8.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. W. Warner 3, J. N. Jukes 4, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Bragg 7, C. W. Bragg 8, J. A. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. In the inverted tittums and handstroke home.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Parris 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden (first quarter inside) 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. L. Y. Carey being elected Mayor of Tiverton.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Y. Harris 1, Miss J. Cowlard 2, Miss J. Wheatley 3, L. Barry (conductor) 4, P. Allen 5, R. Dutton 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): K. Chilton 1, E. E. Speake 2, A. G. Richards 3, T. G. Martin 4, T. Reynolds 5, O. R. Collins 6, A. D. Collins (conductor) 7, G. Mercer 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Ringers throughout the country will join with the Ancient Society of College Youths in extending sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Rupert Richardson. He has been confined to his bed with heart trouble.

All copies of Mr. Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' have been sold. Mr. Urban W. Wildney has twice 'circled' the tower of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

Yorkshire Surprise Major 'in hand' and Bognor Surprise Major are the 'firsts' of this week. The respective conductors were the two Harolds—H. G. Cashmore and H. J. Poole.

No wonder there has been excessive rain this week. Two peals have been rung at churches dedicated to St. Swithun—at Bathford, Bath, and Bicker, Lincolnshire.

This is a College Youth issue, but here is a line from the Royal Cumberland Youths. Their annual general meeting has been fixed for February 1st.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Stapleford, Notts, on Nov. 4th, was Mr. Wilfred Walker, not William Walker, and in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Mottram, Cheshire, for Arthur Roberts read Alfred Roberts. Mr. Alfred Roberts has the proud record of being a service ringer for 46 years in Stalybridge. Conductors, like editors, at times do err.

The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, an old Bristol Society, staged a revival dinner on November 18th. Members of this society are not ringers, but in the main prominent Bristol people with philanthropic interests. Large sums of money have been raised by this society in connection with St. Stephen's, for the bells and other furnishings of the church. The actual company of ringers are a separate body and they rang handbells during the Procession of the Don, a part of the ritual of 'the Antient Society.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Our quarter-peals are devoted almost exclusively this week to Remembrance Day ringing. Another instalment next week.

When the ringers of Burford, Oxford, rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples for Remembrance Sunday they also paid tribute to one of their company, Mr. Walter Large, whose death occurred recently. The ringers were: M. Collett 1, F. Soden (conductor) 2, B. S. Nichols 3, J. Keyte 4, F. W. Soden 5, T. S. Stratford 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

One of the oldest ringers of the Devon Guild who has rung in nearly every tower in the county has not yet discovered Pancraswyke. Where is Pancraswyke? Why is that tall solitary tower so elusive?

The peal of Minor rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association on October 16th was at St. Bridget's, St. Bride's Major, Glam., and not Bridgend, Glam.

Membership of the Yorkshire Association is conditional upon ringing 720 changes in a standard method. On November 18th the sixth youngster to learn to ring at Whiston, near Rotherham, this year, rang his first 720. Five others have already passed the test and there are one or two more almost ready. All are regular attenders for service ringing, reports Mr. Norman Chaddock, and their ages vary between 12 and 16 years. Can any tower in the country beat this for 1946?

A much talked of project in the Worcester-shire Association for the past two years, a fathers and sons peal, was accomplished at Worcester on November 16th. Peals by fathers and sons have been rung before, but they are sufficiently rare to make them interesting. Three of the 'dads' and four of the 'lads' who took part in the peal reside in the Worcester district, the other 'dad' coming from Selly Oak, Birmingham. Two of the sons represent the third generation of ringers in their respective families.

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ANNIVERSARY gatherings of the Ancient Society of College Youths are great reunions. A company of over 100 attended the 309th anniversary luncheon at the Bridge House Hotel by London Bridge on Saturday. The gathering was indeed one of reunion, and sensing that this was uppermost in the minds of the Collegians present, the Master (Mr. Ernest G. Fenn) planned for proceedings to be as informal as possible.

Supporting the Master were Canon G. F. Coleridge, probably the oldest member of the society living, who was again entrusted with the toast of the day; Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Cecil (steward), Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary).

Others present were Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, E. P. Dumeld, Russell Wilson (churchwarden, St. Lawrence Jewry), W. Ireson (St. Paul's Cathedral), John Shand ('Manchester Guardian'), W. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, K. Markwick, W. Reynolds, J. Thomas, C. Cousins, W. Cousins, J. F. Smallwood, A. Walker, T. W. White ('The Ringing World'), R. Stannard, W. Crick, R. Fenn, J. Fenn, H. Warboys, S. T. Russell, A. Lewry, L. Fox, T. Fox, H. Thompson, W. H. Pasmore.

J. A. Lewis Cockey, E. Alex. Young, F. Sharpe, F. V. Gant, J. McDougall, W. H. Seabrook, E. Armstrong, W. H. Joiner, G. V. Murphy, J. A. Weller, F. Budgen, F. E. Collins, G. E. Fearn, T. G. Myers, T. Sangwin, H. Milford, D. Cooper, C. Parks, C. Deau, D. Wright, K. S. B. Croft, T. Cullingworth, W. Williams, G. F. Hoad, F. T. Hoad, R. Tuffin, G. N. Price, J. H. Shepherd, H. Jordan.

H. R. Newton, W. H. Coles, J. W. Jones, A. W. Heath, W. A. Osborn, E. R. Rapley, C. Longhurst, E. G. Moore, R. Lathbury, C. W. Roberts, A. H. Brown, W. T. Elson, W. Clayton, R. T. Newman, C. M. Meyer, G. J. Strickland, H. Hodgetts, W. Hibbert, E. J. Taylor, E. Austin, D. Anstey, F. Munday, J. Munday, J. S. Hawkins, H. Williams, H. W. Bishop, W. Brighty, R. Cousins, J. Phillips, A. W. Brighton, J. Rumley, R. F. Deal, W. Cliff and J. Ward.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master said that was the last time that he would address them as Master. He had held office for eight years, of which he was very proud, and he did not suppose he would live to see a man hold the position longer. If that should be so he hoped the Master's period of office would be under happier conditions.

'I thank those members who have supported me at practices and meetings, as without their help we could not have carried on. I should also like to thank Mr. Hughes for his kind hospitality (applause) in providing a roof over our heads for meetings.' The Master welcomed Mr. T. W. White, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and in conclusion appealed to members to support the incoming Master, whose election would take place next Saturday.

Canon G. F. Coleridge received a particularly warm welcome on rising to propose the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He assured the company that it was by no means the first time he had been asked to propose the toast.

In congratulating the Ancient Society and its officers on the way they had held together during the war, Canon Coleridge said there had been little encouragement of ringing. Ringing at St. Paul's was strictly limited to one hour, which included the time taken in raising and lowering the bells.

LIFE THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE

A croaker remarked to him when the war broke out and the bells were silenced, 'This is the end of all ringing.' Personally he took a



MR. ERNEST G. FENN.

After eight years in office as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn will vacate the chair on Saturday. His period of office has embraced the whole of the war. Only once in history has ringing in London suffered a setback in any sense comparable to that during Mr. Fenn's Master-ship—the days of the Great Fire of London.

A native of Barking, where he and his two brothers (Messrs. R. and C. Fenn) learnt to ring, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn joined the College Youths in 1898. Of his peals there are two in which he takes a special pride—his first one of Grandsire Triples, and when he rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Twice each Sunday he makes the journey to St. Paul's Cathedral to ring for services. His membership of the St. Paul's Society dates back to 1925. He holds this privilege very dear to his heart.

Air raids did not deter the College Youths during the war from carrying on with the fellowship of meeting together. One of the most memorable of those meetings was that near St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill. The Master had to order the proceedings to be adjourned while the Collegians put out incendiaries!

more optimistic view and said, 'I don't believe it. I think we shall lose some of our treasured ringers, but others will come to take their places.' Those words had come true. He could only speak with authority concerning one Guild—the Oxford Diocesan Guild. In the first year after the war they enrolled at their annual meeting last July 227 new members (applause). That was not a bad record. There was life throughout the whole Exercise, and they had only to put their shoulders to the wheel and they would see ringing not only set back on its old foundation, but built up to a far nobler thing in the future.

Mr. A. B. Peck, whose name was coupled with the toast, in reply, said the Ancient Society had had a very difficult time, but they had weathered the storm and were beginning to creep back to their old position. By next

year they hoped to hold the College Youths dinner with ringing in the afternoon and the next day.

They had made 25 new members during the year. In no sense could they rival the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but they hoped that Oxford's new members when they became more proficient would qualify to join their society. They hoped to get a certain number of that 270.

The society had joggled along very slowly during the past year. They had held 13 meetings, including one at Hornchurch and another at Brighton, which was very enjoyable. They had also held a combined practice with the Middlesex at Acton. In their 25 new members their newest was Sam Scattergood, a direct descendant of Mr. Samuel Scattergood, who was Master in 1685. Perhaps in 1985 Mr. Sam Scattergood would be Master of the society.

MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON ILL.

He had an apology from Celn. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, and also from the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, a regular attendant, who regretted that the gathering was not held on the right Saturday. Another apology was from Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was very ill and quite unable to come. He hoped they would think of him. He had also an apology from Jack Waugh, the junior steward, and Harold Pitlow.

Mr. Peck said he shared the same view as Canon Coleridge; they had some excellent young men both in London and the provinces and he thought they could safely leave—the future of the society in their hands.

The society was greatly indebted to their treasurer, Mr. Hughes. They still had no home, and they accepted his hospitality, which was particularly good, gladly. They had hopes to have a place in Fleet Street near St. Paul's; they had been promised a room in the Old Bell.

In connection with the commemoration of Benjamin Annable, some interesting booklets had been prepared by Mr. Alexander Young from notes supplied by Mr. Trollope. Next year they would be commemorating John Hardham, who had a tobacconist's shop near Fleet Street.

Mr. Peck had a special word of congratulation to Mr. Albert Walker, who had been a member for 50 years, and mentioned the great help Mr. Frank Smallwood had been to the society. All their certificates were destroyed in the fire, and Mr. Smallwood had printed new certificates, which were very beautiful things. If any member who joined the society during the seven years of war had not received his certificate would he please communicate with him.

The peals rung by the society during the past year were Grandsire Triples, Basingstoke; Cambridge Royal, Beddington; Cambridge Royal, Camberwell; Bob Major, Launceston; Stedman Triples, Wandsworth; Stedman Cinques, Birmingham.

Members were present that day from Cornwall, Devonshire, Somerset, Cardiff, Newport, Mon., Gloucestershire, Sussex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshire, Birmingham, Warwickshire, Kent, Herts and Essex.

A vote of thanks to the management was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

VETERANS PRESENT.

The senior members present and their dates of joining the society were as follow: Canon G. F. Coleridge, 1879; John C. Mitchell, 1885; Henry R. Newton, 1885; Charles Dean, 1890; James H. Shepherd, 1890; Richard W. Stannard, 1890; W. T. Elson, 1892; A. W. Brighton, 1893; David Wright, 1895; W. H. Pasmore, 1895; Roland Fenn, 1895; Albert Walker, 1896.

LETTERS—INFORMATIVE, CRITICAL AND EXPLANATORY

The Eastbourne Peal

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the paragraph in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' re the first peal of Major on the bells at St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, and the remark that it was here 'the great Washbrook failed to turn the tenor in to a peal.'

Well, being one of that band in this attempt, I can fully endorse that remark. As a very old friend of 'J. W. W.' I would like to add that he was just recovering from a serious illness and was recuperating in the Eastbourne district for a short time. This no doubt accounted for the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's visit to the district as a guest of the late George F. Attree, who had arranged nine Surprise peal attempts during the week, four only of which were successful. The cause of the failures will be found in Mr. Robinson's book, 'Among the bells,' page 216, the date May 8th-13th, 1894.

Well, congratulations to you, Oliver, and your band on the peal. During the 16 years I was in Brighton, which I left in 1905, this was always a difficult tower for a peal. I have no idea why the difficulty, but now the ice is broken perhaps the tower will be open to other aspirants. In fairness to our late friend 'J. W. W.,' I can say this was the only occasion I ever saw him ring as if it was distressing him, and I felt relieved when he gave up (as far as I can remember, after some indifferent ringing).

We who knew him so well were delighted to know of his complete recovery by his wonderful exploits in ringing two tower bells to peals at Arklow in Ireland, where he had migrated in 1899. This strain with the loss of three of his clever ringing sons in the war 1914-18 no doubt caused his early death.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hants.

MEMBERSHIP QUERIED

Dear Sir,—I wonder how much the letter of Mr. J. W. L. Linnett is prompted by personal prejudice, and how far he went with his enquiries relative to the peal at Peterborough before rushing into print? Apparently he has taken it upon himself to say what the general secretary (who knows all the facts of this peal), the Guild Committee and the Guild members shall do in advance, thereby making himself the only man in his Guild that matters.

I don't like having to quote this, but someone from the West Country, in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago, had some scathing remarks to make about 'head-strong youngsters.' I suggest, without any feeling of bitterness, that Mr. Linnett and a few of his pals take that to heart.

The facts are that the ringer of the third in this peal was proposed and seconded previous to the peal being rung. The ringer in question ceased being a member 19 years ago, but there is no rule which precludes an individual being re-elected either before a peal or at a meeting, neither is there a rule to say that a non-resident member shall not propose or second a member. Rules can only be enforced (like the laws of the land) on the words they contain and from the date of being passed.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

MUTUAL TRUST WANTED

Dear Sir,—The letter over the signature of Mr. J. W. Linnett is only a means of voicing petty narrow-mindedness. Do we really expect U.N.O. and similar bodies to be able to establish lasting peace and mutual trust throughout the world when in our own country, and in the Church of all places, there is seething such hatred as that which characterises his letter?

I have no wish to join the Guild in question until such principles are eliminated from its ranks.—Yours sincerely,

Northampton.

G. ASHBY (Miss).

Visitors at Practices

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Knight and to Mr. Bennett's comment, it should be stated that the Broadclyst practice meeting produced one of those circumstances which happen and let us hope will happen again. There were over forty present with visitors from Stockport, Swindon, Hornsey, Lyme Regis and Leicester, and most interesting of all a blind ringer was there. Mr. Biffin, the appointed Ringing Master at the practice, gave all a chance; the blind ringer rang a touch of Grandsire with others who in some cases could not ring Stedman or Major. Furthermore some Devon ringers took part with visitors in the Cambridge and Double Norwich touches. Though the help of the visitors would have been appreciated and some of our members did not practise Stedman and Major as much as they desired, it was a jolly good meeting.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK C. SMALE, Hon. Sec.
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

THE RINGING MASTER EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Knight's comments in 'The Ringing World' of November 15th respecting the practice meeting at Broadclyst, being the Ringing Master appointed, I do not consider I was lacking in my duty in allowing Double Norwich and Cambridge to be rung. The methods to be practised as advertised in 'The Ringing World' were Stedman and Major, and I presume Double Norwich and Cambridge come within the category of Major methods? Only a course of each of these methods was rung, which occupied about 20 minutes out of the about three hours' ringing, and in which some of our local branch members participated.

I feel certain that if anyone else present desired to ring, then the visitors would have been only too glad to give a helping hand. Surely it was only courtesy to allow the visitors this concession. At this meeting was another visitor, named Mr. Izzard, of Templecombe, who is unfortunately blind. He expressed a wish to ring Grandsire Triples and his wish was granted. Some of the visitors stayed and had tea with us, during which words of congratulation were expressed.—Yours truly,

E. W. BIFFIN.

17, Sydney Road, Exeter.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RALLY

Dear Sir,—I am hoping you will allow me a little space in your correspondence columns to enlarge upon the advertisement appearing elsewhere in 'The Ringing World' concerning the South of England ringers' rally at Bournemouth. We have been promised the use of the bells during the day of January 25th, 1947, at all the towers in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, but definite ringing arrangements will be announced later. A peal attempt or two may be possible at one or two of the outlying towers, but these attempts must start early to allow the participants to be at St. Peter's Hall by 6 p.m. After the dinner there will be some short speeches, followed by entertainment on the stage or handbells in a separate room, the whole of the spacious St. Peter's Hall having been placed at our disposal by the Vicar and trustees.

For those desiring to make a week-end of it I will try to compile a list of addresses of hotels and board residences able to accommodate for a night or two or the week-end, but I must ask ringers to conduct their own negotiations in this respect after they have the addresses.

In conclusion, I would ask ringers to make early application for the tickets, these will be dealt with in strict rotation, and to watch 'The Ringing World' for further details.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
Hon. Sec. to Rally Committee.

Silencing a Bell

Dear Sir,—The publication 'Ropesight' mentions on page 4 and 5 of the 1929 print of this book an apparatus which may be fixed to a ring of bells to obviate nuisance being caused to the public when beginners are practising.

My tower is situated in the centre of a town and some annoyance is caused in this manner.

I should, therefore, be glad if I could appeal through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' for information from ringers who have used, or are using, this system, and no doubt they will be good enough to let me know from whom such an apparatus can be purchased or particulars of how one can be made by the ringers themselves.

I will gladly refund postage and other charges to those who care to write to me on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

K. KETTERINGHAM.
20, Hamilton Road, Alford, Lincs.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Dear Sir,—Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples is a masterpiece; it is famous. The calling can be varied not dozens but hundreds of times, and the process of doing so is so simple that the custom of appending the variator's name claims a credit to which he is not entitled.

All variations should be numbered, not 'named'; this can be done by calling the first 'No. 1' and so on according to their published dates.

These remarks apply also to John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples.—Yours truly,

H. DEW.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LENGTH OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—There have been several letters lately in 'The Ringing World' about the length of peals. Having rung close on 800, I can speak from experience and I do not regret having taken part in any of them. Like my old friend, James George's, they have been rung in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in 30 different counties.

No, we must not tamper with the length else where is it going to end? It has stood the test of centuries, therefore let it remain. Why alter it? One would like to know what the ladies say on this matter.

I should like to thank all those who have written to me or visited me and shall be glad of any further letters or visits, particularly from those with whom I have rung peals, and they must number 300 or 400.

I can claim one distinction. I believe I am the only ringer alive who has rung in a non-conducted peal of Superlative on handbells, the grandest peal I ever rung in my life. The other three members of that band have passed on.—Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Ward 12, Severalls Hospital, Colchester.

PEALS OF THE LATE MR. E. READER

The late Mr. Edward Reader rang 215 peals, of which he conducted 104. Appended are his peals:—

Grandsire Triples 19, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters 8, 3; Stedman Triples 58, 42; Stedman Caters 31, 18; Kent Treble Bob Major 21, 10 (including 7,616); Treble Bob Major Spiced 1, 0; Kent Treble Bob Royal 8, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, 0 (including 7,168); Forward Major 1, 1; Forward Royal 2, 0; Bob Major 14, 6 (including 7,040); Double Norwich Major 16, 7 (including 7,296); Superlative Surprise Major 14, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major 10, 2; Bristol Surprise Major 1, 0; Bob Triples 1, 1; Bob Royal 1, 0; six bells (one method) 5, 3; six bells (three methods) 1, 0; six bells (five methods) 1, 0.

Hutton Cranswick Bells

The three ancient bells of Hutton Cranswick, East Yorks, are to be recast and augmented by three others with new fittings and mounted in a steel frame. The scheme was launched in April, 1944, and towards the approximate cost of £1,305, the sum of £1,060 has been raised. The Advisory Committee of the Consistory Court at York have approved the scheme and have issued a faculty for the work to proceed, the contract having been placed with Messrs Mears and Stainbank.

As already announced in 'The Ringing World,' the Yorkshire Association took a collection at a recent meeting for this augmentation, which amounted to £3, and a donation for a similar sum has been received from the Beverley Minster ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Storer) feels that there are other ringers who would like to be associated with this scheme.

The tenor bell probably weighs 17 to 18 cwt. and is dated 1635. The second and treble bells were both cast in 1678 by Samuel Smith, of York, and had been cracked on the sound bow. The tenor was badly worn on the sound bows.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH AT EASTHAM.

The large contingent of young ringers present at the six-bell tower of Eastham on November 16th was particularly encouraging. Ten towers were represented in the 38 members and there were also present one visitor and four friends.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wright Davies), who gave an interesting address.

Liquid refreshment was kindly provided in the schoolroom. The business meeting followed with Mr. J. Cooke, the Ringing Master, in the chair. After the meeting members returned to the belfry and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

During the afternoon and evening the Ringing Master ensured that all present had their quota of ringing. Short touches were rung in 14 methods, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford spliced, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Chester and London Surprise Minor.

A SOMERSET TOUR

On November 2nd, a tour was arranged for members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to visit some of the beautiful Somerset churches, and an hour was spent ringing at each church.

The first halt was made at Martock Church, where the ringers were met by Mr. Farrant, Tower Master: at about 3.45 p.m. they proceeded to Ilminster Parish Church, where, after ringing, the party was joined at the Meadow Vale Cafe for tea by the Rev. G. G. Hickman, who expressed his appreciation of the ringing.

The party arrived at Chard at 6 p.m. and were met by the Rev. J. V. Twigg and the ringers of the Chard Parish Church. The Vicar expressed his pleasure in welcoming the visitors and showed the party round the church.

On the return journey to Bath a call was made at Crewkerne Parish Church. Here the Rev. — Thomas was waiting to greet the party and he spoke of the joy to hear the bells again after a very long time. Bath was reached at approximately 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable tour, thanks to the Ringing Master, Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung at each church.

We assure Mr. Albert E. Sellers' many friends that he is not the 'man from Barnsla.' It was not his fault that the meeting of the Beverley and District Society was headed 'Barnsley' and District Society in our last issue. Our regrets.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

NEWBURY BRANCH ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on November 16th and was attended by well over 80 members and friends, including the Master, Deputy Master and general secretary.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung from rounds to Royal during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Reid in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. Bertram Russell), assisted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg), who also addressed the ringers. He stressed the points of unity and good fellowship. Practised in the towers, it would extend to the branches and finally to the whole Guild and thus would be achieved the high ideal which all should have before them. Mr. Lionel Fowler was at the organ.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, welcomed the new Master, Deputy Master and general secretary. The Master, in his reply, congratulated the branch on the progress made during the year and urged the necessity of getting young blood into the Exercise to carry on in the future.

The Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. P. Poyntz) hoped that foremen of towers would see that times of service ringing and practice nights were posted up in the church porch. It would greatly help visiting ringers.

The General Secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) advised members to attend as many combined practices as possible and go prepared to try something. It was the only way to progress. Service ringing, too, should be of the highest standard possible.

The Bishop of Oxford, visiting Newbury and hearing the bells, sent a cordial message wishing the meeting every success and regretting his inability to be present.

The chairman, branch secretary and ringing master were re-elected. Two new branch representatives were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chieveley in February.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE MORE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George More, who passed away at the Borough General Hospital, Ipswich, on October 23rd. He was 72 years of age.

One of the oldest members of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, company of bellringers, he was regular in attendance for practices and service ringing over a period of some 20 years. He took part in 23 peals for the Suffolk Guild, as well as a number for the Norwich Association and the Ely Association.

The interment took place at Ipswich Old Cemetery on October 25th, and during that evening half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Margaret's Church. E.G.E.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

The meeting at Acle on November 9th was attended by 25 members. The Rev. H. R. Chirnell (Rector) presided, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the branch annual, at Gorleston on February 8th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for conducting the service, Mr. H. Lidbetter, and ladies who helped with the tea.

Mr. Nolan Golden paid tribute to the late Mr. William E. Bason, who passed away the week before, he having at previous times been Master of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and also St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth. Members stood in silent tribute.

Ringing was resumed after tea. Members attended from Acle, Caston, Mulbarton, Norwich, Wymondham, Mulbarton, Reedham, Fornett, Wroxham, Somerleyton, Ranworth, South Walsham, Northrepps and Great Yarmouth.

Southwell Guild

FIRST STEPS TOWARDS NEWARK DISTRICT.

The suggestion made at the Newark meeting in October that a Newark District be formed culminated in a meeting at Elston on Nov. 23rd, specially convened to get the local feeling on the matter. Heavy rain and floods in the Trent valley seemed a bad omen, but in spite of these drawbacks, nearly 30 assembled in this old-world village off the beaten track, and the handy ring of six were kept going to anything from rounds to Cambridge till 5 p.m.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark, had made excellent arrangements in prevailing on mine host at the 'local' to brew the tea, provide crockery, etc., and room for the meeting. 'Own food' and Newark tea having disappeared, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., was voted to the chair for the business to follow.

A few remarks from the chair on the benefits to be derived from Guild organisation in rural areas like this opened the proceedings, and it was soon evident that sufficient enthusiasts were present to ensure a successful send-off.

A rough check-up on the spot revealed about 30 members ready-made, with unknown possibilities in several towers in the area, where ringing had ceased with the call-up in 1939 and is not yet fully re-established. At this stage the resolution to form a Newark District was formally put and carried unanimously.

Selection of district officers in readiness for the formal opening at Southwell on December 14th resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. T. Vessey; committee, Miss K. Burchall and Mr. Holmes, with Mr. J. W. Raithby as district secretary. Averham was proposed as the place of the district's first 'independent' meeting, to be arranged for January. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Elston for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Raithby for his excellent arrangements, concluded the business, and a mass return to the tower put the finishing touch to a successful meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT ICKLETON.

A successful meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Ickleton on November 9th. Members and friends were present from Cambridge, Elmdon, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Stansted (Essex), Terrington St. John and Trumpington.

The ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Penney, was followed by tea at the Caldrees Manor, through the kindness of Major Mundy, who presided at the business meeting. Mr. S. Dash and Mr. J. L. Farnham, of Meldreth, were elected members, and Mr. C. N. Austin, of Wimbish, was elected a non-resident life member. Before returning to the tower for further ringing, Mr. A. E. Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to Major Mundy for his hospitality. Major Mundy suitably replied.

The next meeting will be the district 'annual' at Cambridge in January.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting was held at Ebbw Vale on November 16th. About 40 members from all parts of both dioceses were present, as well as visitors from Wigan, Brecon and Nailsea (Somerset). The bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were rung in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar. Afterwards the visitors were entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Vicar and the local band.

A novel feature in the ringing chamber is a device which was installed by Mr. T. Stephens, one of the local ringers. It looks like a large mileage register of a car and records each round or change as it is rung and registers up to six figures. Is there another one like it in the country? Everyone went away with pleasant memories of an enjoyable afternoon.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

MASSEY.—On Nov. 20th, at West End Nursing Home, Esher, to Hilda Mary (nec Mills), wife of Flight/Lieut. George W. Massey, R.A.F., a daughter (Frances Mary).

DEATH

MAULDEN.—On Nov. 18th, at 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, Suffolk, Richard Willoughby, elder son of Willoughby E. and Bessie M. Maulden, in his 27th year.

PUBLICATION

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT. A few copies only, Nichols' 'Bells thro' the Ages' (original price 21s.) for 8s. 6d., plus 7d. postage from Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. St. John's bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Andrew's bells from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea in St. John's Hall 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey and A. D. Barker, Hon. Dis. Secs.

NORTH WALES ASSN.—Bangor District.—A practice will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 2.5 p.m.—Marjorie Jones.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — By - meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.15. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Western Division.—A meeting, to mark the re-opening of the bells, will be held at Romford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. — J. H. Crampton, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell (10 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District. —Saturday, Nov. 30th, Barming (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. East Farleigh (6) after tea. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 2.30 p.m. All Saints' (8) also available 2.30 p.m., and St. Peter's (8) 6-7.30 p.m. only. Tea at Scarlet Pimpernel Cafe at 4.30 (price 1s. 6d.). Business meeting to follow. All very welcome.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business, 5.45 p.m., in the belfry.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Crimlesham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. — W. Buckenham, Marham.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at All Saints, Hastings, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. St. Clement's after tea.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN. — Northern District. — Meeting at Baldock, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at Hyde (8), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at Bull Hotel, 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. — W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Barnham District.—Meeting at Seale on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., at Seale Lodge.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—District annual, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Cadoxton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 30th. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Eastern District.—Cottingham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m., for all who notify Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, E. Yorks, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Mad Hatter Cafe. Please send numbers to G. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. Nomination of district officers at this meeting.—A. H. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Lydd, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN. — Northern District. — Meeting at Halstead (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern District. — Next meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Dec. 4th, please.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Dransfield, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, before Dec. 2nd. — Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 to 5.30, St. Marie's (8); 6.30 to 9, Cathedral (12). Tea at British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Brockdish, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names by Dec. 3rd.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Hallow, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers early.—Ernest F. Gubberley, Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Next meeting at Hoddesden on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower, 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bootle (6), Dec. 7th. Tower open 2.45. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton before tea, Great Barford after tea, on Dec. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at Great Barford.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Dec. 7th. Cups of tea and meeting 5. Ringing 3 to 7.30, followed by concert and dance (in aid of Guild Bell Repair Fund) in Village Hall, 7.45 to 11.45. Last bus to Leicester 9.30, Hinckley 10.50.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Address by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Page Phillips). Tea at Gush's Restaurant at 5, followed by usual business. Ringing 7 to 8.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cassington, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea only. Sibley bells also available after tea.—H. Humphreys.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—GUILSBOROUGH BRANCH.—A meeting at West Haddon on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Bells (5).—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., at Sterling Cinema. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wrington, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follows. Names for tea by 2nd inst. to C. H. Lathey.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Make it a good meeting. Names for tea to E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Cafes close by. Please try and attend.—H. Denman.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting at Woodbridge, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent, before Dec. 2nd.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Milnthorpe (bells 6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Commencing at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, 2, Granite Cottages, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, H. Parkinson, Branch Secs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monk Bretton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, nr. Barnsley.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Weedon (6). Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Webb, 25, Queen's Park, Weedon, before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—H. M. Smith.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. J. Dearlove, Cloverdale, College Lane, Hassocks, by 11th.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Blandford, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Welcome to visitors. Guild service 4.30.—Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—Willenhall (10), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting (Lion Hotel) 5 p.m. Names or numbers by Dec. 10th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Portsmouth District) & **SUSSEX ASSN.** (Western Division).—Joint meeting, Westbourne (8), Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Dec. 11th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notification for tea by Dec. 10th to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, Thrybergh, nr. Rotherham. Dedication of 6 bells (old five rehung and new treble added) at 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, by Wednesday, 11th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., Emmanuel Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Special general meeting, Southwell, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.45. Meeting follows, to consider rule revision and officially open the Newark district. Names for tea to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate,

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Southwell, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—T. Groombridge, jun.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
—All ringers who were life members of the late Midland Counties Association who wish to become life members of the Leicester Guild without further payment must notify me by Dec. 31st. — H. W. Perkins, Gen. Hon. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

BOURNEMOUTH. — A Ringers' Rally and Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1947, under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. The Lord Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner in St. Peter's Hall (6.30 p.m.). Application for tickets, price 8s. 6d., with remittance, should now be made to: Arthur R. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — Annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1947. Commence 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each. Notification of intention to be present to be given within seven days. — Edgar Guise, Mill Lane, Woollard, nr. Pensford, Somerset.

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BELLS OF ILLUSION

Scientific ostracism is the last attitude ringers would care to adopt, but there is a very real battle ahead. In the realm of music the gramophone and wireless broadcast have supplanted in a number of instances the individual performer. Of late amplified records of bells have become increasingly prominent. In a number of churches these installations are being used where bells are not available; indeed, Sunday by Sunday the writer hears the records of St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters being used in place of three seventeenth century bells which have for generations summoned the faithful.

The electrical and radio industry are employing all their skill to introduce synthetic ringing into the country. One of the most famous towers in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, from which has been taught a very large number of young ringers, was recently the subject of an indirect attack. A radio firm offered to place amplifiers in the tower for Christmas so that the record of St. Margaret's, Westminster, could be played. The incumbent fortunately resisted the temptation.

Behind each ring of bells there is an individuality; no two rings are alike. Famous bells serve as identification characteristics of many a town and village. It is not right that records should be made of, say, York Minster, in which the weight of metal adds to the mellowness of the notes, and this record amplified from some slender tower incapable of supporting a ring of six. To the ringer's mind the whole thing is incongruous; it is indeed a sham and a deception.

What is the attitude of diocesan authorities towards the installation of such apparatus, or are they outside the canon of ecclesiastical law regarding faculties? We heard of one case where money left for the provision of bells was so expended, it being argued that the tower would not stand the weight of a ring of six, although a contrary view was taken by an authority on bell hanging.

The time has come when a concerted stand should be made against this invasion of the belfry by the radio mechanic. Above all, the public and the Church have to be educated. Some ringers can see no danger; to our mind it is very real. For one-tenth or less of the cost of a ring of bells, amplifying apparatus with a guarantee of a two-mile radius can be provided. The matter is one for consideration by the appropriate committee of the Central Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH COLES 7
FRED HAYES 2	†ALAN F. THIRST 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
*MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 10
MRS. R. F. DEAL 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
†SYDNEY M. BAILEY 6	FRANK C. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK 8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... .. 3	NEIL I. ALLNAT 9
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	RONALD G. BECK 10
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON... .. 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE 11
WILLIAM C. PORTER 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on twelve bells. In memoriam Stephen H. Wood, killed November 24th, 1940.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD <i>Treble</i>	*EDWARD T. LLOYD 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2	LEONARD TUFFREY 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMING 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 5	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 11
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung on the eve of James George's 93rd birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
ROYDON DAVIES 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 8
CHARLES POTHECARY 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 5	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK BARNARD <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. PACKER 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	THOMAS W. LAMB 7
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	*JOHN E. BROUGH 8
†WILFRED KERR 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 5	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*CECIL C. WRIGHT <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN S. SMITH 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
FRANK L. HARRIS 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
AUBREY D. MILLS 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY <i>Treble</i>	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN S. MASON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HESKETH <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES S. WEBB 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	JOHN E. SPICE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES L. LAKER <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH SNELLING 5
ERNEST J. KING 2	NELSON E. ELLIOTT 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	CECIL NICE 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS <i>Tenor</i>

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BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY SLANEY 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	HAROLD KENT 6
ARTHUR B. COOPER 3	JOSEPH SAXTON 7
CYRIL WRIGHT 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RODERICK W. CROUCHER <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM S. MAY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
WILLIAM PERRY 3	PHILIP SADLER 7
JOHN E. FOWLER 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by J. E. FOWLER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert G. Ockendon.

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BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	NEIL I. ALNATT 6
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to William C. Porter and Eunice J. R. Jackson, who were married at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, earlier in the day.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED BOOTH Treble	*GEORGE BEENY 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Treble	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by Wm. CLOVER.

* First peal in the method.

AMFESBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORIS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's. Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE A. TREMEER ... Treble	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	†PETER D. WENHAM ... 6
*PETER ANGER 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	†WILLIAM ABRAHAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Treble	JAMES HIGGINS 5
MISS FRANCES A. EDGAR 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
MISS M. C. COSSAR ... 3	MISS BETTY SPICE 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

Specially arranged for Ronald H. Dove on a visit from Leeds.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
On the 'Stelfox' eight.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
JILL POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 3	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by JILL POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT... 5
*MARY DARE 2	IVAN KAY 6
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
STEPHEN PARRY 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.

LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... Treble	†FRED PLACE 5
*CHARLES CLEGG 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
JACK CLEGG 3	ROBERT HARGREAVES ... 7
HERBERT HOLDEN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The treble ringer has completed the circle. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of augmentation of bells, and as a welcome home to six of above members on demobilisation. All are service ringers at above church.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*HAROLD F. WOOD ... Treble	*CECIL H. WOOD 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
*FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL ANG ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JESSE HALLETT Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... 2	*WILLIAM H. HURFORD ... 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 7
*ROGER O. FRY 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
ARTHUR HOARE 2	ROBERT E. COLES 6
*LAURENCE WOOD 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
*DAVID SMITH 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. LINES. Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*HUGH E. HARDING ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	BRIAN F. SIMMS 6
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
†ANDREW SINFIELD ... 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. V. EBBERSON. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung at the induction of the new Vicar, and as a farewell to Canon Rust, hon. secretary and president of the Beds Association for 10 years and 17 years respectively.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*JACK O. GLANVILLE ... Treble	*A. W. J. APPLETON ... 5
*G. BRIAN GROVER ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 6
†ERIC T. LEE ... 3	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 7
†RONALD G. WALKER ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 6
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3	*JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* 300th peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 2	†ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. H. Farle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Treble	FREDK. W. RISHWORTH ... 5
HARRY ROE ... 2	*PHILLIP WHITAKER ... 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
WILFRED WHITAKER ... 4	*DENNIS ROE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*BARBARA POTTINGER ... Treble	†REGINALD ABBOTT ... 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6
WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 3	ROYDON DAVIES ... 7
PHILIP M. J. GARY ... 4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES Tenor

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble	MRS. C. W. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	FRANK L. FISHER ... 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN. Rung on the 50th anniversary of W. Wightman's first peal. A birthday compliment to G. A. Fleming.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation) Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... Treble	HARRY TURNER ... 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 2	*HERBERT G. GODDARD ... 6
GEORGE DAWSON ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
*EARLE J. BAXTER ... 4	JOHN SITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Treble	FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 5
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 2	†EDWIN S. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM UPTON ... 3	ALBERT R. WARD ... 7
*C. ARTHUR DRAKE ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

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STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 19 cwt.
 DEREK H. WATSON ... Treble | FREDK. V. NICHOLLS ... 5
 *RAYMOND D. SMITH ... 2 | ERNEST A. TURNER ... 6
 †GEOFFREY C. COOKSON ... 3 | JOHN W. SMITH ... 7
 MISS F. L. WRIGHT ... 4 | ROBERT LEES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

* First peal, first attempt. † First peal. All are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers. To welcome home from H.M. Forces the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 6th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.
 ERNEST STITCH ... Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5
 ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 2 | R. EDWARD COLES ... 6
 LAURENCE WOOD ... 3 | TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 7
 *R. IVOR LEWIS ... 4 | WILLIAM T. PRETTY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by CHAS. H. PERRY.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Single Court, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *E. E. PEARSON ... Treble | †F. C. JOHNSON ... 4
 †G. W. SMITH ... 2 | †T. A. A. POTTER ... 5
 C. J. BURNS ... 3 | L. W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. C.O. Collection 114, 115, 151, 51, 49, 37, 29.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.
 *MISS NOREEN BRAIN ... Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
 †GORDON HARRISON ... 2 | †GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
 †WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3 | *ALAN FOSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the fallen of two world wars.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.
 *IAN A. MORRISON ... Treble | HAROLD FOLWELL ... 3
 ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2 | *FREDERICK V. PERKINS ... 4
 WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
 *ROBERT W. LANCEFIELD Treble | †ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... 4
 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 2 | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
 RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

LEA, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERNARD O. MANN ... Treble | †CHARLES H. BAKER ... 4
 †G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2 | GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3 | HARRY MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *M. W. H. GREY (Hert.) Treble | BETTY SPICE (Som.) ... 4
 †P. C. WRIGHT (Un.) ... 2 | J. A. BEAUMONT (Ch. Ch.) 5
 A. E. F. TROTMAN (Ex.) 3 | W. F. MORETON (St. J.) Tenor

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First tower bell peal and first peal of Minor. † First peal in the method and first of Minor. First peal of Minor on tower bells as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter.

MORETON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS Treble | *DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 4
 *TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 2 | JOHN SITCH ... 5
 HARRY TURNER ... 3 | FRANK V. GANT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.
 HARRY ANDREWS ... Treble | WALTER G. HART ... 4
 FRANK J. HAZZARD ... 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
 *MISS DAPHNE J. WEBB... 3 | FREDK. H. HART ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 ERIC SMITH ... Treble | CLAUD GIMBERT ... 4
 HENRY SHARP ... 2 | STANLEY SHIPP ... 5
 WILFRED YOUNG ... 3 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
 LESLIE FOSTER ... Treble | CHARLES V. ORVES ... 4
 BERT CHILVERS ... 2 | SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 5
 ARTHUR COOK ... 3 | THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY W. ARBON.

LONGPARISH, HANTS
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
GEORGE W. J. BROWN *Treble* | JOHN HOLLOWAY ... 4
*JOHN PEARSON ... 2 | ALLAN D. TREMEER ... 5
FRANK R. H. TONCE ... 3 | VICTOR A. JARRETT ... *Tenor*
Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.

* First peal.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G flat.
LEONARD GERRARD ... *Treble* | JAMES THORLEY ... 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2 | ERNEST THORLEY ... 5
THOMAS D. LEASK ... 3 | CHARLES THORLEY ... *Tenor*
Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wade, the oldest resident of Thorne.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
JAMES T. LAKER ... *Treble* | KENNETH SNELLING ... 4
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 2 | CECIL NICE ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

In memoriam Leonard S. Laker.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... *Treble* | FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2 | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
EDWARD S. RUCK ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.
THOMAS W. ROBINSON *Treble* | HARRY STRINGER ... 4
*CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 2 | BERTRAM J. LUCK ... 5
*DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE ... 3 | CHARLES TURNER ... *Tenor*
Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
FREDK. PRICE ... *Treble* | WILLIAM TYLER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Towcester Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.
REGINALD G. ABRAHAMS *Treble* | REGINALD H. HOWSON ... 4
JOHN HIGGINS ... 2 | VICTOR S. ADAMS ... 5
*CECIL SHARP ... 3 | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... *Tenor*
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal First in the method by all. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 25 methods, with 49 changes of method: (1) Cumbermere, Crowland, Abbeville, Vale Royal and St. Werburg Treble Bob; (2) Willesden, Bocking, Old Oxford, Poynton and Marple Delights; (3) Wragby, College Bob IV., Neasden, Grove Delight, Braintree Delights; (4) Norbury, College Exercise and Trowell Treble Bob; (5) Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Chapel and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
PETER LARLIN ... *Treble* | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2 | CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3 | JOHN WORTH ... *Tenor*
Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Arranged and rung for the coming of age of the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Milner, of Disley, who kindly provided tea at the conclusion of the peal.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
GEORGE GARDNER ... *Treble* | HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4
*THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 2 | JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 3 | *LEONARD TREVOR ... *Tenor*
Conducted by L. TREVOR.

* First peal in seven methods.

DARLINGTON,

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.
JAMES T. TITT ... *Treble* | GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 2 | W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3 | ROLAND PARK ... *Tenor*
Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings. Rung as a farewell on retirement to the Rev. Dr. P. R. Brinton, hon. member of the association and Vicar of the parish for ten years.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's each Single Oxford and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.
JOSIAH MORRIS ... *Treble* | RONALD RUSSELL ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on bells recently augmented from three to six.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT 17, ORTON GROVE, PENN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 1-2 | HOWARD HOWELL ... 3-4
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 5-6
Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal. First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor. Rung to welcome a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, of Burton-on-Trent.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 3-4 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7-8
Composed by F. M. ATKINS. Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

OXFORD.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 19, HOLYWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in O.

*+H. VON DER HEYDE (Ox.)	1-2		BETTY SPICE (Oxford)	...	5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Cam.)	3-4		W. F. MORETON (Oxford)	...	7-8
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS (Ox.) 9-10					

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 10).

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At 58, Lychgate Lane,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDAN	...	1-2		FRANK K. MEASURES	...	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	...	3-4		WALTER J. CLOUGH	...	7-8

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

SOUTH WIGSTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

In St. Thomas' Belfry,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*ARTHUR PATRICK	...	1-2		WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	...	3-4	
†CHARLES MARSHALL						...	5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At SWAN STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*RONALD SUCKLING	...	1-2		*THOMAS BIRD	...	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	...	3-4		*REGINALD RIPPINGALE	...	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS JILL POOLE	...	1-2		ERNEST MORRIS	...	5-6	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	...	3-4		CHARLES MARSHALL	...	7-8	
JOSIAH MORRIS						...	9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE (Birmingham).

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung on the eve of the composer's 93rd birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	1-2		REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	5-6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3-4		GEORGE E. FEARN	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE.

* First peal of Major on handbells. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

The latest news from Surfleet is that there is a slight improvement in the condition of Mr. Rupert Richardson, but he is still seriously ill and not allowed to write. Mrs. Richardson thanks the many friends for their kind letters of sympathy, which she hopes to acknowledge in due course.

Mr. E. Stitch has now completed the circle of St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend, Glam.

Send your Christmas greetings to ringing friends through 'The Ringing World.' Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

All ringers visiting Woodbridge on Saturday, December 7th, please note a tea will be served at the King's Head Hotel at 5 p.m.

In St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, is Mr. Theodore Slater, of Glemsford, who is suffering from cardiac disease. He wishes to be remembered to his old ringing friends and would like to hear from them.

With the peal at Goodnestone, Kent, on November 23rd, Charles Turner, captain of St. Mary's ringers, Dover, has conducted 40 members of the Kent County Association through their first peal on tower bells.

On December 10th, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, is sailing for Malta in H.M.S. 'Formidable' from Portsmouth to take up a chaplaincy appointment in the Mediterranean command.

Six ringers whose average age was 80½ years met at St. Barnabas' Church, Swanmore, Hants, and rang 720 of Bob Minor to celebrate Mr. W. Linter's 89th birthday. The ringers were W. Linter, sen. (89) 1, G. Williams (conductor, 89) 2, H. Merritt (75) 3, F. A. Burnett (73) 4, G. E. Chappell (81) 5, A. Millard (76) 6. They had tea together afterwards, and the birthday cake, which bore the figures 89 on top, was the work of Mr. A. Page, an hon. member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Coincidence! Three peals this week are 50th anniversaries of first peals. Individuals concerned are Ernest C. Lambert, of Bletchley, who rang his first peal at Mitcham, William Wightman, of Framden, Suffolk, and Henry Sharp, of Wilburton, Cambs.

Ilston-on-the-Hill is the 122nd tower in the Leicester Diocese where Mr. Ernest Morris has rung a peal.

A few weeks ago blind ringers were in the news. This week we learn that Mr. F. J. Hazzard, who is blind, rang a peal of 'Grand-sire Doubles at Shillingstone, Dorset.

Walsall ringers have lost a sincere friend by the death of Mr. M. Fox Harrison, who was concerned in getting the bells of St. Matthew's Church recast into twelve in 1929. A half-muffled peal has been rung to his memory.

It was a 'more we are together' party that rang Superlative Surprise at Wymondham, Norfolk, on November 16th. It was the 100th peal together of William Clover and Henry Tooke, and the 50th together of R. W. Curson and W. Clover.

The peal of Bob Major at West Clandon, Surrey, marked the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover. It was also the first peal of their son, G. Brian Grover, and four other firsts!

Two well-known Kent personalities rang first peals at Goodnestone—Dr. J. D. Ogilvie, of Ash, and Cyril E. Buesden, son of Mr. E. G. Buesden, who was for many years the conductor of the Canterbury Cathedral band.

After eight years' silence, the bells at Keele, Staffs, are now rung again for Sunday services. This new life is due to local ringers' interest being aroused by application for a peal attempt by the Stoke-on-Trent St. Peter's band of Sunday service ringers. Their peal was also rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

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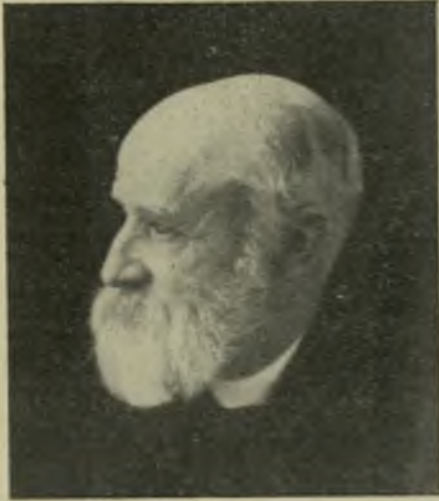
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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS



THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY
President, 1896-1924.

IN 1850 the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe became Rector of Clyst St. George, near Exeter, and published his 'Remarks on Belfries and Ringers,' in which he urged the necessity of reform in the belfry. By the year 1867 he had visited every ringing chamber in Devon and by means of representations and letters in publications, others were led to co-operate in the establishment of societies for the practice of change ringing. Under the influence of Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, Colonel C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, had already become interested, and with his brothers and other young men learned to ring half-pull methods. In 1870 this band rang 720's of Grandsire Minor and a year later Mr. Troyte conducted a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Huntsham.

Meanwhile change ringing had been practised in Devonport under the instruction of Mr. William Banister, who went there from Woolwich in 1865 and whose book on 'Change Ringing' is well known. He was a member of the College Youths and is credited with having conducted the first peal of London Surprise in the Metropolis. In Penzance Col. Trelawney, another self-taught change ringer, had trained a band to ring Grandsire Doubles and Triples. As an outcome of the efforts of these individual ringers, on March 21st, 1874, in an office in the Close, Exeter, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers came into existence.

That meeting was attended by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe (chairman), the Revs. J. L. Langdon Fulford (secretary), W. F. Gore and J. L. Fulford, with Messrs. S. Marsden, R. C. Merson, J. C. Palmer, J. Sharland, R. M. Fulford, W. B. Fulford (treasurer) and A. Southey. Mr. C. A. W. Troyte telegraphed his inability to attend through illness, and letters from several others expressed sympathy with the movement.

PROMOTION OF BELFRY REFORM.

The secretary proposed: 'That it is advisable that a Society of Devonshire Ringers should be formed, having for its objects the cultivation of change ringing and the promotion of belfry reform.' This was carried and a draft of rules, drawn up by the secretary, was adopted. The meeting then decided to send a memorial to the Archdeacons of the diocese praying them to discourage prize-ringing and to commend friendly gatherings of ringers.

Col. C. A. W. Troyte was elected as president, with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, the Rev. C. S. Bere, William Banister and C. A. Trelawney as vice-presidents. Col. Trelawney refused this position because of the distance from Penzance, and at the inaugural meeting the Earl of Devon was elected to fill the place.

The first annual general meeting took place at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on June 15th, 1874, on the occasion of the opening of the augmented ring of ten. In a report on the ringing the old-time reporter carefully explained what the scientific ringers did and how a fraction of a second late or early with a pull caused a clash. The president was supported by a select company at the dinner in the Royal Hotel. The meeting confirmed the work of the committee and over 100 members were elected, among them being Col. Trelawney and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, then at Plympton. In his reply to a toast the president stated 'that their aim was to emulate round ringers to an improved system of ringing.' The Rev. (now Canon) G. F. Coleridge became a member on December 28th, 1874.

From its inception the Guild had support from the clergy, including the Archdeacons, and from men of position in the county, whilst the president had his 'heart and soul in its success.' The Guild set out 'to promote a reverent feeling among bellringers for their sacred office,' and this meant complete belfry reform. It set its face against prize-ringing and this attitude provoked prejudice among call-change ringers, not so much, perhaps, in regard to prize-ringing as in the method of ringing. Round ringers like bells to be tapped round mechanically with little appreciation of 'beat' and rhythm. Happily in recent times prize-ringing has given place to the ringing festival, where certificates are given for proficiency in striking. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. A. W. Searle and our president, Preb. E. V. Cox, in 1939 the Guild deleted the rule 'That no member shall take part in any competitive ringing.' Prebendary Cox has worked unceasingly to promote friendly relations amongst all the ringers in the county.

But custom dies hard in Devon and in the early days of the Guild progress in half-pull ringing was slow. In 1884 only ten bands were in union with just over one hundred performing members, and it took another 16 years to double the number of bands and ringers. Throughout its history the Guild has done much missionary work, and it appears from the records that whenever a new ring of bells was dedicated or when a ring was opened after rehangng a band of change ringers attended. There was a steady demand for instructors.

THE HUNTSHAM BAND.

The Huntsham band made rapid progress after their bells were increased to eight in 1875, and at Devonport W. Banister conducted many long touches of Grandsire Triples. In Exeter touches of Grandsire Triples were rung as early as 1876. The first half-peal of Stedman Triples by Devon men was claimed by the Huntsham band in the year 1884.

The most treasured possession of the Guild is its Peal Book, Part I. This volume contains 229 peal records, dating from 1875 to 1909; all these records are illuminated, very often with artistic merit. The first peal for the Guild was rung at Huntsham on February 2nd, 1875, within a year of the bells being increased to eight, by the local change ringing society 'as a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples.' Mr. C. A. W. Troyte stood in and Mr. J. E. Troyte conducted. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung in the following month at Huntsham with Mr. W. Banister as conductor, and in November Mr. Banister called a peal of Grandsire Triples at

All Saints', Babbacombe, with the Rev. M. Kelly and Devonport men in the band. The first peal, of Grandsire Triples, at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was rung in December of the same year and conducted by W. Banister, who also called the first peal at Plymouth (Charles) in April, 1877. The first peal, of Grandsire Triples, ever rung in Cornwall was conducted by Dr. John Symons, at St. Mary's, Penzance, in June, 1883—Penzance was in union with the Guild until 1896. Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon visited Huntsham on August 20th, 1878, and called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Of the first 50 peals rung for the Guild 44 were Grandsire Triples and 20 of these were rung at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, with 10 at Huntsham. Thus by 1891 St. Sidwell's, thanks to the enthusiasm of the brothers Shepherd, became the centre of the Guild's activities.

Ferris Shepherd conducted the first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Sidwell's in 1891, with Canon G. F. Coleridge in the band, whilst Mr. John W. Taylor conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters in October, 1892, with Ferris and Edwin Shepherd taking part. In 1894 the family of Grater rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tiverton, the band consisting of the two brothers and their six sons. In the 90's the outstanding conductors were R. French, Edwin and Ferris Shepherd, and of visiting conductors the names of J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and G. Williams most frequently occur. Mr. A. W. Searle conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. David's, May 3rd, 1892.

In 1896 occurred the death of Col. C. A. W. Troyte, who had been the Guild's first president and had laid its foundation. In this work he was supported by the following secretaries: The Revs. J. L. L. Fulford 1874-80, J. A. Kempe 1880-82, J. S. Northcote 1882-89, Canon Trefusis 1889-90, and Maitland Kelly 1890-96.

THE REV. M. KELLY'S WORK.

The Rev. M. Kelly became the new president and held the office for the next 28 years; while he was Vicar of Ottery St. Mary it seems true to say that it was the Mecca of the Guild. Mr. Kelly was a master in the organisation of ringing tours. In 1898 the new Heavitree peal was hung and four years later the Cathedral bells were restored. Devon became popular amongst famous peal ringers.

During a tour in October, 1902, the first peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by George Williams, was scored on the Cathedral bells. Among the band we find C. R. Lilley and



COLONEL C. A. W. TROYTE
The First President.

Canon Coleridge. About this time Mr. Kelly assisted in peals of Stedman and Double Norwich; he considered these tours an incentive to progress in the Guild and we find peals of Bob Royal, Bob Major and Caters being rung at Charles (Plymouth) and at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, with C. R. Lilley, G. H. Myers and E. Shepherd as conductors. An all Devon band rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on the Cathedral bells in January, 1905; the members of the band were E. Shepherd (conductor), A. Evans, W. C. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, A. W. Searle, J. Baker, E. Nonning, F. Davey, G. H. Myers, W. Ford and J. Murphy. A non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. David's, Exeter, on January 27th, 1906.

The Guild report for 1904 records that the Ringers' Cycling Club had visited 32 towers and hoped in this way to spread a knowledge of change ringing and to gain recruits. The first peal of Grandsire Triples on the 'Stafford eight' in the Cathedral on February 8th, 1908, by its members, was regarded as an official recognition of the pioneer work done by the club.

During Mr. Kelly's term of office 315 peals were rung, and in 1924 the number of bands in the Guild had risen to 54 with over 600 performing members. During the period the secretaries were Mr. W. E. P. Chapple 1896-99, the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux 1899-1913, and the Rev. E. S. Powell 1913-24. Mr. Kelly rang only a few peals; he rather preferred to create amongst ringers good fellowship and happy relations. In 1924 he resigned the office he had held with so much satisfaction to every member of the Guild and was succeeded by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

THE JUBILEE.

The event of the year 1924 was the jubilee of the Guild commemorated at Exeter. The president of the Central Council, the Rev. Canon Coleridge, was the preacher at the Cathedral service, at which more than 300 members were present.

In 1919 the county was divided into six areas. Thus the Exeter, East Devon, North-East Devon, North Devon, South-West and Mid-Devon branches came into existence. Each branch is independent with its own officers and governed by special rules. In 1931 the Exeter Branch, having become unwieldy, was divided and the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch formed out of it. The North-West Branch came into being about this time. Mr. Powell had much to do with this reorganisation and was ably assisted by Mr. T. Laver, secretary from 1925 to 1940. Whilst he was Rector of Clyst St. George the Aylesbeare Branch developed rapidly under his guidance. Mr. Powell had the honour of conducting the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the Cathedral bells on January 9th, 1926. The band stood in as follows: E. Shepherd, W. G. Hiscott, W. H. Howe, E. W. Marsh, T. Laver, A. Richardson, the Rev. E. S. Powell, R. Sandover, F. Murphy, A. G. Betts, F. J. Davey, J. Harris and A. Mitchell, all of whom were resident in Devon. Mr. Powell did much to develop Major methods. Over 200 peals were rung during his tenure as president.

In 1933 Mr. Powell left for Staverton and the Rev. (now Prebendary) E. V. Cox became the president; Prebendary Cox was general secretary for one year 1924-25. One of his first acts was to emulate the Rev. M. Kelly by visiting each of the affiliated towers, and until war broke out the Guild was gaining in numbers and influence. In 1939 bands in union numbered 59 with upwards of 550 performing members.

The Guild survived the war-time ban on ringing, but six years of war left grievous scars. The loss of those fine peals at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, and Charles, Plymouth, and the destruction of Elacombe's church at Clyst St. George (though the bells remain) has removed historic landmarks in the Guild's history. Six young members laid down their lives and those helpful conductors C. R. Lilley, E. Shepherd and E. W. Marsh have died; but another

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN EVANS, HUGHENDEN.

We record with regret the death of Mr. John Evans, of Terriers Farm, High Wycombe, on November 25th, at the age of 83.

In his earlier days he was associated with such stalwarts as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook, and rang many peals with them. For a long period he was a qualified instructor for the Oxford Guild, and scores of young ringers owe their first peal to his efforts.

Unfortunately he never kept a record of his peals, but they must have numbered several hundreds. At least 122 were rung at Hughenden alone in methods ranging from Grandsire to London, most of which he conducted. The peal of which he was proudest was the first of London in 1892 for the Oxford Guild, which he conducted, but others were first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and Double Norwich for the county of Bucks. Another noteworthy peal was the 12,096 at Boyn Hill in 1892, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. A longer length was started for, but one of the ringers was indisposed and the conductor shortened it. Canon Coleridge took part in this.

Mr. Evans was for a long time a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and represented the Oxford Guild on the Central Council, rarely missing a meeting, and was a vice-president of the Oxford Guild. He leaves a widow, three daughters and one son. Earlier in the present year a peal of Double Norwich was rung to commemorate his diamond wedding. At his own request he was driven to Hughenden to listen to part of it, and, alas, it was his last visit there.

The Exercise in general and the Oxford Guild in particular have lost a valued member, one who in his active days was always ready and willing to assist in any cause for the good of ringing, but perhaps his greatest achievement was the ungrudging assistance he rendered to the younger generation.

The funeral was at Hughenden on November 29th near the bells he loved so well.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by R. Biggs, William Walker, George Martin and P. Newton, and afterwards touches of Stedman were rung half-muffled on the tower bells by a number of his old friends from Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Boyn Hill, Marlow, Hughenden, etc. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the day following the funeral.

MR. W. C. RUMSEY.

Deeply regretted is the death of Mr. William C. Rumsey, of Debenham, Suffolk, which took place on November 28th after an illness of several months.

Aged 70, he had been a ringer since boyhood, and it may be true to say he was one of the greatest ringers East Anglia has ever produced, for his peals alone were in the region of 500. His passing is a great blow to the Suffolk Guild, to whom he had rendered long and loyal service.

To me, Bill Rumsey was everything which characterises a good ringer. His record as a Sunday service ringer, instructor, conductor, striker and heavy bell ringer was first rate, and the admiration I had for him was such that I could try and emulate his example but could never equal.

Suffolk has indeed lost a great ringer and gentleman. Debenham has lost a friend and its leading ringer, and I have lost one of the best district secretaries the Guild ever had. May we always remember him. C.W.P.

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generation of conductors in the persons of Messrs. T. G. Myers, E. W. Biffin and B. Pidgeon are carrying on. Guild practices are doing much to increase interest.

We look forward hopefully to the future progress, not only of the Guild, but of change ringing in our county.—Fredk. C. Smale, Gen. Sec. 1940—

MR. GEORGE JONES.

The death occurred on November 19th of Mr. George Jones, of Eccleston, Cheshire, in his 75th year. His ringing career extended over some 60 years and he had been a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for the greater part of that time.

As a youth he joined the band at Pulford, where there was a very keen company of Minor ringers far in advance of most village bands of the day. Nor were these stalwarts content to remain in their own tower, but grasped every opportunity to obtain practice in Major, a project which entailed a walk of several miles each way. When Pulford bells were augmented to eight in 1902 it was the ringers themselves who made the frame, and the fact that the work is still as good as ever speaks well for the quality of their craftsmanship.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Jones moved to Eccleston, well known to ringers everywhere as possessing one of the finest eights in the country. Here he took charge of the ringing and continued the work so ably begun by his former colleague of the Pulford belfry, the late Mr. H. W. Wilde.

'George' was an accomplished ringer in any method, but to the end he took great delight in Minor ringing, no doubt with affectionate thoughts of his early days. He was a careful and patient teacher and possessed a critical ear for striking. His peals number about 100 in a great variety of methods.

Many ringers attended the funeral at Eccleston on the following Saturday, and after the service a touch of Grandsire was rung with bells solemnly muffled to mark the passing of one held in high esteem by all who knew him.

MR. WESLEY WATSON.

By the death of Mr. Wesley Watson on October 14th at the age of 85 the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Romford, loses a ringer of over 60 years' standing, who held the position of steeplekeeper for nearly 55 years.

Although he never got any further than ringing the treble to the standard methods and nothing higher than Superlative with a working bell (writes E. W. Pye), his number of peals total approximately 200. He was a good handbell ringer and rang Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted with the Pye brothers on April 28th, 1898. He conducted one peal of Stedman Triples.

When William, Ernest and George R. Pye first started handbell ringing he was their chief tutor. He was a great asset to the Essex Association, having taught several companies in the district in which he lived. He had a very keen ear for ringing, and when the Pye brothers with William Keeble rang the first peals of Surprise on handbells, he umpired them and took down every lead end as rung, and checked them with the figures of the peal, never having previously seen the composition.

He was interred at Romford Cemetery on October 9th, 1946. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A PRACTICAL MEMORIAL

During morning service on Armistice Sunday at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Exeter, the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Price) dedicated two electric clocks, one facing the nave and the other the belfry in honoured memory of Frederick John and Stanley Peter, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Court. Both fell during the late war, Frederick in the R.A.F. and Peter killed in Holland during the advance in April, 1945.

Peter, just of age, a member of St. Thomas' band of ringers, a genial happy fellow, will be remembered by his associates there who regret the loss of so promising and diligent a member. He had taken part in a few peals, the record of which hangs in the belfry to remind us of his sacrifice. E.J.R.

Synthetic Bells CHRISTMAS OFFER TO WELL- KNOWN TOWER

An attempt to deprive the ringers of one of the best known towers in the Oxford Diocesan Guild of their bells this coming Christmas has been frustrated by the loyalty of the Vicar to his ringers. The Vicar in question received the following letter from a radio, electrical and television firm:—

'I have had to purchase records of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, playing well-known bell ringing tunes.

'As a Christmas present to you personally, and the staff are all for it, I would like to offer to put up three speakers in your church tower and give you about one hour of this. The sound would travel two to three miles. We would like to do this if acceptable to you on or about Friday, the 20th, or Monday, the 23rd December, or can you suggest something you would like in its place such as "The Flight of the Bumblebee"?' The Vicar has replied in the following terms:—

'Thank you for your letter and the very kind offer of both your staff and yourself. Believe me I do appreciate it, but it is a case of "... where fools fear to tread." I have here a Ringing Master and a loyal band of ringers, and were I to even consider your suggestion they would either resign in a body or hang themselves with their own ropes.

'I do not profess to be a campanologist, nor can I enthuse, but I do realise that for once I have to admit defeat in the face of their loyalty both to the Church and myself. I do hope you will understand and accept my gratitude for your kind offer, and the reasons which compel me to reject it. If you don't understand, ask a ringer and still you won't.'

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Officers elected for 1946-47 at the meeting last Saturday were as follows:—

Master: George W. Cecil.

Hon. Secretary: Alfred B. Peck.

Hon. Treasurer: Albert A. Hughes.

Senior Steward: Jack A. Waugh.

Junior Steward: Thomas Fox.

Trustees: Henry R. Newton and Henry G. Miles.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, whose name was unfortunately omitted from those attending the anniversary luncheon last week, joined the society in 1892. He informs us that he has about 30 copies of his booklet on Benjamin Amiable left. The booklet is about 6,000 words and throws a new light upon some incidents of this worthy's life. Copies may be obtained, price 1s. 1d., from Mr. A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate. The manuscript has been typed and duplicated by Mr. Surdom, to whom the society passed a vote of thanks at their luncheon.

REV. R. F. R. ROUTH'S NEW LIVING

On Saturday, November 23rd, members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Beaconsfield Parish Church as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. R. F. R. Routh), who has accepted the living of St. Ambrose's, Bourne-mouth, and took up his duties there on December 2nd.

The attempt came to grief after 1½ hours of good ringing, owing to a broken rope. The band stood as follows: H. Wingrove (conductor) treble, D. R. Fletcher 2, G. Martin 3, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, W. Edwards 5, C. A. Levett 6, W. Lee 7, W. Henley tenor.

The local hand has greatly appreciated the Rev. R. Routh's services in the belfry during his nine and a half years in the parish, and his departure, and consequently that of his two sons, who are also members of the local band, leaves a gap which will take a long time to fill.

The good wishes of all ringers in the district will go with him in his new work.

Ladies' Guild

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT DRIGHTLINGTON.

A great welcome awaited the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild when they visited the Church of St. Paul, Drightlington, near Leeds, on November 23rd. Mr. Barron, Ringing Master of the local company, had everything in readiness for the earliest arrivals and ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m.

Members attended from Armlay, Far Headingley, Pudsey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Bradford, Haze! Grove and Sheffield, in addition to local lady ringers. All the ladies managed to have a ring before the company took part in a service, which was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Silk. The Vicar used the Ladies' Guild form of service. In his address he welcomed the ringers to Drightlington and said how happy it had made him that a service had been asked for. He also remarked on the appropriateness and beauty of the service form.

A substantial tea in a nearby cafe was followed by the meeting held in the Parish Hall. Arising from the minutes, it was reported that a peal attempt at Kippax on November 9th had failed owing to two bells changing over after 1 hr. 40 mins. Two new members were elected to the Guild, Mrs. I. Somerville, of Arksey, and Miss N. Bickerdyke, of Pudsey. An invitation to hold a meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, was accepted and will take place in March. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. W. Silk, the organist (Mr. Barron) and Mrs. Whitehouse for their part in making the meeting so successful.

The bells were lowered in peal at 7.45 p.m. after several ladies had 'tried out' the tenor and all tastes had been catered for.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SUDBURY.

A meeting of the above Guild was held at Sudbury on November 30th, and although only ten ladies were present, the meeting was a great success on account of the strong support of the men. A party of 36 sat down to tea at the Scarlet Pimpernel Cafe, and afterwards Miss Snowden passed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. Fitch for the helpful way in which he had made all arrangements.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, made the sad announcement of the death of Mr. W. C. Rumsey, a much loved and respected member of the Suffolk Guild, who passed away on November 28th, and Miss Snowden also paid tribute to Miss Helen Bill, of Norwich, who passed away on September 20th. The meeting stood in silence to their memory for a few moments.

While the men adjourned for further ringing, the ladies held a brief business meeting, at which one new member was elected, Miss Catherine Austin, of Pebmarsh. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Beccles, some time during March or April, and the annual meeting at Ipswich.

The bells of St. Gregory's, All Saints' and St. Peter's were available, and the methods rung included Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Major and the four standard Surprise methods spliced.

TO THE MEMORY OF STEPHEN WOOD

On November 24th, the sixth anniversary of the first 'blitz' on Bristol, when Clifton Parish Church and bells were destroyed and Stephen H. Wood, Master of the Ringers, was killed, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples was rung at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, with the bells half-muffled, by W. H. Cole 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, Mrs. Bowles 3, E. S. J. Hatcher 4, H. W. S. Gregory (conductor) 5, H. S. Gregory 6, W. F. Bonner 7, W. Webb 8.

All who rang in the quarter-peal rang with Stephen Wood at Clifton. The band now ring at Emmanuel Church. A commemorative peal was also rung at St. Mary's, Redcliffe.

Royal Cumberland Youths

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT GOSPEL OAK.

The meeting held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, London, N.W., on November 23rd, was a memorable occasion, as it embodied a memorial service and the unveiling of a tablet erected in the belfry to past ringers at the church who were also all members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The service was dedicated to the memory of Mr. E. Bonfield, late steeplekeeper at St. Martin's, also to Ronald C. Fowler and Peter A. Blamey, who lost their lives during the war while serving with the R.A.F.

The ringers whose names have now been perpetuated on the memorial in the belfry include men who were held in very high estimation in the Exercise in days gone by, and are as follows:—

G. Newson	J. Hannington
T. Titchener	H. Ellis
E. Smith	A. Jacobs
H. Brightman	E. Chapman
E. Young	R. Bevan
F. Smith	E. Bonfield

The service was conducted and the unveiling ceremony performed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Robinson), who also presided at the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Miss Sheila E. Harris (Isleworth), Mr. F. W. Garner (Acton) and Mr. Edwin T. Chapman (Lowestoft).

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 1st, and it was stressed as most important that members who intended to be present should notify the secretary beforehand if they required tea.

With regard to the bi-centenary celebrations, the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, proposed that enquiries should be set on foot with a view to the holding of a dinner if possible in July next. A report on this will be presented at the annual general meeting.

The address at the service was given by the Vicar of St. John the Baptist's, Islington (the Rev. G. L. Tranter), and the bells were rung half-muffled during the afternoon and evening.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Hereford Diocesan Guild have issued their annual report, which embraces the period between January 1st, 1940, and December 31st, 1945.

The report, which is published under the signatures of Mr. W. Poston (Master) and the Rev. E. G. Benson (hon. secretary and treasurer), Burghill Vicarage, Hereford, indicates that all but three districts of the Guild were again active and holding well-attended quarterly meetings. There is every prospect of a full recovery of the Guild's activities in the coming year.

'There are many new young ringers who are keen and our numbers are far better than we had at first anticipated—538 ringing members as compared with 616 in 1939. Reports from districts seem to show that many towers lack competent instructors. Much will depend, therefore, in the next few years on the keenness of district ringing masters, on whom the responsibility will largely fall for encouraging and instructing beginners both at "combined practices" and also where possible by visiting towers or practice night.'

During the period 1940-45 fifteen members rang their first peal, six their first peal of Minor and four of Major. There were two new conductors.

The Roll of Honour for the 1939-45 war consisted of Frederick Bassett (Leominster), Peter Brawn (Ross), Harry Chandler (Kington District, unattached), Richard Hadley (Almsley), William J. Preece (Staunton-on-Arrow), and Frederick J. Watkins (Clifford).

At Swavesey, Cambs, Keith Norman has rung his first 720 Bob Minor from the treble. Conductor, F. Warrington.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Judd 1, J. King (first quarter on eight) 2, K. L. Brown (first quarter in method) 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, A. Cutler 5, F. A. Finch 6, L. H. Bowler 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor, as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Briggs upon his retirement after 42 years as Rector of Amersham: J. Townsend 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. Chaiwin 4, W. E. Redrup (conductor) 5, W. Edwards 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Shipway): J. E. Ballard 1, R. Hinckman 2, E. P. Austin 3, H. E. Balaam 4, Miss Esme Taylor (first quarter) 5, J. Weaver 6, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): F. A. Smith 1, J. R. Mayne 2, P. M. Mayne 3, T. Clark (first quarter in method) 4, P. Parslow 5, J. E. Rootes 6, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 7, C. C. Mays 8.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 1, G. S. Morris 2, J. Barrett 3, J. L. Glyde 4, A. J. Scott 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, C. W. Poole 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. G. Talbot 1, A. J. Claydon 2, J. Pink 3, D. Johnson 4, T. Miles 5, D. Parsons 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, F. Jennings 8, W. Claydon 9, J. Euston 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by ringers of 4 and 6.

BILGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lawson 1, O. Castleman 2, Miss D. Udale (first away from treble) 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Udale 5, P. Smith 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, E. Bass 8.

HELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen 1, Miss A. White 2, E. J. Runter 3, A. Hume 4, H. Bradley 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6, R. Clark 7, R. C. Thiff 8.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Mark's, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Clifford 1, R. Agg 2, N. Davis 3, E. Savage 4, A. Clifford 5. First quarter-peat in the method by all the band. Ringers of 1 and 3 aged 15, 2 aged 17, and ringer of 5 aged 16 years.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Potheary 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Charge 3, J. Bennett 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, G. A. Parsons 6, H. W. Clark 7, W. Prockson 8.

CREDITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Pring 1, A. J. C. Holway 2, G. Skinner 3, F. Wreford 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, A. Truman 7, G. Luxton 8.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: F. Morris 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, P. G. Parrott (first quarter-peat) 3, T. A. Easterby 4, H. W. Clark 5, J. E. Warner 6, R. G. Long 7, R. E. Last 8.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCS.—On Nov. 17th at Christ Church, 1,260 Bob Major: W. Rigby 1, Miss M. E. Ridvard 2, W. Rimmer 3, A. Mawdesley 4, T. Marshall 5, E. Leyland 6, H. Leyland 7, J. Ridvard (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by treble, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 ringers.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 23rd at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Fletcher 1, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 2, E. G. Fletcher 3, E. T. Alawar 4, G. H. Williams 5, J. Scott 6, T. Russell 7, W. T. Froggatt 8. First attempt for a quarter-peat by the treble ringer.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, J. Parker 2, W. Mumby 3, J. Kennington 4, A. Swain 5, S. Broomfield 6, A. Pashley (conductor) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 2, L. Boumpfrey 3, R. M. Preston 4, R. Clouston (first of Stedman Caters) 5, T. C. Winderam 6, E. Boumpfrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. Barker 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th at the Church of St. John, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Hill 1, C. Hill 2, J. Waud 3, Mrs. H. Drake 4, C. W. King 5, H. Drake 6, L. Woodhead (conductor) 7, G. Waud 8. First quarter-peat rung on the bells since 1938 and was performed by the local company.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. J. Wilcox 1, P. D. Beedie (first inside) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. Wenban 7, W. Wenban (conductor) 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor (half-muffled): G. Dear 1, Miss D. Hare 2, J. Mayes 3, A. Dille 4, J. Church 5, L. Bywaters (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for ringers of 1 and 2.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): N. P. Thomas (first quarter) 1, D. E. G. Thomas (first quarter of Triples) 2, B. A. Rose 3, E. R. Gladman 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. J. Winter 6, J. E. Chilcott (first quarter Triples as conductor) 7, K. Gristwood (first quarter) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): R. Charge 1, C. A. Levett 2, R. Newman 3, S. J. Levett 4, R. H. Begrie 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): Miss H. Johnson (first attempt) 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Blaby 3, A. G. James 4, D. Cox 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Chambers 1, J. J. Mawby 2, A. Y. Tyler 3, J. Skeritt 4, G. F. Le Marquand 5, B. Lewis 6, A. Bigley (conductor) 7, E. Foster 8. Bells half-muffled. First quarter for ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 16th at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 1,056 Cambridge Maximus: H. G. Jilings 1, Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe 2, H. E. Smith 3, C. W. Pipe 4, W. P. Garrett 5, F. Fisher 6, L. C. Wightman 7, G. A. Fleming 8, W. J. G. Brown 9, O. G. Barnard 10, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 11, L. Brett 12.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th at St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Churchill 1, L. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, J. Owen 4, J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, J. Corrigan (conductor) 7, T. Veale 8. A farewell to Miss Churchill, who rang her first quarter.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lane (first quarter on eight) 1, A. Tozer 2, A. Bone 3, Miss R. M. Davies (first quarter in the method) 4, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 5, D. Birkinshaw 6, S. Pacey 7, R. H. Gilbert 8. On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. M. Atkins 1, Miss D. Watts (first quarter in the method) 2, Miss R. M. Davies 3, A. Bone 4, A. Tozer 5, D. Birkinshaw (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Pryke 1, S. Smith 2, Miss O. B. Lambert 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, M. T. Symonds 8.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 24th at St. John the Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Harrison 1, W. H. Clarke 2, John Bramley (conductor) 3, Gordon Olliffe 4, Bernard Green 5, Kenneth Simpson 6. First quarter as conductor and first quarter for ringers of 5 and 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Nov. 10th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Q. Cooper 1, R. F. Jones 2, P. M. White 3, Mrs. W. A. Avery 4, W. A. Avery (conductor) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter by ringers of first four bells.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): L. Stillwell (conductor) 1, A. V. Corden 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, H. Wood 4, C. Wood 5, A. E. Holden 6, A. E. Greenfield 7, H. J. Doick 8.

POPPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' Parish Church on Nov. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Bullock 1, R. Green 2, S. Croft 3, W. J. Ellis 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, C. W. Otley 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): R. Belsey 1, G. A. Naylor 2, T. A. Cross (first quarter inside) 3, F. G. Southgate 4, E. Naylor 5, F. J. Oheal (conductor) 6, W. J. Walker 7, B. A. Edwards 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th at St. John the Evangelist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Illman 1, H. Hoad 2, A. Gear 3, Miss E. Illman 4, F. Hoad 5, H. Woods 6, W. Clayton (conductor) 7, L. Boggis 8. First quarter for ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, D. Adams 2, C. R. Wright 3, T. C. Ryder 4, G. F. Tuke 5, A. Firth (conductor) 6.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob Minor: Arthur Bellamy 1, Walter Copperwheat 2, Ernest E. Whitmore 3, George W. Jeffs 4, Harry Richardson 5, William J. Whitmore (conductor) 6. First 720 Cambridge by 2nd ringer.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Grandsire Caters: L. Edwards 1, T. Pritchard 2, B. Latham 3, H. Newman 4, R. Thain 5, T. Wits 6, T. Price 7, G. Latham 8, L. Barry (conductor) 9, R. Sharpe 10. First quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters by treble and 8th.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Gardiner 1, Miss N. Davis 2, P. Anger 3, Miss M. Richards (first quarter as conductor) 4, I. Trueman 5, H. Austin 6, W. Trueman 7, W. Carter 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th at St. Peter's, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, W. C. Parker 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, E. Armstrong 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. B. Hessey 7, R. Lathbury 8.

UPTON MAGNA, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Beddow 1, J. Butler 2, C. Barron 3, W. Farmer 4, A. Pritchard (conductor) 5. First quarter-peat on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Hodgson 1, L. H. Bowler 2, F. H. Kilby 3, F. Housden 4, M. Hodgson 5, J. H. Botham 6, H. Kilby 7, A. Cutler (conductor) 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Butler, sen. 1, W. Butler 2, S. Bones 3, V. Glass 4, A. Cousins (first quarter-peat of Major) 5, A. Evers 6, J. Ridgewill 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major (half-muffled): G. Hurn 1, R. Francis 2, R. Fisher 3, G. Peggall 4, T. Spight 5, W. Farrow 6, W. Clover 7, H. Tooke (conductor) 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 10th, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): V. Bull 1, E. F. White 2, R. Gould 3, E. Norris 4, W. C. West 5, H. G. Blanchard 6, N. G. Knee (first as conductor) 7, T. Mallard 8. First quarter of Triples ringers of 1, 3 and 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Devoil 1, J. Suckling 2, L. Ladley 3, T. Cook 4, A. Redington 5, D. Hollis (conductor) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th at the Church of All Saints, Rockwell Green, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Salter 1, E. B. Barrington 2, G. Walford 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, P. R. Rowland 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 6, and first quarter 'inside' for ringer of 4.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Broadclyst Practice

VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the practice meeting of the Devon Guild at Broadclyst, over which there appears to be some controversy as to whether visitors should be allowed to ring methods in which the local ringers cannot join:—

I, as Ringing Master of the branch in which this tower is situated, should have been in charge of this meeting, but, owing to business reasons, was unable to attend.

If I had been there I should have had no hesitation in allowing visitors to ring whatever methods they desired for a reasonable time.

If any ringers, contemplating a visit to Devon, get the idea from the correspondence on this matter that they will not be welcome at any meeting of the Devon Guild, I can assure them that this is not the case.

We are always pleased to receive visitors at our meetings—they will have a hearty welcome and, within reasonable limits, plenty of ringing.—Yours sincerely,

J. L. S. GLANVILL, Ringing Master,
Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.

VISITORS' IMPRESSIONS

Dear Sir,—As one of the visitors at the meeting at Broadclyst on August 3rd, being advised by the Exeter ringers not to miss hearing these bells, I have the feeling that too much has been made of this matter. It should be borne in mind that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers have the right to air grievances, that is for the place for them, at their meetings.

My recollection is that far more Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung than of Double Norwich and Cambridge. The appointed ringing master did his duties firmly and well, even to indicating who should ring certain bells at times. He put me on the 2nd for the course of Cambridge, and I think two courses of Double Norwich were rung. Mr. Bennett was not far out in giving 20 minutes as spent on these two methods, plus a minute or two explaining the starts for Cambridge. Who were visitors and who local men I cannot say, as all were strangers to me except a few from Exeter.

The reason for people leaving the tower when not required to ring is beside the point, for the room was overcrowded at times, and I left it to listen to the bells outside and, incidentally, to play with my little grandson in the grass, returning later to take part in Stedman and Grandsire for those requiring practice until the meeting ended. Others did likewise. There was no question of visitors 'invading' the meeting in any way. After the cordial reception they gave me in Exeter and at Clyst I find it hard to believe that the complaint was really serious. Do they 'leg pull' in Devonshire?—Yours faithfully,

Stockport.

P. LAFLIN.

[This correspondence must now close.—Editor.]

TEACHING BY FILM

Dear Sir,—I am sure there are many who, like myself, are trying to get the 'old village bells' going again, but find it a very long and tiring job teaching beginners with very little help.

Could not this job be simplified by having a film taken of, say, a 120 of Minor in slow motion. It could then be shown to the beginners and the instructor could explain the working of the bells quite easily. The projector could be stonned when necessary to give a more minute explanation.

This scheme may seem fantastic to some people, but I think it could be done.

Could not each association purchase a projector and films and let them out to towers at moderate charge?—Yours faithfully,

Ely.

'CAMBS.'

Spliced Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I enclose the figures of the peal of Spliced Surprise, in which all the bells ring the whole work of the four methods, and which was referred to by Mr. A. J. Pitman in the issue of Nov. 22nd.—Yours sincerely,

Watford. H. G. CASHMORE.

5,056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. G. Cashmore.

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23645	—	—	2	SSLSSB
24536	2	—	—	SSBCCSC
65432	—	—	—	LBBBBBB
53624	—	—	—	SSCS
32546	—	—	—	SSSC
54326	—	—	—	LXCSC
25346	—	—	—	LCCSC
35426	—	—	—	LBBBSC
35264	2	2	—	LBLLLLL
42563	—	—	—	CSCXL
43265	—	—	—	CSBBBL
24365	—	—	—	CSCL
32465	—	—	—	CSCXL
54263	—	—	—	CSCXL
34562	—	—	—	CSBBBL
25463	—	—	—	CSCXL
56234	—	—	—	CSSS
23564	—	—	—	CXCXL
36524	—	2	—	CSCXSSS
52364	—	—	—	LCL
65324	—	—	—	LXL
42356	—	—	—	LXCSC
34256	—	—	—	LXCSC
23456	—	—	—	LXCSC

X=S or C.

Each bell does all the work of the four methods.

KIPPAX BELLS

Dear Sir,—Somewhat belated, I should like to call attention to the dedication by the Bishop of Ripon on September 14th of the fine peal of six bells, tenor 13 cwt., at Kippax, near Leeds. The west tower, a landmark for miles around, previously had three bells, 1636, 1638, 1638. Messrs. Taylor have added two new trebles and a tenor and recast the first two of the old bells. The other bell forms the fifth of the new peal and was probably cast by William Oldfield.

The cost of the whole work, including new frame and fittings, was met by public subscription, and is in grateful memory of those who were called upon to lay down their lives in the war 1939-1945, and in honour of those who actively served.

F. ATKINSON.

York.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

At a well-attended meeting held at Stow-on-the-Wold on November 23rd, the Rev. N. E. Hope, Ringing Master, in the chair, it was unanimously decided to form a branch of the above association for the Deaneries of Stow-on-the-Wold and Campden. A committee meeting is to be held on December 11th at 7 p.m.

The Rev. F. M. Christian Hare was elected chairman, and Mr. Raymond Hicks, of Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold, secretary. It is hoped to get members from five eight-bell towers and the neighbouring five and six-bell towers.

At the meeting reference was made to the death of Mr. Walter Large, who in the past had done very valuable work and who was an indefatigable worker for the improvement of change bell ringers in this district.

Shropshire Association

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT WELLINGTON.

A good proportion of young ringers, who are making useful progress, was included in the attendance of over 50 members at the pleasant meeting of the Shropshire Association at Wellington on November 16th. Towers in the county represented were Broseley, Berrington, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Coalbrookdale, Cound, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Malins Lee, Presc. Albrighton, Shrewsbury (St. Chad's and St. Mary's), and Wellington, together with visitors from Stoke-on-Trent and Blakenhall (Wolverhampton).

The Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Carr) welcomed the ringers and conducted the association service, giving a very helpful address. Tea was prepared in the Parish Room, at which the Vicar presided. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome and to the ladies for preparing tea was proposed by the Rev. E. H. Tutt, Vicar of Malins Lee.

Before returning to the tower the handbells were brought into use for courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major, and musical selections given by Madeley ringers under the direction of Mr. J. Stanier. The tower bell ringing consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Superlative. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. A. Pritchard (Deputy Master).

The next meeting will be the annual for 1947 at Shrewsbury, and it is hoped to arrange this for February 1st.

E.D.P.

CHANGE RINGING TELEVISED

It would be interesting to know how many ringers saw ringing history being made on the evening of Saturday, November 30th, during the television feature, 'Quiz with Hale,' which consisted of a series of conundrums in sound and picture, designed to outwit the general knowledge of all save those who knew 'Encyclopedia Britannica' from cover to cover. But change ringing found its 'place in the sun,' and near the end of the programme three ringers went through the motions of ringing Plain Bob Minor without actually holding handbells, while Lionel Hale, the quiz master, and Joyce Grenfell invited the 'viewers' to guess what they were doing. The only clue was that they were not drawing beers!

Then followed on the handbells a well-struck touch of three leads of Bob Minor. The sound of the bells and the calls—Bob, Single, Single—came through very clearly and the ringers looked as though ringing before television cameras had been their long accustomed practice. The ringers were D. C. Birkinshaw 1-2, F. M. Atkins (conductor) 3-4, G. Dodds 5-6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Leonard's on November 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Rex E. A. Beach (first 720) 1, E. G. Godley 2, W. K. Sharpe 3, A. J. Cherryman 4, G. A. Steele (conductor) 5, L. Brown (first 720) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. E. J. Morgan, Rector of Aldington from 1893 to 1912.

BARNBY DON, DONCASTER.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on November 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ernest Short (first 720 of Cambridge) 1, Eric D. Critchley (first 720 of Cambridge) 2, James Thorley 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, Frank Reed, R.A.F. (conductor) 5, Ernest J. Padgett 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th at St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hunt 2, J. Netlev 3, J. Daughtery 4, G. Lee (conductor) 5, T. Wells 6. LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, A. Phillips 2, A. Lawrence 3, A. Carter 4, N. Patmore 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is *one penny per word, minimum 2s.* For additional insertions with no change, one half above charge for each insertion.

Christmas Greetings will be inserted in issues of December 13th and 20th. Price 2s. 6d. 30 words.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

TWENTY-FIVE HANDBELLS, by Taylor, 2 octaves, G chromatic; excellent condition; best offer above £26.—Box No. 108, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF 18 or more wanted for tunc ringing; good condition essential.—D. M. Fidgin, Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln.

GOOD SET OF 12 HANDBELLS; must be in good condition.—Capt. Samson, R.A.C. School, Bovington, Dorset.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of E. T. P. Field is now Bleak House, Bookham Lane, Alton Pancras, Dorchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Eastern District.—Cottingham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

ESSEX ASSN. — Northern District. — Meeting at Halstead (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Mad Hatter Cafe. Please send numbers to G. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. Nomination of district officers at this meeting.—A. H. S.

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern District. — Next meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane; Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Hallow, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers early. — Ernest F. Gubberley, Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Lydd, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton before tea, Great Barford after tea, on Dec. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at Great Barford.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Dec. 7th. Cups of tea and meeting 5. Ringing 3 to 7.30, followed by concert and dance (in aid of Guild Bell Repair Fund) in Village Hall, 7.45 to 11.45. Last bus to Leicester 9.30, Hinckley 10.50. — W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Address by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Page Phillips). Tea at Gush's Restaurant at 5, followed by usual business. Ringing 7 to 8.30. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD—Oxford City Branch. — Annual meeting, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., at Sterling Cinema.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Annual meeting at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follows.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — District meeting at Woodbridge, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

NORWICH ASSN. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Brockdish, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 7th, St. Mary Redcliffe. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea approximately 5.15 p.m. in north transept. Business to follow.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch, —Wednesday, December 11th, at 7 p.m.—Raymond Hicks, Clarendon, Stow-on-the-Wold.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.2, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. J. Dearlove, Cloverdale, College Lane, Hassocks, by 11th. — E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT. — Willenhall (10), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting (Lion Hotel) 5 p.m. Names or numbers by Dec. 10th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Portsmouth District) & **SUSSEX ASSN.** (Western Division). — Joint meeting, Westbourne (8), Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Dec. 11th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District. — Saturday, Dec. 14th, Thrybergh, nr. Rotherham. Dedication of 6 bells (old five rehung and new treble added) at 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, by Wednesday, 11th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., Emmanuel Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notification for tea by Dec. 10th to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Special general meeting, Southwell, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.45. Meeting follows, to consider rule revision and officially open the Newark district. Names for tea to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—T. Groombridge, jun.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Heath (5), Dec. 14th. Cups of tea will be provided; bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, December 14th. Kindly let me know the number likely to be present not later than the 11th.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Escrib (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winslow, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 11th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at All Saints', Huntingdon (6), on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Glenn on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, The Crown Inn. Names by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Other towers later.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Histon (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Marden, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Names to Mr. J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Names to A. G. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222), by Wednesday the 11th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Frome (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Sat., Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Atlantic Tea Rooms.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Claire District.—Meeting at Bures (St. Mary, 6), Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 2.30. Tea at Corner Cafe 5 p.m., followed by business. Please advise if wanting tea, Mr. Les Mills, Bellringer, Bures, by the 13th.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottages, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett.

ST. DAVID'S DIO. GUILD.—Quarterly, Llanely (6), Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Number for tea not later than Dec. 7th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanely, Carm.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—St. Mary's, Beverley, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided for all who notify, by Dec. 10th, G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon (Christ Church, 10), Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., White Hart Hotel. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern District.—North Shields (10), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) to S. Hewitt, 7, Military Road, North Shields, by Thursday, Dec. 12th.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Dunsfold, dedication of recast bells (6), Sunday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Bells open for ringing after the dedication service.—A. C. Hazelden, Dis. Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS. ASSN.—Audley, Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 3.30 p.m., a new peal of eight bells (by Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, D.D., Lord Bishop of Lichfield. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, not the 14th. Please note change of date. Bells from 2.30. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec.

RINGING AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL on the third Saturday every month, commencing on Dec. 21st, from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rochester District.

BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
BY JOSEPH S. CARTER.

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CANADA'S MESSAGE

Placed here on high we serve the town,
Beneath the Crown, beneath the sky.

Differing in size, in note, and weight
Yet, small or great, we harmonise.

With measured speech, well timed and true,
Our message there we tell to each.

Brief, clear, and bold, we say our say,
And then straightway our peace we hold.

O mortal race, our lesson learn,
Each has his turn, and time and place.

These lines were sent to us from Vancouver, British Columbia, and they appeared in the 'Vancouver Daily Province,' heading a full page article on ringing in general and the bells of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in particular. Associated with the article is Mr. A. C. Limpus, who spent his boyhood days at Twickenham and rang peals at Macclesfield for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, King Edward's Coronation and death, and for the Coronation of King George V. With him at Vancouver is Mr. J. Watts, who learnt his ringing at Wigan and also has English peals to his credit.

The story of these bells at Vancouver is interesting. The first seven bells were cast in Savoy, France, and hung in 1900. Mr. Limpus interested the clergy and congregation on the importance of having a proper octave. Five years later the new bells were installed, the old ones having been shipped to Llewellyn and James, of the Castle Green Foundry at Bristol, and recast. On seeing the bells unloaded at the docks Mr. Limpus thought his troubles were about over. 'While loading the eight bells on to a huge dray,' he writes, 'I was stopped by a customs officer, who wanted 30 per cent. duty. We naturally had a few words, as church bells had always entered Canada free, but while the bells were away, there had been a readjustment of the whole Canadian tariff, and church bells were not either in the dutiable or free list, having been overlooked. An appeal was made to the Surveyor of Customs for Vancouver without success; the Member of Parliament for Vancouver (Mr. R. G. McPherson) was then approached and, after some delay, he managed to get a special order-in-council passed, placing church bells on the free list, an order which is, I believe, still in force.'

The finest ring of eight bells in Canada, according to Mr. Limpus, are those installed some years back in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. They were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who expressed the opinion that they were 'sorry to see them leave England, as they were the finest toned bells they had ever cast.' This peal is in the key of D flat, and the tenor weights 30 cwt., and is named after King George V., and another after Queen Mary. The six larger bells are the gift of Mrs. May Geraldine Mozley in memory of her brother. The two treble bells, recording the life and work of two honoured residents of Victoria, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Robert Meredith Matson, are the gift of Ada Teresa Matson, in loving memory of her husband and son.

The special message of Mr. Limpus through his newspaper feature article is the need for recruits. Those who ring the Holy Rosary bells are men who are in and past the prime of life. It appears that the magnetic attraction of the belfry has no lure to the young men of Vancouver. We feel certain, however, that whether from this country or from Canada itself will be found recruits, men and women who believe that bells are the 'music bordering nearest heaven' or like the character of Anton Chekhov's, who 'was a rationalist, but he had to confess that he liked the ringing of church bells.' Canada loves her bells, and there is sufficient love of English custom and home life to ensure that they will not remain silent.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs. Nov. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 8007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 4	EDGAR T. SMITH ... 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 11
ALFRED ADAMS ... 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. HOWELL.
* 30th peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. M. Fox Harrison (aged 88 years), for 46 years a churchwarden at this church.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1946, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*PETER NIX ... Treble	FRANK W. BROWN ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
† J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 3	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 8
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 4	FREDK. A. SALTER ... 9
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5	RICHARD J. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal 'inside.'

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	JOHN JACKSON ... 6
THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 2	ARTHUR HATCH ... 7
WM. SHARPLES ... 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 8
*JOHN CHARNOCK ... 4	*FRED ALMOND ... 9
THOS. H. HORRIDGE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. (25). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. This composition is rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*EDWARD C. WEAVER ... Treble	† MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
† ALLAN SHORT ... 2	† FREDK. W. RISHWORTH ... 7
† GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	* J. WM. PETTIGREW ... 8
† JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	† RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 9
* TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	† FRED PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. F. SWANN.
* First peal of Erin. † First peal of Erin Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Erin Caters.

POPLAR, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 6 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN G. NASH ... Treble	*GEORGE E. GREEN ... 6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 3	HERBERT J. ANDREWS ... 8
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5	SQUIRE CROFT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham, and 40th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
*JAMES HIGGINS ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 8
*STANLEY E. DARMON ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... 9
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER H. RAXTER ... Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5	FRED CRUMP ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.



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On Tues., Dec. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
JOHN W. JONES <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST STITCH 6
CHARLES GREEDY 2	ALFRED W. HEATH 7
*TREVOR M. RODERICK... 3	ALFRED PARNELL 8
LESLIE BAINHAM 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	WILLIAM MASON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. STITCH.
 * First peal on ten bells. First as conductor on ten bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Dean of Monmouth, Canon Joseph Gwyn Davies.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDMONTON, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.	
VICTOR D. WOODARDS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF ASMTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.	
*F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM ROGERS 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 2	*THOMAS E. SONE 6
*FRANK H. HICKS 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
*FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Treble</i>	+ALAN F. THIRST 5
+LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
+PERCY J. SPICE 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
+ALAN WHITE 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* 25th peal together. + First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.	
ROBY GIBBONS <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
STANLEY R. COCKELL ... 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 3	HAROLD SMITH 7
ARTHUR W. ANGEL 4	CYRIL GIBBONS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon F. H. Sangster, who is retiring after 12 years' ministry in this parish.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
 AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.	
Parker's Twelve-part.	
THOMAS SENIOR <i>Treble</i>	*JOSEPH GIBSON 5
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 2	JAMES T. TITT 6
RICHARD BUSBY 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
ROLAND PARK 4	THOMAS COOKE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal.

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

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
JAMES F. HARVEY ... <i>Treble</i>	+G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
*REV. M. C. C. MEIVILLE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
 * 100th peal and first of Yorkshire. + 50th peal this year. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).	
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL <i>Treble</i>	RONALD FOWKES 5		
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6		
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 7		
*HAROLD DENMAN ... 4	ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
 * First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.	
*BRIAN P. MARSHALL ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 4	GEORGE V. DEACON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
 * First peal (age 13). Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Robert Woods, who was inducted at St. Thomas' the previous day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.	
*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	NORMAN V. HARDING... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	*HAROLD A. MAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
GEORGE MARTIN <i>Treble</i>	WALTER LEE 5		
PERCY NEWTON 2	ARTHUR NEWTON 6		
*DAVID COX 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7		
HARRY WINGROVE ... 4	VICTOR EVANS <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
 * First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John Evans, who was interred on November 29th.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS BETTY MORTON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	GORDON LAWRENCE ... 6
THOMAS H. MATHER ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
REGINALD W. WORRAL... 4	CECIL RADDON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.

* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. THORLEY Treble	J. LUNHAM 4
S. FLINT 2	W. DEACON 5
T. FOSTER 3	G. SKELLAND 6
R. GUY Tenor	

Conducted by W. DEACON.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	*RICHARD G. R. PEGG ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
*DAPHNE E. GOOD ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. COOK Treble	ROBRET W. PARKER ... 4
JOHN F. PEARSON ... 2	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 5
*CYRIL WARD 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	*ALBERT WALKER ... 4
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, and also to the conductor.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge, two of Oxford, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

ARTHUR PEAKE Treble	ALAN D. STEEL 4
WILLIAM F. GIBBONS ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
FREDK. WILSHAW 3	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by NEVILLE HOLLAND.

First peal as conductor.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*P. TAMBLING (St. Peter's Hall) Treble	†HELMUT VON DER HEYDE (B.N.C.) 5
*PETER SEMENS (Exeter) 2	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) Tenor
ANNA SELLORS (St. Anne's) 3	
BETTY SPICE (Sommerville) 4	

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... Treble	†MISS E. FAULKNALL ... 4
ALFRED BALLARD 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
HENRY HOLLIS 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*WALTER J. HINTON ... Treble	*MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ... 4
CECIL HINTON 2	*ERNEST LINES 5
*REX GRAINGE 3	WM. YATES, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES, JUN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Annable's.	Tenor size 17 in A.
ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First peal of Major as conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 7-8
	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	MRS. J. THOMAS 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT BARIAN, CAWPER ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*F. CHARLES TURNER ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
	†WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First of Stedman Doubles.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	*PHILIP J. COWARD ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 16th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hilton 1, Betty Solly 2, L. Porritt 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, F. Reeves 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Millstead 8. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th and also birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. J. Lambert, sen. 1, S. H. Green 2, F. Bromley 3, H. J. Hammond 4, T. E. Sone (conductor) 5, E. Bromley 6, R. T. Lambert 7, A. W. Durham 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTER.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Flint 1, G. F. Ball 2, R. C. Tipler 3, W. R. Drury 4, C. E. Carr (conductor) 5, C. Cooke 6. First quarter-peat for ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Nov. 14th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. James 1, Miss D. Churcher 2, A. Atkins 3, W. Johnson 4, R. Abery (conductor) 5, H. Hearn 6. First quarter 'inside' for ringer of 3rd. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the ringer of the treble.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: Miss M. R. Jaycock 1, Miss J. Hearn 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss J. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, C. A. Burgess 6, J. D. Taylor 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Murkitt. First quarter in the method by the St. Peter's Society.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Pullin 1, A. H. T. Parker 2, Mrs. E. A. Walker 3, J. Weaden 4, G. Prescott 5, H. A. Price 6, H. W. Knight (conductor) 7, W. H. Court 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): B. Gillatt 1, J. Bray (conductor) 2, Mrs. J. Bray 3, G. Thompson 4, A. Tomlinson 5, G. W. Moody 6, P. Barnes 7, W. B. Bray 8. Rung immediately following the interment of Sir B. D. G. Sheffield, patron of this church.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 26th, at Holy Nativity, Knowle, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cocks 1, F. J. Sampson 2, D. C. Clibbens 3, R. G. Hooper 4, J. M. Stallard 5, N. A. Purnell 6, R. C. Seager (conductor) 7, W. Cocks 8. Half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. E. Feltham, donor of the bells. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3, 6 and 8. First quarter of Triples for ringer of 2.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 27th at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Sansom 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, M. V. Chilcott (conductor) 3, J. Sansom 4, Horace Belcher 5, P. Woodgyer 6. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Woodgyer's wedding (parents of the 6th ringer).

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Elsgood 1, S. Stone 2, J. Webb 3, E. Nobles (conductor) 4, G. Webb 5, V. Parry 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. Seldon 4, G. E. Retter (conductor) 5, J. Salway 6, A. G. Betts 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Trapnell, died 1716.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On Nov. 23rd at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Gardiner 1, Miss M. Richards (conductor) 2, W. Truman 3, Miss N. Davis 4, J. Berry 5, I. Truman 6, W. Carter 7, W. Daniell 8. Also 1,280 Kent Major.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Parker 1, F. Benfield 2, J. Dunkley 3, S. Earl 4, G. Allard 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 of Doubles (540 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 120 Union), half-muffled: E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Meates 2, H. L. F. Derrick (conductor) 3, C. Kortright 4, E. F. Shearn 5, R. E. Durbin 6. In memory of Mrs. T. King.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, at St. Lawrence's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hilton 1, Miss B. Solley 2, L. J. Hilton 3, L. A. Porritt 4, S. J. Gee 5, J. Russell 6, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 7, A. Curling 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's on Nov. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Munns 1, L. Page 2, W. Theobald 3, I. Mussell 4, L. Harris (conductor) 5, R. Turner 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: E. A. Andrews 1, Miss D. Corke 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, H. Baker 6, R. Collins 7, S. Etheridge 8.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov. 25th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Madeline M. Lyon 1, G. Rathbone (first quarter) 2, R. J. Edden 3, F. I. Eaton 4, J. R. Ball 5, W. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. Shadrack 1, Miss A. White 2, J. Myhill 3, E. Runter 4, J. K. Shadrack 5, H. W. Shadrack (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, who was home on leave from Palestine. It was also his first quarter-peat.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Nov. 20th, at Sketty Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 1 and 2 leading: F. W. Buttery 1, C. Crane 2, L. Knight 3, A. Edwards 4, J. Edney 5, D. J. Williams 6, A. Hoare (conductor) 7, G. Rees 8. Rung for induction of new Vicar.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 24th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: K. Jones 1, D. A. Bayles 2, L. Hansell 3, C. Sayers 4, T. Southam 5, W. J. Arnold 6, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Sprague 8, R. F. Ewer 9, B. Cornell 10.

TRYSULL STAFFS.—At 'The Bell' on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on hand-bells: A. V. Pearson 1-2, H. Howell (conductor) 3-4, A. G. Newman 5-6.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Birthday congratulations to Mr. J. W. Jones, who was 81 on December 5th. Two days before he rang the treble to the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Woolos', Newport. He rang the treble well and deserves all best wishes for a happy birthday and a successful peal on Saturday at his own tower, All Saints', Newport,' writes the conductor.

Christmas greetings will be a feature of our next issue. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

Little Bob Major is coming into fashion. Quarter-peals have been rung this week at Burnham, Willesden and Wye (Kent).

We have received good news from Surfleet. Mr. Rupert Richardson is making progress, but is not allowed to do anything.

Within six days of his 78th birthday, Mr. John E. Clarke rang a peal at South Wigston on November 30th. Since the bells were installed in 1901 he has been a member of the local band and takes a second place to no one in keenness and regular attendance for service and practice ringing.

Interest will be taken in the publication in our peal columns of a peal of Minor at Sefton, Liverpool, with the tenor covering. It is left to the Peal Analysis Committee to interpret the ruling. The conductor informs us that it was rung after meeting short for Major and not to open up a new field of controversy.

With the peal at South Wigston, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, has completed 50 peals this year. They cover all numbers from Doubles to Maximus in the methods Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, London, York, Yorkshire and Bognor Surprise. The total also includes the record long peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford Cathedral.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exercise did not forget the 93rd birthday of Mr. James George, of Birmingham. This issue contains peals in honour of the event rung at Poplar, London; Handsworth, Birmingham; East Markham, Notts; and Allesley, Warwickshire.

Ideal Christmas gift to your ringing friend—a year's subscription for 'The Ringing World.' Send name and address and 17s. to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

The Smiths are reputed to be the biggest family in this country. At Biggleswade, Beds, five members of one family participated in the following 1,260 Grandsire Triples on Nov. 30th: O. Smith (aged 14) 1, Miss Betty Smith 2, A. Oldfield 3, R. Smith 4, S. H. Wallis 5, H. Smith 6, C. J. Smith (first in method as conductor) 7, N. Bett 8.

Mrs. M. A. Nunn, mother-in-law of Mr. P. E. Clark, a member of the band of St. Mary's, Ealing, attained the age of 100 years on Nov. 22nd. The event was commemorated by 1,260 Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Mary's on November 24th by the following band: J. P. Kent 1, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 2, C. J. Tricker 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

Welsh determination won through in regard to the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Woolos', Newport, on December 3rd, which was rung as a welcome to the new Dean of Newport, the Very Rev. J. G. Davies. The first attempt was on the day of his induction, October 18th; another was made on the following Tuesday, which came to grief after nearly two hours' good ringing. The peal was the first Mr. E. Stitch had conducted of Caters; he had never called a Bob in Caters previously.

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EDITORIAL POSTBAG—from Australia, Devon, Oxford and Sussex

An Outspoken Letter

'THE STRANGE GOD CAMPANOLOGY.'

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' causes deep reflection, for I feel that the root of the whole matter goes very much deeper than merely an attack on our towers and bells by an outside business interest.

I think, perhaps, that it would be wise to say at this stage that I have just recently become converted, and am writing with a full and trusting belief in Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and my outlook on many, indeed all things, has been so changed that most of those who have known me in the past as an ardent peal ringer may be quite surprised and perhaps shocked by this letter, and if at first this seems irrelevant to the subject under discussion. I hope you, sir, will do me the honour of publishing it in full, involving as it does the negation of former loyalties on my part.

I have, as many know, been ringing all over the country in the past twenty odd years, and I know full well the joys of good ringing, be it peal or service touch. I cannot now rid myself of the view that the lay clergy are right in all they say at meetings on this most burning question of attendance at divine worship, and I see now that most of the ringing done to-day would in God's sight constitute almost a heathen worship of the strange god campanology with our towers as his temple—how indeed can it be otherwise when probably not more than two in ten ringers give divine worship a passing thought, being content with the thought that 'We've done our job and now it's up to the parson.' This is, I say, the general attitude, though there are, of course, exceptions, and my Christian ringing friends will not quarrel with me.

Getting back to your leader, sir, I would ask then how are we as ringers fitted to withstand any attack from without? Are we not by this slackness on our part laying ourselves open to the very thing we fear?

Take the case of the tower with a good strong band of ringers—I know of many where the tower is the only part of the building of any interest to the ringers—suppose the 'powers that be' decided to put in an amplifier, what grounds would those ringers have to stand up to it. Are we not rather like soldiers going to battle with no training, or in ringing terms like a man ringing Surprise before he can handle a bell?

This, sir, is, I feel, the root of the whole matter, and I feel it is up to us ringers to make this Exercise a real service of Christ within His Church by becoming believers even at the cost of some of our ringing. By this I mean that every ringer should make himself a regular member of one tower and one congregation, and then only shall we, as Christians, be able to withstand any attack from without, for who can stand if the house be divided? In short, let us stop breaking the first and second commandments and let the Lord Jesus Christ come into the towers instead of confining Him to the east end of the church.

—Yours faithfully,
Richard A. Post.
Headington, Oxford.

YOUTH AND AGE AGREE

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in the letters expressing readers' opinions on the length of peals. Personally, I agree with Mr. Keeble, for if the length of the standard peal is shortened it will not be such an achievement, but on the other hand, if it is lengthened there will not be so much peal ringing done. Also, peal ringing is a strain and I do not think we want the strain increased.

I should like here to send my best wishes to Mr. Keeble, although I do not know him.—Yours sincerely,

STELLA M. WICKENS.
Blackstone, Henfield, Sussex.

Pancraswyke

SOME VERY HAPPY MEMORIES.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that your query regarding Pancraswyke will elicit prompt information from the Holsworthy and Bridgerule ringers, but as I lived in the shadow of this tall tower for several months in 1935, I can at least testify to its existence.

Although the house we lived in belonged to the churchwarden, who was likewise captain of the ringers, I never succeeded in seeing the bells, despite many suggestions on my part. I understand that there are (or were) five in ringing condition, but heavy going, weight unknown (to me). In the period of my residence, which included the Silver Jubilee celebrations, I never heard the bells. They were only rung on special occasions by a band gathered for the purpose—never for service or practice.

Pancraswyke is on the main road to Bude from Holsworthy, about two miles or better from the latter town. It is reached by a narrow road running to the northwards, which connects with the Bradworthy road a mile or so away. There is (or was) only one bus a week on the main road to Bude. The church is served from Bradworthy.

I have very happy memories of the parish and its genial Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Dobson, but I am writing this letter chiefly to recall the hospitality and good fellowship of the enthusiastic ringers at Bridgerule, two or three miles away, who made me regret that my sojourn among them had to be so short. They had the kindness to arrange a farewell peal for me at the neighbouring tower of Pyeworthy, in the record of which my name had the highly unusual footnote, 'First peal in England,' all my previous peals having been rung at St. Patrick's in Dublin.—Yours truly,
A. J. CORRIGAN.
Bitton, near Bristol.

YET TO BE VISITED.

Dear Sir,—I enjoyed the geographical quiz concerning the whereabouts of Pancraswyke that appeared in Belfry Gossip on November 25th. I have been acquainted with the position of Pancraswyke on the borders of Devon and Cornwall for 60 years, but the church has escaped inclusion in my list of Devon towers where I have rung because arrangements organised by various friends have not materialised. Twice this year I have had disappointments.

Once a motor-coach failed in the early stages of a tour with the resulting elimination of Pancraswyke and the imposition of a five miles' walk back to the starting point. As a member of the party who always plumps for a third-class ride instead of a first-class walk, I had an unexpected experience of both. Another time delays necessitated a shortening of the programme, and with my usual self-denial I agreed to the cutting out of Pancraswyke so that others could have the pleasure of ringing at Holsworthy.

However, like Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Mikado.'

'My object all sublime
I shall achieve in time.'

It is to ring in all available five, six, eight, ten or twelve bell towers in Devon and incidentally to improve my knowledge of local history. My total to date is 363. Pancraswyke and three others will complete the round.—Yours respectfully,
A. W. SEARLE.
20, Mount Dinham, Exeter.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Annual and quarterly subscribers are reminded that subscriptions become due on January 1st.

A Tour in Australia

STIMULATING INTEREST IN CHANGE RINGING.

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' reports of outings by the various towers and associations in England. Perhaps it would be of interest to your readers to learn something of the activities of the N.S.W. Association.

Nine members of the association paid a visit to West Maitland, a country town 125 miles north of Sydney, for the week-end of November 9th and 10th. Two cars made the trip, one leaving on the Friday night at 7.30 p.m. and arriving at West Maitland at midnight. On Saturday morning these ringers donned overalls and gave the frame and bells a good overhaul and oiling for the week-end.

The bells are a set of cast steel bells with a tenor of 14 cwt. by Vickers, Ltd. The tower is separate from the church building and is of brick, being 80ft. high. To enter the tower one must climb a steep stairway on the outside of the tower to ringing chamber about 20ft. up. The ringing chamber is about 15ft. square and the ceiling approximately 15ft. The ropes fall in a good circle, nicely spaced, making it quite a comfortable tower to ring in.

The other car left on the Saturday morning and arrived in the early afternoon. On arrival we were pleased to find that there were four of the local chaps who had taken on ringing since our last visit, the result being that the bells were much easier going than last time.

We were cordially welcomed by the Rev. Mr. Stretch, his wife and family. The ringing started at 2.30 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon. A number of 120's of Doubles were rung in different methods, also a touch of Plain Bob Minor. Ringing finished at 5.30 p.m. and the band adjourned to the hotel for dinner. We rang again on the Saturday evening.

Sunday morning the bells were rung half-muffled for Armistice Day, and rung open at the close of the service. Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells for the benefit of the congregation. Quite a large percentage of the people had never heard handbells before and enjoyed the novelty very much.

More ringing on the Sunday afternoon until 4 p.m., after which we had afternoon tea in the church grounds, Mrs. Stretch doing the honours. We left at 5.30 p.m. for home, a detour being made to inspect the Cathedral at Newcastle, where there is some talk of a ring of ten bells being installed.

We arrived in Sydney at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable week-end, much of its success being due to the wonderful hospitality we received at the hands of Rev. Stretch and family.

One thing our visit did accomplish, that was to arouse the interest of the local ringers in change ringing, the secretary of the N.S.W. Association undertaking the job of sending information by post to the more enthusiastic members of their band.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM M. ROWE, Hon. Secretary.
N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Mr. L. W. Andrews (aged 87) has been a ringer at Longparish, Hants, for 70 years, and up to the age of 79 had not progressed further than ringing the tenor behind. When nearing his 80th year he decided that he must take a lighter bell. This meant learning change ringing, which he successfully accomplished despite his advancing years. He is now a reliable ringer of Minor on the treble. On December 1st he took part in his longest length of 1.260 Doubles, consisting of 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire, each 120 called differently. It was the first quarter in three methods by all the band, which consisted of L. W. Andrews 1, F. Tonge 2, J. Pearson 3, J. Holloway 4, V. A. Jarrett (conductor) 5, G. Brown 6.

SOME NOTES ON CONDUCTING

Singles

We have so far considered only the effect of bobs. The difference in function between bobs and singles is that the former affect three bells and the latter only two. The practical effect, as far as the conductor is concerned, is that once a single has been called an entirely new series of possible coursing orders is introduced. When a second single is called the bells are immediately returned to the original series of possible coursing orders. We may for convenience refer to the series without singles as even and to the other series as odd. The older terms, still widely used, describing the nature of the changes before and after a single are 'in-course' (even) and 'out-of-course' (odd). It will be realised that, in a sense, one single is cancelled by the calling of another.

If a conductor can tell with certainty whether the bells are, as we say, in-course or whether they are out-of-course, he is already well on the way to knowing at any moment in a touch or peal whether the bells are right or wrong. It is the invariable rule in even-bell methods that if an odd number of singles has been called the bells are out-of-course, and if an even number the bells are in-course. The implication of this is that if you have called an odd number of singles you will never get the bells round at backstroke with bobs only. In other words, in any touch or peal in an even-bell method there must either be no singles at all or there must invariably be an even number of singles.

Singles are not required in treble-bob methods, i.e., methods in which the treble has a dodging hunt, because the treble strikes twice in each position on its way up and twice in each position on its way down. Both odd and even changes are obtained with the treble in any given position, whereas in plain methods all the changes when the treble leads at backstroke are of the same nature until altered by a single. For the purpose of the present articles we are merely accepting the truth of the mathematical laws which govern change ringing. There have been several learned expositions of these truths and the reader is particularly referred to 'Ropesight' and 'Treatise on Treble Bob' in the Snowdon series and to the articles which have appeared from time to time in the columns of 'The Ringing World' especially during the war years.

We shall return later to the means of recognising whether the bells are in or out of course, but first we will consider the effect on the coursing order of singles at the various positions of the tenor.

At the Wrong lead-end, as we saw last time, if no call is made the third makes seconds over the treble, the fifth dodges 3-4 up and the second dodges 3-4 down. At a single, the third makes seconds place as usual, the second makes thirds and back, and the fifth makes fourths exactly as he would have done if the call had been a bob. Considering once more our plain course coursing order we remember it to be 7532468. After a single at Wrong it becomes 7235468.

Similarly at the Middle from 7532468 a single produces 7536428, and at the Home from 7532468 a single produces 7542368.

Singles are not called at the Before lead as they would have the effect of reversing the coursing order of the seventh and tenor. It is customary for the seventh always to follow the tenor, and it is not considered acceptable musically for the tenor to follow the seventh. It may be noted, however, that the truth of a touch would not necessarily be affected by a single Before. The bells could still be got round at backstroke provided another single Before was called to return the seventh and tenor to their normal coursing.

We are now able to transpose the effect on the coursing order of any call, bob or single,

at any of the orthodox calling positions, and at this stage the student would be well advised to take a set touch of, say, Bob Major and call it, noticing the transpositions of the bells as he makes the calls. It should be emphasised that Bob Major is only taken as an example, and that calls in other methods at the same positions have precisely the same effect, although, of course, it is not always possible to apply the same touch unless the calling positions fall in the same order. For instance, in St. Clement's College Bob Major the Middle comes at the first lead.

A short two-course touch involving calls in all positions may be useful for practice.

23456	W	B	M	H
54362	—	1	—	S
23456	S	—	—	—

The various coursing orders involved are:—

At the start	7532468
After the Bob Wrong	7325468
After the Bob Before	7632548
After the Bob Middle	7635428
After the Single Home	7645328
After the Single Wrong	7546328
After the Bob Middle	7543268

Would be produced by the Bob Home, but the bells would be round before it could be seen

7532468

A longer touch, giving a full course with the bells in a particular coursing order, would be to call three Wrongs, three Middles, and three Homes. Between the last of the three Wrongs and the first of the three Middles the bells would be in the plain course, and similarly between the last of the three Middles and the first of the three Homes. Thus it may be seen that the whole of the plain course is present in the touch, but divided into three sections. If the touch is too long to ring at one attempt, call it on three different occasions. Call the three Wrongs only, and on another occasion call the three Middles, and on the third occasion call the three Homes. The calling of the basic touch is given below, and the student is advised to work out the various coursing orders on paper as shown above, and then to check them during the ringing.

23456	W	M	H
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

This is a touch of 784 changes, and may be doubled by calling a single instead of the last bob and repeating the whole. If the resulting 1568 is too long it may be shortened by omitting three consecutive bobs in the same position in one part only, giving 1,344 changes.

Successful conducting, like successful ringing, depends upon the proper co-ordination of practice with paper and pencil at home and practice at the end of a rope. You cannot have too much of either.

BAYCROP.

(To be continued.)

BARHAM HAS A RING OF FIVE

Barham, some six miles to the south-east of Canterbury, has now a ring of five. The dedication of the new bell—a tenor weighing 14 cwt.—took place at evensong on Advent Sunday. Canon R. U. Potts performed the dedication ceremony, which was followed by the singing of Psalm 150.

The bell is the joint gift of Lady Broome and Mr. A. J. Ross, and the inscription on it reads: 'In thankfulness for deliverance, 1939-45.'

Mr. Albert Walker

HIS FIRST PEAL OF MINOR.

By ringing his first peal of Minor at Allesley, Albert Walker, of Birmingham, now joins the 'select circle' of those who have rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

It is interesting to note that although Mr. Walker has rung no less than 371 peals on 12 bells in 37 different towers, he had never previously attempted a peal on six bells. It will be remembered that about 25 years ago he conducted the first and only peal of Stedman Sextuples ever rung.

Some of his older ringing friends had long planned the particular peal of Cambridge Minor now under review, and so it was that the 'four Franks,' together with Mr. J. H. White, of Coventry, and Mr. Albert Walker, visited the delightful village of Allesley, near Coventry, to set matters right.

The peal was successfully accomplished, and afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Rainbow Tavern, where they were joined by several members of the local company and sat down to an excellent meal provided by Mr. F. W. Perrens and ably served by Mrs. H. Summets.

Whilst this was in progress the Rector of Allesley, the Rev. Frank Moyle, called in and congratulated the ringers on their success. He mentioned that strenuous efforts were being made to have the two new bells installed in good time for next Easter's ringing, and that the local company were eagerly looking forward to the practice of eight-bell methods.

The visitors were delighted by the splendid spirit of friendliness shown by the Allesley ringers, and much appreciation was expressed for the thoughtful hospitality of Mr. Perrens.

It was a great pleasure also to mark the occasion of Mr. James George's 93rd birthday, and the kindly thoughts of all were turned to this wonderful veteran of the Exercise and hopes expressed that he would be with us for many more years to come. Birthday wishes were also tendered to Mr. F. W. Perrens.

J. F. S.

LOOKING AHEAD.

The issue of December 27th will contain the history of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, written by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Notices for this issue cannot be inserted if received later than Friday, December 20th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The pros and cons of the advisability or otherwise of ringing meetings clashing were discussed on more than one occasion at the North and East District meeting held at Bishopsgate on November 30th. The experience on this particular occasion was that the average attendance of over 30 ringers was maintained, the striking and choice of methods was up to standard, and the pleasure of welcoming ringers from well outside the district was repeated. London and its vast urban areas raises a peculiar situation by reason of there being the activities of several ringing organisations, and so it follows that occasional clashing of meetings is unavoidable.

The thanks of the association were extended to the Rev. E. Richards, recently returned from duties in the Army, for conducting evensong, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Cochrane (Hatfield), C. Cousins and W. W. Cousins (Terrington St. John) and L. R. Tarr (Oxhey).

The Chairman (Mr. A. W. Coles) announced that Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas were leaving Edmonton and the association was thereby losing two very good and energetic ringers. Other speakers, including Mr. G. Radley (Broxbourne), expressed regret, but wished them every success in their future.

The next meeting will be the annual of the district, which it is hoped will take place on January 18th.

Essex Association

DANBURY A POPULAR MEETING.

In spite of very inclement weather, the meeting of the South-Eastern District at Danbury on December 7th showed that the interest in ringing is not only being maintained, but is increasing, as witnessed by the number of young ringers who attended. Additional evidence of popularity of Danbury was the number of ringers who attended from towers outside the district.

After a bright and cheerful service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. S. Hopkirk, with Miss J. Thomas at the piano (the organ being completely destroyed by enemy action), a move was made to the Dainties Cafe for tea.

Before the business meeting, at which the District Master (Mr. H. J. Mansfield) presided, the members stood in silence in memory of George Cooper, a member of the Chelmsford Cathedral band, who had died since the last meeting. The Master also welcomed all the visitors and thanked the members for attending in such bad weather to support their district officers.

E. Rouse and K. Everett, of Burnham-on-Crouch, were elected ringing members, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Galleywood on January 18th, 1947.

The thanks of all present were expressed by the hon. secretary to the Rector and Miss Thomas and to Mr. E. Roast for making all the arrangements for the tea and meeting. It was also suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to Messrs. E. and A. Roast in the loss they had suffered by the death of their father the previous Wednesday.

The Rector, in reply, expressed his pleasure at having the association again at Danbury and assured them of a welcome whenever they could come.

Members and visitors were present from Boreham, Chelmsford, Broomfield, Burnham, Danbury, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Malden, Springfield, Great Waltham, Brentwood, Shenfield, Harwich, Peering, Kelvedon, Byfield and Bentley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

PRACTICE MEETING OF SALISBURY BRANCH.

On November 30th a practice meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Wilton and Barford. Ringing was at Wilton in the afternoon. Tea was served at the Greydawn Cafe, where the Rector joined the party and extended a hearty welcome to the members. After tea handbells were rung to an interested audience of ringers and other customers in the cafe.

Afterwards the ringers went on to Barford St. Martin, where the bells were kept going in various methods. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Minor to Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Ringers attended from Salisbury, Wilton, Downton, Breamore, Amesbury and Warminster.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. W. Knight 1, L. Pullen 2, J. Weaden 3, W. Kingcott 4, G. Prescott (conductor) 5, E. Fisher 6.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Nov. 17th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. H. Culver 1, H. Mackinder 2, A. Grove 3, A. S. Richards (conductor) 4, R. A. Johnson 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung after meeting short for Triples. First quarter of Minor by ringers of 3 and 5.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Nov. 24th, at the Holy Rood, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Toccoek 1, E. Williams (first quarter-peak) 2, A. Dorey 3, F. Precey (conductor) 4, H. Runyard (first quarter-peak) 5, H. Stevens 6.

WYE, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: P. Page 1, W. W. Ring 2, H. S. Wickens 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

St. David's Diocesan Guild

LLANSTEPHAN BELLS NO LONGER SILENT.

On November 30th the ringers of St. David's Diocese paid a visit to Llanstephan and spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening ringing the bells, which it is believed had not been rung for 16 years, except by the Carmarthen ringers, who rang them on VE-Day for a short while.

Some very good touches of Triples, Major and Stedman were rung, and Doubles and rounds for the learners. The going of the bells was very good, apart from the ropes, which needed some attention.

The Vicar (Dr. Islwyn Davies) visited the tower in the evening and shook hands with all the ringers present, and welcomed the ringers any time they care to come to Llanstephan.

It is to be hoped that although Llanstephan is a small place, a band will be formed in the near future to keep the bells ringing. Thanks are extended to Mr. George Morris and Mr. D. Curtis, of Carmarthen, for attending to the bells beforehand, and seeing everything was ready for the Llanstephan visit.

It is hoped to hold a monthly meeting of the Guild at Llanstephan in the near future. C. H. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT CRIMPLESHAM.

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its monthly meeting at Crimplesham on November 30th, which was attended by members and friends from Downham Market, Elm, Hilgay, Hockwold, Marham, Shouldham, Terrington St. John, Walpole St. Andrew, Walsoken, Wisbech and members of the local tower.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob Doubles, St. Simon's, Grandsire, Stedman, Union and Bartholomew. Cups of tea, provided by local lady church workers, were greatly appreciated, as was the use of the church room for the meeting.

The annual branch meeting will be held at Walpole St. Peter on January 11th.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER MEETING AT ST. CHAD'S.

On November 30th the society held another successful meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley. The bells were rung up in peal at 2.30 p.m. and ringing continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Schoolroom.

The business meeting was held in the same room. Before the chair was taken, Canon Marshall read a telegram from Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (who was for some time transferred to Leeds and was attached to the St. Chad's company) sending his good wishes for the meeting.

The president (Mr. J. McGlenn) was chairman, and members were present from Armlay, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey and Bradford Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies for their services was proposed by Mr. McGlenn and seconded by Mr. F. Seager.

Canon Marshall, acknowledging the thanks, said he would leave his two churchwardens to make the formal reply. In their remarks they hoped all present had enjoyed themselves as they had recently signed a cheque for new bell ropes. Some people thought that bell-ringing was a nuisance, but they thought the Church would have to make itself a bigger nuisance before some people realised what it stood for.

The secretary gave his financial statement, and the final item was the Grundisburgh appeal, for which tickets were sold. The next meeting will be at Pudsey in January, 1947.

Bath and Wells Association

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wrington on December 7th, ringers being present from Bath, Chew Magna, Chilcompton, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Wrington, Yatton, etc. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The revised form of office was used for the first time, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Talbot), with Mr. David Yeo (Long Ashton) at the organ. Tea followed at the Golden Lion Inn.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master of the association (the Rev. A. J. Hook), supported by the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke), Miss N. G. Williams (secretary of the Western Branch Ladies' Guild) and the local officers. The chairman referred to the loss sustained by the association and the Exercise in general by the passing of Major J. H. B. Hesse, the members standing in silence.

All retiring officials were re-elected, viz: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight (Wrington); vice-chairman, Mr. L. Derrick (Nailsea); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. G. Yeo (Long Ashton). Sixteen new members were admitted, from Chew Magna, Clevedon, Kingston-Seymour, Tickenham, Wraxall and Wrington. It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Yatton, with intermediate monthly practices at Tickenham (January) and Easton-in-Gordano (March) and to cancel the February practice, as it would coincide with the date of the Bristol U.R.G. annual dinner.

After some discussion as to the advisability of altering the times of the monthly practices, it was passed by a majority to keep to the existing arrangement. A member asked why certain towers in the area of the deanery were affiliated to other branches, the general secretary explaining it was due to local facilities of travel.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the organist, closed the business of the meeting, and a return was made to the belfry, where the fine ring of ten were kept going throughout the evening in rounds and standard methods.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Annual and quarterly subscribers are reminded that subscriptions become due on January 1st.

THE CHURCH AND RINGERS

In accordance with a special programme of services with emphasis on the various church workers, evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, Wilton, Wilts, on December 1st, was dedicated to the bellringers.

After the voluntary, the service opened with a record of Bow bells played on a radiogram in the church. Hymns were specially chosen and some collects and prayers taken from the office of the Salisbury Guild. Lessons were read by Mr. C. Haines, captain of the Wilton ringers, and Mr. W. Theobald, branch secretary of the Guild. In place of an anthem the choir sang the carol, 'Ring out the bells,' and Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung by Messrs. Harris, Theobald and Manns.

The Rector, in his sermon, mentioned the special duty of bells and gave some interesting historical facts. During the taking of the collection a record of St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells was played, and after the service the victory bells.

Previous to the service was rung 1,440 Plain Bob Minor by the following: F. E. Manns 1, A. Haines (first quarter in method) 2, C. Haines 3, L. Page 4, W. Theobald (conductor) 5, F. Harris 6.

OBITUARY

MR. W. E. BASON.

It is with regret that we record the death at his home in Felixstowe on October 26th of Mr. William Edward Bason at the age of 59. By the death of Mr. Bason the Norwich Diocesan Exercise loses one who for over 46 years was an active member and for whom the highest respect was felt.

All his life Mr. Bason was identified with the furtherance of the art of change ringing, not only in his native county, but in the neighbouring counties of Essex and Suffolk. By his never-failing zest and willingness to put his knowledge and experience at the disposal of others, Mr. Bason fostered all that was noble in the change ringing community, and he leaves behind him a record of loyalty and friendship to a wide circle of friends and associates.

During his residence in Norwich he was for some time ringing master at St. Peter Mancroft Church, and it was at this tower that a muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on October 29th on the minor eight, one of his own compositions, by a representative company as a token of esteem.

The funeral took place at his birthplace, Garboldisham, Norfolk, on October 31st. It was at this tower that Mr. Bason rang his first peal at the age of 16, and as a fitting memorial a muffled peal was rung by a representative company.

Mr. Bason's peal performances, including several of his own compositions, appear below.

Doubles: Grandsire, rung 2, conducted 0.

Minor: Plain Bob 9, 5; Oxford Treble Bob, 1, 0; two methods, 2, 2; three methods, 2, 1; seven methods, 1, 0; Cambridge, 2, 0.

Triples: Plain Bob, 1, 1; Grandsire, 6, 5; Stedman, 5, 0.

Major: Plain Bob, 21, 14; Little Bob, 1, 1; St. Clement's, 1, 0; Oxford Treble Bob, 17, 4; Kent, 27, 3; Fulbeck Bob, 1, 0; Double Oxford, 2, 0; Spliced Plain, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Double Norwich, 1, 0; Double Norwich, 50, 7; Real Norwich, 1, 0; Superlative, 10, 1; Cambridge, 7, 2; New Cambridge, 2, 0.

Caters: Grandsire, 2, 1; Stedman, 7, 1.

Royal: Plain Bob, 8, 6; Little Bob, 1, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 2, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 10, 3; Ilkeston Treble Bob, 1, 0; Double Norwich, 1, 0.

Cinques: Grandsire, 1, 1; Stedman, 1, 0.
 Maximus: Plain Bob, 1; Little Bob, 1,
 Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 4, 2;
 Superlative 1. Total: 214, conducted 62.

MR. ALBERT J. STEELE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Albert J. Steele, of Balcombe, Sussex, who was fatally injured when cycling to his home on the evening of November 25th.

A member of the Sussex County Association for many years, Mr. Steele began his ringing at the early age of 14 and rang his first peal when he was 16 years. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of Kent and Surrey Associations. He took a prominent part in all the activities in his native village of Balcombe.

The interment took place on November 30th, when a large number of his friends were present. Grandsire Triples on handbells were rung at the graveside, those taking part being R. Johnson, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. I. Hairs and A. E. Laker. Afterwards Bob Major (half-muffled) was rung on the tower bells.

MRS. A. HOLWAY.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Holway, of Honiton Clyst, Exeter, took place at the Parish Church, Honiton Clyst, on December 2nd.

The service, which was choral, was jointly conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch) and Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild). The church was filled with relatives and friends, and the coffin was borne by four fellow ringers. Among those present were B. Pidgeon (secretary), J. Glanville (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Deanery Branch); J. Arbury (secretary, East Devon Branch) and A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter Branch). There were many wreaths, one being in the form of a bell.

Mrs. Holway was a regular Sunday service ringer, and had been a member of the Devon Guild for many years.

After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following ringers: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, G. E. Retter (conductor) 4, J. Salway 5, A. G. Betts 6, W. Reeks 7, E. E. Retter. Q. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT
BIRCHINGTON.

In spite of bad weather, some 65 ringers and friends turned up to have a pull on the eight bells at Birchington for the Canterbury District meeting on November 30th. The somewhat confined space in the belfry was taxed to the utmost, one well-known member from Margate making himself comfortable by perching halfway up a ladder leading to the bells.

Ringing proceeded until 4.15, when the usual form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. M. Granville-Sharpe), who also gave an address. An excellent meal followed in the Church House, provided by the Parochial Church Council, those present including the Vicar and churchwardens, the organist, also Mr. George Wiltshire, fast approaching his 87th birthday, and although now unable to ring, appeared to be thoroughly enjoying himself, especially with the older members. At one time it was noticed that Mr. Wiltshire was with two other old regular attendants at meetings—Messrs. Harrison Smith and H. Sayer—their three combined ages totalling 247 years! Three new honorary members were gained and also one new practising member.

Before leaving the members thanked most cordially the donors of the tea, the Vicar for the use of the bells, the churchwardens for their interest and not forgetting the wives and mothers of the local ringers for their help at tea time. Further ringing was held during the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above was held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on November 30th. Members and friends from Banstead, Camberwell, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Beckenham, Carshalton, Bletchley, Epsom, Holloway, Barnehurst, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Melbourne, Merton, Oatlands Park, Streatham, Thames Ditton and Walton-on-Thames attended to the number of 40. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and good practice was had in a variety of methods during the afternoon. A short and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Leopard Cafe.

The District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, presided at the business meeting, at which five new practising members were elected and three compounding members. It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on February 22nd if convenient.

The following officers were nominated for the coming year: Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; secretary, Mr. R. Lathbury; treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr. C. Dean; and for three places on the committee, Messrs. H. V. Young, R. Davies, W. Oatway, D. Parsons and W. Massey. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned for making the meeting such a great success.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., and methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major.

QUARTER PEALS

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 St. Simon's Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: V. Rose 1, H. May 2, H. A. Gummer (conductor) 3, A. G. Moore 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6. A wedding compliment to Sgt. L. Dixon, R.A.F., a local member.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — At St. Editha's Church on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. M. Chaplin 1, C. Pratt 2, L. B. Hodgetts 3, G. Peers, jun. 4, E. Elton 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. Peers, sen. (conductor) 7, S. Dunkley 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS. — On Nov. 24th, at the Abbey, 1,332 Grandsire Caters: W. Newman 1, T. Newbury 2, C. Rouse 3, O. Attwood 4, J. Attwood 5, W. Dyer (conductor) 6, F. Miles 7, L. Aston 8, J. Lewis 9, T. Davis 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled): G. Packham, sen. 1, C. Wickens (conductor) 2, G. Packham, jun. 3, E. Packham 4, F. Godsmark 5.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS. — At 48, Up-lands Avenue, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: A. V. Pearson 1-2, H. Howell (conductor) 3-4, A. G. Newman 5-6.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY. — On Nov. 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. R. Newton 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, J. Sansom (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, W. S. Langdon 6, J. Rumley 7, H. Belcher 8.

WEEDON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 26th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Elsigood 1, J. Webb 2, S. Osborne 3, V. Parry 4, W. Elsigood 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal Minor for ringers 1, 2 and 5. First quarter-peal Minor on the bells since treble added in 1920. The bells were rung 'up in peal,' touch rung and 'fell in peal' without interval.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK. — For the centenary service of the Royal Sheshloun Lodge M.U., I.O.O.F., six friendly society members of the Guild rang 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, A. Clements 2, G. Berry 3, G. Finch 4, B. Cooper 5, J. Preastner (conductor) 6.

WILFESDEN, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 24th, at St. Mary's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, A. Cutler 3, E. Lankester 4, M. Hodgson 5, H. Kilby 6, J. H. Botham 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, F. Dimond 2, J. L. Glanville 3, C. Deem 4, J. Skinner 5, J. Deem 6, W. Hayman (conductor) 7, P. Gatter 8.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

A. KNIGHTS (No. 377).

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
46325	2	1	1	2
23645			2	2
52436			2	2
65324			2	2
46253			2	2
23564	2	1	2	2
32465		1	1	2
25463	1			2
32654	2		1	2
56234	1			2
64235	1			2
25346	2		2	2
23456	1		2	2

4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths place. 5th, 6th the extent in 5ths Without. The 2nd in 6ths with all the 8-6's.

First rung at Sible Hedingham, Essex, on August 8th, 1946, conducted by E. W. Pye.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is *one penny per word, minimum 2s.* For additional insertions with no change, one half above charge for each insertion.

Christmas Greetings will be inserted in issue of December 20th. Price 2s. 6d. 30 words.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas is now 29, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, Worcs.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District. — Saturday, Dec. 14th, Thrybergh, nr. Rotherham. Dedication of 6 bells (old five rehung and new treble added) at 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. — Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Heath (5), Dec. 14th. Cups of tea will be provided; bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Escrick (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN. — Hunts District.—Meeting at All Saints', Huntingdon (6), on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Other towers later.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Marden, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Names to Mr. J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Weston District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Names to A. G. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222). — W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Sat., Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Atlantic Tea Rooms.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottages, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Dunsfold, dedication of recast bells (6), Sunday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Bells open for ringing after the dedication service.—A. C. Hazelden, Dis. Hon. Sec.

RINGING AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL on the third Saturday every month, commencing on Dec. 21st, from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rochester District.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practice for Dec. 21st is now cancelled.—P. Newton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Anstey (8), Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting and cups of tea 5 p.m. — W. J. Root.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District. — Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea at nearby cafes.—H. C. Hillyard.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Sandbach (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. — Rich. D. Langford.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Whiston, Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., to all those who notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, nr. Rotherham, by Wednesday, 18th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Bolton Branch. — The meeting arranged at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, has been cancelled. Next meeting, Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1947. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 4 p.m. — Frank Reynolds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at the Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Take own food. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Cirencester Branch. — Annual meeting, Watermoor, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Parish Church (12) after service. Names by Dec. 17th to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Gloucester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. Monthly meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 21st. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Acting Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGSHIRE ASSN. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 28th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Come and ring out the old year. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price.

BOURNEMOUTH. — A Ringers' Rally and Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1947, under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. The Lord Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner in St. Peter's Hall (6.30 p.m.). Application for tickets, price 8s. 6d., with remittance, should now be made to: Arthur R. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

Among the miscellaneous performances recently are a number of first 720's. At Whiston, Yorks, Philip Coote (age 15) and Billy Thomas (age 13) have both rung their first 720 in Bob Minor from the treble, and Tom Outts his first on the tenor. Conductors of these performances were Norman Chaddock and John J. L. Gilbert.

From Sedbergh, Yorks, first 720's in Bob Minor have been rung by Diana James and Jean Bone. Conductor, G. F. Woodhouse.

Miss B. Faulkner, of Leicestershire, while on a visit to Apsley End, Herts, rang her first 720 Bob Minor from the second. Conductor, W. Randall.

At Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, 720 Cambridge Minor: A. Walpole, S. Fenn, S. Goodswen, D. Fenn, G. Walpole (conductor). D. Long.

The name of the tenor ringer in the quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung at Irthlingborough on November 10th was Mr. S. Foskett.

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'Be of Good Cheer'

On Christmas Eve the bells were rung,
On Christmas Eve the Mass was sung.

These lines from Sir Walter Scott's 'Marmion' have been adapted by Martin Shaw for one of those Christmas carols which are indeed a rich heritage in the traditional literature of our country. Christmas is intended to be a festival of rejoicing and goodwill, and that spirit of happiness, whatever the circumstances prevailing in the world at large, should permeate all Christian men and women.

Most of us look forward to our Christmas ringing. There is a thrill as you ascend the belfry stairs on Christmas Eve; a feeling of detachment and away from mundane things. You know in your heart of hearts that, however sharp may be the criticism of bells and ringing among a section of the community, the people at large expect to hear the bells of their parish church at Christmastide. It is an occasion in which the ringer feels that he has an integral part in the happiest of the Church's festivals, and that thousands are waiting to hear the 'message of the bells.'

And the Church does not forget her ringers. The Bell Carol, originally written in French, has been translated into English and deserves to be more widely known. It praises ringers, 'those who built our bell-towers high,' and enjoins all Christian men to pray and praise and sing. The unknown author in those distant Middle Ages must have known ringers, for he leaves this thought:—

'Keep in your heart the fire of youth alight,
That he who rings aright
May ring in happy days.'

Thus is expressively told that sense of well-being and joy that comes from a perfectly struck touch. Bells do keep us young of heart, as our columns week by week have testified.

In their heart of hearts we believe that most ringers regard ringing at Christmas as a spiritual act; some take that view, and rightly so, of all their service ringing. But Christmas ringing has its special appeal—the expectation of a great revelation as came to those shepherds on the first Christmas morning. To those who can attune their minds and be conscious of the inner meaning of Christmas the festival is rich in its reward of true happiness.

This true happiness must be expressive. 'Goodwill to all men' is no empty phrase; the familiar words are con-

stantly in our minds. We extend to all in the Exercise, whether young or old, our best wishes for a happy Christmas in your Church and in your homes. Ringers are a great Christian fellowship drawn from all classes of society, but they are all knit together with that common bond of happy servitude in the belfry. Thus it comes that the thousand ringers of industrial Lancashire send their greetings to those in Kent, and from the farms of Norfolk go forth the cries of salutation to those in the valleys of South Wales. It is the function of 'The Ringing World' to foster this goodwill and common interest, and we can do it in no better fashion than give the carol which is enshrined in the English countryside and in the English good cheer.

God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table go!

And let it not be forgotten that the table is indispensable at Christmas, whether it be at church or in the home.

TEN BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

ROYDON DAVIES Treble	JOHN G. SAUNDERS ... 6
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 2	FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 7
MRS. F. E. COLLINS ... 3	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES... 8
†CLAUD DE ST. C. PARKS ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
*REGINALD ABBOTT ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal on ten bells.

PONTEFRACCT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	*JACK F. HODSON ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN 2	WALTER SWALLOW ... 7
JOHN H. LENTON 3	†DENNIS ROE 8
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 4	FRED NEWTON 9
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5	†LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by H. C. WALTERS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	*WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 5	†EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on ten bells and first of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
ERIC A. DENCH 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 8
PHILIP A. CORBY 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 9
ALAN WHITE 5	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 6
MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS ... 2	*MAJOR D. SATOW, M.C. 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	†FCJL J. MATTHEWS ... 8
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 9
GEORGE H. CROSS 5	GEORGE W. STEERE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.
* First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*RONALD A. PEARSON ... Treble	†GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 6
†ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 2	†BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 7
GEORGE CARE 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 8
PHILIP JONES 4	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 9
‡WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 5	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal in the method. 25th peal for Eric Nobles. First peal as conductor on ten bells. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to the composer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Morris' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part (2nd the observation).

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DOUGLAS SANKEY Treble	SYDNEY H. JONES ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
JOSEPH H. BRITAN ... 4	*WILLIAM MINOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST SPILLER Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 6
*GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE B. COLLINS ... 4	†HERBERT J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
* First peal of Stedman + First peal.



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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Wed., Dec. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
†JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
*WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
*WM. H. BEADSMOORE ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

**WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... <i>Treble</i>	†EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5
*HARRY P. FLOYD ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	†CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 7
†THOMAS W. BOND ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Caroline Spencer-Churchill and Major Hugo Waterhouse.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, Dec. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
The conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*DENNIS BLOWS ... <i>Treble</i>	†REGINALD F. FUNNELL ... 5
*JAMES R. FLEETWOOD ... 2	ARTHUR C. CHAPLAIN ... 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 3	†JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 7
†THOMAS A. LAYBOURN ... 4	FRANK V. GANT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN ARMSTRONG. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
J. J. PARKER'S Six-part.	
*BRUCE WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE LARGE ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 6
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. E. R. SMITH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since their rehanging and rededication in November. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to John W. Jones, who has been captain of the tower since the bells were first installed in 1902. This is his 519th peal.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
EDWIN S. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	AUBREY D. MILLS ... 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 2	JOHN S. WALTON ... 6
*ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
†CECIL C. WRIGHT ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Fri., Dec. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.	
FRANCES A. EDGAR (L.M.H.) ... <i>Treble</i>	†FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) ... 5
*†KATHLEEN HIGGINS (L.M.H.) ... 2	J. A. BEAUMONT (Christ Church) ... 6
BETTY SPICE (Sommerville) ... 3	†H. VON DER HEYDE (B.N.C.) ... 7
†C. J. DICKINSON (Magdalone) ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First peal in the method. † First tower-bell peal. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MAURICE HODGSON ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
JOSEPH BENNETT ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 7
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* 50th peal this year.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.	
Parker's Twelve-part.	
CHARLES POTHECARY ... <i>Treble</i>	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 5
JOSEPH W. LINNITT ... 2	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES ... 6
*MISS JOYCE ENGLAND ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 4	WILKINS MASSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
FRED ALMOND ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	*ALBERT MORLEY ... 7
HARRY ANDERTON ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. David Marland and Miss Christine Honeyburne, daughter of the churchwarden, Christ Church.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.	
GEORGE GARDNER ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 5
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 6
†JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WM. A. STOTE.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Bob Major.

SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK DEWEY ... 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 6
NEVILLE HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7
CYRIL WANDER ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
First peal in the method by all the band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DERRICK KING Treble	*DR. A. CUNNINGHAM ... 4
FREDK. PRECEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
LIONEL H. PINK 3	HAROLD E. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Whitter.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST... .. Treble	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL ... 4
CHARLES CLARKE 2	SILVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William C. Rumsey, who was interred at Debenham the same afternoon.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD GERRARD ... Treble	THOMAS D. LEASK ... 4
ERNEST THORLEY 2	JAMES THORLEY 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE AMBLER ... Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 4
RONALD H. DOVE 2	*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD,

First peal in the method by all the band.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)

On Fri., Dec. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, New Grandsire, Antelope, April Day, Canterbury Peasrope, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY WILKINS ... Treble	JACK DAVEY 3
GEORGE CARE 2	PHILIP JONES 4

*LESLIE BATTISON Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung to welcome the new curate of Little Houghton and Brafeld, the Rev. G. E. B. Scott.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Dec. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 19, HOLYWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*P. C. WRIGHT (Univ.)... 1-2	W. F. MORETON (St. Jn.) 5-6
BETTY SPICE (Sommerville) 3-4	†C. J. DICKINSON (Mag.) 7-8

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD (C.C.C. No. 32.)

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First handbell peal and first peal of Bob Major. † First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Dec. 4, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT 92, ETWALI ROAD, HALL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEARN 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN... 5-6	

Conducted by RICHARD J. B. HADDEN.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT 76, DIMSDALE VIEW, PORTHILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRED WILSHAW 1-2	R. S. ANDERSON 5-6
ANDREW THOMPSON ... 3-4	GEO. W. BIDDULPH 7-8

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY, ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8

Composed by E. MORRIS Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH VESTRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6	FRANK E. HAYNES 11-12

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

A wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen M. Johnson (youngest sister of the ringers of 1-2, 5-6, and sister-in-law to ringers of 3-4, 7-8) and Mr. W. G. Hunt.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) ... 1-2	*D. N. LAVTON (London)... 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) ... 3-4	S. F. DARMON (Cam.) ... 7-8
and London) 3-4	†D. M. J. GRAY (London) 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (Cam.). Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Royal and first peal on ten handbells. † First handbell peal and first peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

ALVERSTOKE.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 1, E. A. Jurd 2, A. D. Mills 3, R. E. Turner 4, P. Speck 5, J. H. Hunt 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8. First quarter in the method for treble and 5th.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, Margaret Green 2, W. Linksted 3, J. Homewood 4, E. S. John Hatcher (conductor) 5, J. Upton 6, L. Wells 7, A. Green 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Mary and All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, D. Lamb 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, J. Howard 5, R. Buckland 6, A. Leveit 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. F. R. Routh on his last Sunday in the parish.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 1st at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lorna Briggs 1, A. Freeston 2, D. White 3, S. Jessop 4, W. E. Clarke 5, F. Leggott 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, H. Harper 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Stella Purkess (first quarter) 1, Myra Tiller 2, Brian Tiller 3, J. Hull 4, R. E. Tiller (conductor) 5, Beryl Purkess (first quarter) 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are all under 17 years. Believed to be the first quarter by an entirely local band since 1930. First in Doubles for ringers 2, 3 and 5, and first as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples by the local band: Miss G. Murkitt 1, Miss J. M. Broomfield 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, Miss M. Pemberton 4, C. A. Burgess 5, Miss J. Hearn 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Miss F. D. Murkitt 8. First post-war quarter in the method by the St. Peter's Society. First in the method by 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 7th, in Holy Trinity belfry, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1-2, W. Judd 3-4, G. Martin 5-6, Dorothy Fletcher 7-8.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen 1, E. J. Ruiter 2, Miss A. White 3, A. Hume 4, H. Bradley 5, H. Devenish 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, R. C. Thrift 8.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 7th at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: J. R. Mayne (conductor) 1, P. M. Mayne 2, W. Paice 3, C. C. Mayne 4, R. Biggs 5, A. H. Harding 6, W. Lea 7. First quarter as conductor on tower bells, aged 13.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At the Church of St. James on Dec. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: W. D. Prockson (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson (first quarter of Major) 2, R. Charge 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. W. Coles 5, J. Bennett (conductor) 6, C. Potheary 7, H. W. Clarke 8.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 1st at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, J. Parker 2, S. Broomfield 3, J. Kennington 4, A. Swain 5, A. Cook 6, A. Pashley (conductor) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Bounphrey 1, R. M. Preston 2, H. F. Sargent 3, R. Clouston 4, A. E. Haynes 5, T. Winderam 6, C. Barker (conductor) 7, E. A. Stafford 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Bob Major: L. R. Trusser 1, G. A. Peck 2, H. W. Barrett 3, H. Hotton (first quarter in method) 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, G. W. Morris 6, H. G. Andrews 7, F. E. Hawthorn (conductor) 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ward (first quarter on eight) 1, A. Catell 2, J. Bennett (first quarter on eight) 3, S. Harrison 4, W. H. Clarke 5, J. Bramley 6, G. O'liffe (conductor) 7, G. Grant (first quarter) 8.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Bob Major: Joan Smith 1, E. Armstrong 2, Mary Cole 3, F. Hoppood 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, R. Lathbury (conductor) 6, J. B. Hessey 7, W. Shepherd 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 3.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Ketcher (first quarter) 1, B. H. E. Brown (first quarter inside) 2, G. S. F. Brown 3, P. I. Chapman (first quarter) 4, C. E. Brown (conductor) 5.—On Dec. 2nd, four six-scores and 60 changes of Grandsire and six six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles: A. M. Thompson (first quarter) 1, B. H. E. Brown 2, G. S. F. Brown 3, P. I. Chapman 4, C. E. Brown (conductor) 5.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Smith (first quarter) 1, H. Briggs (first quarter inside) 2, J. H. Bailles (conductor) 3, G. Ball 4, R. Tipler 5, A. Jarrom (first quarter) 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, W. Dillow 2, A. May 3, H. C. Edwards 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasler 6, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, A. Yates 8. Rung for confirmation service and also a birthday compliment to E. Yates on reaching his 79th anniversary.

TRING.—On Dec. 4th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: D. Cartwright (first 720) 1, F. J. Reeve 2, F. C. Reeve 3, R. W. Metcalfe (first in the method) 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, W. H. J. Hotton 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mantle 1, P. Wood 2, T. Wickens 3, C. Turner 4, E. Firminger 5, E. Walker 6, F. Rye (conductor) 7, E. Axon 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3 and 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—At St. John the Evangelist's on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Ayres (first quarter) 1, F. Case 2, J. Green, sen. 3, G. Holland (first quarter) 4, R. Grainge 5, W. Yates 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, J. Green 8.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Great Bedwyn, Wilts, still defies those who would score their first peal there. Mr. A. Pat Cannon tells of the difficulties in our news columns. Before the war he rang three 720's here, when the clapper of the 5th fell out.

Fifty peals have been rung this year by Edwin A. Barnett and John Pinfold.

The peal of Minor at Finchley, Middlesex, on Dec. 7th, was rung by a local band whose total ages are 326 years.

To call Grandsire Caters at the age of 18 is a privilege enjoyed by very few ringers. William R. Hammons had this honour at Northampton on December 7th.

The peal of Doubles at Burton-on-Trent on November 11th was rung at St. Paul's Church and not the Parish Church as published.

It is still not too late to send that Christmas gift of a year's subscription of 'The Ringing World' to your ringing friend. Send name and address and 17s. to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Guilford Diocese have now two greatly improved rings of six at Dunsford and Merrow. Both these rings have been rehung and rededicated. At Send, near Woking, it is hoped to provide six bells as a war memorial.

Good wishes for a well-earned retirement are extended to the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Staverton Vicarage, Daventry, who is resigning his living on Dec. 31st, and also the Mastership of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The Rev. and Mrs. Powell are making their new home at East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset. He has been Vicar of Staverton since 1933, having previously held the livings of Clyst St. George, Exeter, 1929-33, and Holberton, Devon, 1906-28. To the Exercise in general he is best known as the author of 'The Ringer's Handbook.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to W. Paice, aged 13, who called 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on December 7th. Is he the youngest conductor?

The sympathy of ringing friends is extended to Mr. Albert Walker, who has been bereaved by the death of his eldest brother.

The Essex Regimental Association propose that their war memorial shall take the form of a peal of bells in the regimental chapel at Warley.

To the list of blind ringers must be added the name of Geoffrey Grant, who at the age of 16 has just rung his first quarter on the tenor at St. John the Divine, Leicester. He started to learn to pull a bell in June this year as a pupil of Mr. S. Harrison, Ringing Master of the tower. Good luck, Geoffrey, and many more quarters!

Members of the Ely Diocesan Association have found a virgin tower at Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Norfolk. After scoring the first peal on the bells on December 7th, they were entertained to refreshments at the home of Miss D. Reeve, one of the local ringers.

The bells of Allesley Parish Church, Warwickshire, will be broadcast on the Midland wave length on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m., on Christmas Day between 9.20 and 9.30 a.m., and on Sunday, January 26th, at 7.45 p.m., followed by evensong.

Congratulations to Messrs. C. S. Bird and E. R. Gladman, who have completed 50 years as ringers at Heston, Middlesex. The event was honoured on December 7th by 1,260 Grandsire Triples, rung by H. C. Chandler 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, D. F. G. Thomas 3, W. W. Webb 4, J. Sansom (first quarter in method) 5, J. E. Chilcott (conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, W. J. Winter 8.

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LOOKING BACK SIXTY YEARS

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

The first committee meeting of the North Notts Association took place at Worksop on Saturday, April 16th, 1887. Those present were Mr. R. Beeston, Worksop; Mr. N. Hunt, West Retford; Mr. S. Joynes, East Retford; Mr. D. Russon, Shireoaks; and Mr. Mackie. Another committee meeting followed at Worksop on Saturday, November 10th, at which the Rev. H. T. Slodden, of Worksop, was elected secretary. There were four towers affiliated to the association, East and West Retford, Anston and Shireoaks.

At the first meeting it was proposed to hold the first ringing meeting at East Retford on May 28th, but no record of its taking place is to hand. At the November meeting a ringing meeting was proposed for December 1st at Worksop, but again there is no confirmation of the meeting being held. Meetings took place quarterly until 1923 and then every two months until about 1935, when they began to take place monthly.

The Rev. H. T. Slodden was secretary until 1895, when the Rev. B. Darley, of Harthill, took over until 1912. By 1894 there were some 130 members and a dozen towers attached. There appears to have been good bands at Harthill, Shireoaks, Anston, Blyth, West and East Retford, Bawtry, Everton, Barlborough, and Ordsall, and names like G. Brown, T. Laking, J. White, N. Hunt, C. Crawford, H. Haigh, H. Stenton, F. Fowler, F. Hargreaves, C. Beeston and others seem to have been in the front as early as 1886.

The first peal rung was Grandsire Triples at East Retford, conducted by H. Haigh, on March 21st, 1893. This was followed on October 20th, 1894, by 5,003 Grandsire Caters in the same tower, conducted by J. B. Joynes. The first peal of Minor to be rung was by the Shireoaks band; this was in seven Treble Bob methods on January 25th, 1896, conducted by W. Hargreaves. Within a month—on Feb. 18th to be precise—the Anston band, conducted by F. Fowler, had a similar performance of a peal in seven Treble Bob methods. As the peal book was only presented in 1895 by the Rev. B. Darley, it is not known if there were any peals before these.

One of the rules made in 1901 was that ringing at meetings on eight and ten bells be allowed up to 45 minutes and on six bells to 30 minutes. This accounted for the great number of 720's rung at meetings. It is good to know that such a rule does not exist to-day at meetings.

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

The first peal of Bob Major to be rung was at East Retford on November 1st, 1900, conducted by J. B. Joynes, followed eight days later by a peal of Bob Royal with the same conductor; 5,008 Kent Major was rung in the same tower on November 1st, 1901, conducted by J. B. Joynes, and 5,040 Kent Royal on November 10th, 1902, conducted by H. Haigh.

Stedman Triples was rung at East Retford on November 1st, 1904, conducted by J. B. Joynes, and 5,079 Stedman Caters on December 13th, conducted by H. Haigh. On December 10th, 1907, the Anston band rang 6,120 Treble Bob Minor in nine methods, conducted by H. Stenton. On April 9th, 1910, the Anston band rang 6,480 Treble Bob Minor in nine methods, conducted by F. Fowler.

The first Surprise Minor peal in seven methods was also rung at Anston on December 31st, 1911, conducted by H. Stenton. On February 3rd, 1913, Mr. J. Segar, jun., of Retford, tapped on handbells 5,040 changes in ten methods for the first time. On Wednesday, February 5th, he tapped 7,200 changes, a 720 of ten methods. Again, on September 3rd the same year, he tapped a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods in the ringing chamber at South Anston. Handbell peals of Minor were also rung by Retford members during 1915 and after, and one of these included a peal of Bob Minor non-conducted on July 3rd, 1916. During 1924 the Anston band rang 104 720's in 100 methods; the year after they rang 103 720's in 103 methods.

MR. H. HAIGH'S WORK.

In 1912 Mr. H. Haigh became secretary and held office until 1929. Born at Ordsall on September 22nd, 1866, he first learnt to ring a bell at ten years of age. It was not until 1886 that he was invited to join the East and West Retford Amalgamated Society as a pro-

bationer. As he did not get the chance to do any conducting then, he often walked to Gainsborough and back, a distance of 20 miles, and soon could call a quarter of Grandsire Triples. Many times we are told he would walk 18 or 20 miles to practise Treble Bob on six bells.

In 1906 he went to live at Worksop, where he formed a new band and help to get the bells rehung, which, sad to say, badly need rehanging again. His death took place on January 7th, 1932, and he was brought and laid to rest at Ordsall, the place of his birth.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale followed as secretary from 1929. Born at Ordsall in 1909, he started work for his grandfather, Mr. W. Bowman, of East Markham, as a joiner and wheelwright, and learnt to ring under Mr. W. Freeman in East Markham tower; later he joined Ordsall tower. His keenness and good work for the association will ever be remembered by all who knew him. His end was tragic; he was returning home after attending the dedication of the new bells at Blyth on October 2nd, 1935, when he collided with a lorry while riding his motorcycle. He never regained consciousness and died on October 4th. He was laid to rest in the churchyard at Ordsall near the bells he loved so well, and many ringers attended to pay their last tribute to one who had won a place in so many hearts.

In 1927 a silver cup was given by Mr. A. Crawford, of Rampton, in memory of his father. This was to be rung for annually and is for the best struck 360 changes.

21 AFFILIATED TOWERS.

In 1938 there were 21 affiliated towers and half-dozen unattached towers. Peal total is not high compared with some guilds, about 250 having been rung in most of the standard methods. The record number was in 1937 when 34 were rung.

The association was fortunate in having Canon R. F. Wilkinson as representative on the Central Council from 1925 until 1940, when he took up duties at West Bridgford. His interest and advice on bells has been the outcome of many restorations in the district.

Mr. R. Towler, of Ordsall, took over the secretaryship from 1935 until the war began, when meetings came to an end. The association was inactive during the war and many towers have not yet got back to strength.

In 1945 Mr. H. Denman was made secretary and it is a pleasure to record that things are looking brighter. With the forming of a new Southwell Guild and the North Notts becoming the Northern Branch, it should be much easier to work than in the past. The formation of the Newark District will take some of the towers which in the past have been out of the reach of Northern members. It has just been learnt that the four-bell tower of Rampton is to have six next year—another addition to North Notts Branch. So after 60 years we say good-bye to the North Notts as an association and look forward to greater strength with the Southwell Guild. H. D.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

About 20 members attended the annual district meeting at Cadoxton on December 7th from the towers attached to the Guild, including unattached members and visitors from Cardiff and Wigan.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. Ishmael) took the service, the curate, the Rev. Mr. Morgan, gave the address, and Mrs. Jones was the organist. Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the business meeting followed with the Vicar in the chair. Mr. F. Stith was re-elected district secretary. Mr. T. M. Roderick was elected auditor.

Methods rung reached five Surprise Minor.



East Retford Church

COMMENTS ON QUESTIONS BEFORE THE EXERCISE

'Prize this great gift'

Dear Sir,—May I say how much I agree with Mr. Post, but, unlike Mr. Post, this idea is not new to me. It has always been my contention that we, who are fortunate enough to be able to ring and especially to ring well, should truly prize this great gift. We should always consider it a great honour as well as a duty to ring regularly for Sunday service, and then go on to help in the church service as much as possible.

Having been born into a family who love their church, my greatest joy at the moment is in the band of young ringers I am now training at Uxbridge. Their ringing isn't yet anywhere near the standard I'm hoping for, but in every other way they are a perfect band of young people. All of them are communicating members of the Church and we join together in corporate Communion quite regularly. Several of them are also in the choir. They are always in the front of any effort to help the church, and I must say they appear to be the exception to the general rule of young people these days, who seem to think of themselves first every time. Yet how can we blame the young people of to-day, who, after all, are only following the example set by their elders?

So surely it is up to we older ringers to set a good example in all ways to the young people we hope to draw into the great ringing fellowship and into the Church. Goodness knows, the world in general and our own small ringing world needs some Christians to give it a right perspective again. When all ringers ring firstly for the glory of God and then secondly for their own pleasure and not vice versa, we shall see our beloved art come into its golden age, both in the standard of ringing and the quality of the ringers.—Yours truly,

EDNA BEDFORD (Miss).

Uxbridge, Middlesex.

'Missing Something'

Dear Sir,—I can imagine that quite a number of readers of 'The Ringing World' will not take kindly to what appeared in the issue for December 13th from the pen of Mr. Richard A. Post. It has occurred to me many a time to ask, what would be thought of those of us who hold office as sidesmen or churchwardens if we did as many ringers, go in church just to take the plate round or give books out, and walk out again?

In far too many cases the ringer is all too fond of excusing himself (and a poor excuse it is) that he is different from those performing other duties in the work of the church; that his is an act of worship in itself, or that to tuck another hour on to three-quarters of an hour's ringing is asking too much. But who among any choir, vergers or organists would look at their job from that angle—and surely singing in a choir or playing the organ is just as much an act of worship as ringing bells? And how often do we hear of the vergers or churchwarden, who have to be in church for some time both before and after the service, grumble about stay of time?

Let us remove all 'bottle-necks of vision and slums,' as it were, in this as we should in any structural buildings of a similar character, to broaden the outlook: then no one can say that we or ringing will be any the worse for it. We shall see (as others do) that we are missing something, just as the parson who installs a synthetic bell's apparatus is, or like a case in my own town where a recording of 'The Messiah' is being given in church from gramophone records. This makes me ask, 'What is the Church coming to?'—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

The Battle Ahead

Sir,—I must compliment you on the excellent article you wrote in condemnation of electrical substitutes for bells, and fully agree that for ringers 'there is a very real battle ahead.'

An item in our local Press regarding our bells drew a most objectionable letter from a member of the public, and was followed next week by a paragraph in the same vein from a columnist in the same paper who has a very large following.

The writer of the letter asks:—

'What other group of people are so utterly selfish that they allow their hobby to disturb the peace of the town day after day. . . .? The belief that the general public enjoy Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Majors is entirely erroneous. There are few noises more objectionable than the ringing of bells.'

'With the introduction of cheap watches we no longer need bells to tell us the time, and since so few people attend religious services, Sunday peals are nothing but an imposition on the majority of the population.' The local columnist expresses his agreement with the writer quoted above and adds:—

'Perhaps, like him, I am just allergic to that Sunday morning mournful, monotonous clanging. Some people, I'm told, actually enjoy it!

'Even so, since there is now a by-law against loud radios, I can see no logical reason why this clangorous cacophony should be allowed to deafen the anti-campanologists just because the bells are situated in a church.'

Those among us who regard our bellringing as more than an enjoyable pastime have an answer to these accusations, but how best can we supply it without incurring more public wrath?

You, sir, write that 'the public and the Church have to be educated.' How can one deal with a public antagonistic to bells, which at the same time accepts without a murmur the din of aeroplanes, motor horns, pneumatic drills and other disturbing accompaniments of the present era? Perhaps the Central Council or some of your readers can furnish the answer—the public must certainly have it or ere long the bells will only be rung subject to by-laws, if not actually silenced.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Periam, Slough, Bucks.

GOSPEL OAK MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—I saw in this week's 'Ringing World' an account of the meeting at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. It brought many memories to me, as I knew personally nearly all the men whose names are on the tablet. I rang my first 720 Kent there with some of them 45 years ago.

I used to go there to ring when in London with the late George Hollis, of Chesterfield. He used to belong to the Gospel Oak and the Star Street band when he lived in London before going to Chesterfield. W. J. Nudds called the 720 Kent. I used to go and visit Dick Bevan when he lived in Rocheford Street, Kentish Town. We used to ring at Star Street at 9 o'clock Sunday mornings and then go on to Gospel Oak.—Sincerely yours,

Edenham, Lincs. ARTHUR I. HOLMES.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS' No. 377

Dear Sir.—If Mr. E. W. Pve will refer to your issue of August 16th, 1935, he will see that Arthur Knights' No. 377 of Treble Bob Major was rung at Crayford a week previously. Whether this was the first occasion I do not know, but it was rung again—also as Sliced Kent and Oxford—prior to Mr. Pve's peal last August. This was on handbells by the Oxford University Society.—Yours sincerely,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

Christmas Eve Broadcast

Dear Sir,—East Hagbourne, a charming North Berkshire village, is to provide material for a Christmas Eve broadcast at 6.30 p.m. The script has been prepared by Mr. John Bridges, of the B.B.C., and the principal features of the broadcast will be the lovely peal of eight from the old village church of St. Andrew being rung to Stedman Triples by the local band; carols and part of a Nativity play by the R.A.F. (Levant) Male Voice Choir, who had the honour of broadcasting from Jerusalem and Bethlehem on Christmas Day, 1942. A Christmas message will be given by the Vicar (Rev. H. A. Smith Masters).—Yours faithfully,

A. H. WEBB, Tower Foreman.
East Hagbourne, Berks.

COMPOSER WANTED

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago, wanting a simple peal of Bob Major, I called the following:—

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62435	—	—	—
64235	—	—	S
26435	—	—	—

Eight times repeated, omitting the bob at Middle, except in 4th and 7th parts.

Having no access to my books, I published the peal without a composer's name. It is so simple and obvious that it must have been thought of many times before. Can any of your readers put a name to it?—I am, yours, etc.,

FDWIN H. LEWIS.

Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

OXFORD PEAL TABLET DEDICATION

A peal tablet, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in June in commemoration of the inauguration of the 'Friends of the Church,' was unveiled and dedicated in the tower of Burford Parish Church, Oxford, by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. S. Tucker) on Dec. 1st. Three leads of Grandsire Triples were rung during the service.

Afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples were rung by J. Collett 1, B. J. Forest 2, B. S. Nichols 3, T. S. Stratford 4, I. D. Harris 5, T. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8, and 504 Stedman Triples by I. D. Harris 1, J. Kevte 2, W. J. Dixon 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. Timms 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8.

PEAL ATTEMPT AT GREAT BEDWYN

On Saturday, December 7th, six tough ringers met at Great Bedwyn. With to attempt a peal on the fine toned, but heavy going, bells at this beautiful church. There are many difficulties to overcome, viz., excessive noise (sallies go round the wheels), no window in the ringing chamber, very odd struck bells, particularly the 5th and tenor, which are odd-struck the opposite way about. The 5th has to be pulled level with the 4th in rounds at back-stroke, and the tenor has to be pulled before the 5th at hand-stroke! And the weight of the tenor is 28 cwt!

All went well until the end of the fifth 720, when indisposition prevented one of the ringers continuing. The 3,600 of Minor was rung as follows: 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. The ringers were: N. J. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, E. R. Banley 3, R. W. Rex 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6.

After the attempt the local ringers and their wives very kindly invited the visitors to tea in the Church Hut, which was much appreciated by everyone. Another attempt is to be made in the near future.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held in Bridport on December 7th, some 45 members attending from Beaminster, Bovington, Bradpole, Bridport, Evershot, Hawkechurch, Lyme Regis, Netherbury, Portland and Thorncombe, with visitors from Yeovil and Sgt. P. Toccock, on leave from India.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Canon L. Bartlett), who also gave a welcoming address. Mr. B. Esworth was at the organ.

Tea was rather a crowded affair at a nearby restaurant, but amply served, and afterwards the company adjourned to the Church House for the business meeting, presided over by the chairman of the branch, Rev. C. Carew Cox.

In presenting the accounts, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Lathey) urged that returns and subscriptions from affiliated towers might be sent in before the end of November in order to ensure his being able to complete the accounts—which he had never yet been able to do—in time for the annual meeting. Ten towers were at the moment defaulters.

All the officers were unanimously reappointed and the following new members were elected: Miss Robinson (daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson) now resident in Bridport, Mrs. H. Vine, Messrs. E. T. Rose, S. Samways and B. Stringer from Evershot, Roger Keeley (aged 12) from Lyme, and Mr. C. F. Guy, of Portland. Mr. H. D. W. Bishop (Ringing Master) mentioned that Mr. W. Groves had a record of 50 years' service as a ringer at Evershot.

Quarterly meetings were arranged to be held at Burton Bradstock, Whitechurch Canonorum and Thorncombe. A suggestion to hold monthly combined practices was approved. Hawkechurch, Beaminster, Bradpole and Netherbury being towers to be visited.

The Chairman expressed pleasure at the larger attendance and referred to signs of increasing activity in the branch. Some towers, as Hawkechurch and Thorncombe where keen young bands were coming on, needed visits of instruction, and he hoped members would make efforts to help them from time to time.

Warm thanks were accorded Canon Bartlett for his welcome, to the organist and to Mr. C. H. Lathey for his successful arrangements.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and call changes to Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

WIMBORNE BRANCH.

The annual branch meeting was held at Wimborne on December 7th. Over 50 members took part in ringing upon the ten bells and attended the service and tea and business meeting.

The Rev. T. W. Page Phillips welcomed the members and gave a most interesting address at the service, taking for his text the inscription on the 16½ ton bell in St. Paul's Cathedral, 'Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel.' He urged the members to always have these words in their minds when ringing.

At the meeting the whole of the officers were re-elected, though the chairman, Canon Eddrup, and the rest of the officers all expressed the wish that younger members should take up the offices of the branch.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips (secretary) called the attention of the members to the ringers' rally to be held in Bournemouth in January. The collection at the service was for the restoration of the bells at St. Thomas', Salisbury, this with the donation of £1 from the Guild members at St. John's, Bournemouth, and a grant from the funds was brought up to £4.

It was hoped that the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, who had just come to the living of St. Ambrose's, Bournemouth, from Beaconsfield, would be joining the members in their meetings shortly.

The next meeting will be held at Wareham on January 11th.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

FARNHAM DISTRICT AT SEALE.

A large number of ringers from a wide area attended the meeting of the Farnham District at Seale on November 30th and enjoyed this musical ring of six. Mr. E. Gardner, the local captain, had made the arrangements, and in the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), the hon. secretary, Mr. C. Denyer, supervised the ringing. Two ve towers were represented, Ash, Aldershot, Bentley, Farnham, Farnborough, Godalming, Bagshot, Clondon, Guildford (Cathedral), Worplesdon, Pirbright and Seale, and a variety of Minor and Double's methods were rung.

The Guild's form of service was held in church and conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever), who himself is a ringer. The choir, which consists mainly of local ringers, led the singing, and the Rector carried out the duties of organist. In a brief address the Rector welcomed the visitors to Seale and spoke of the importance of the work of the ringers, who, like St. Andrew, whose festival it was that day, were called to serve God and in turn to call others to His service.

By kind permission of Lady Buckingham, tea was served in the squash court at Seale Lodge and over sixty sat down. The meal was prepared and served by Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Cass and Mrs. Mott, and following the meal a short business meeting was held. Lady Buckingham, who visited the gathering, was elected as an honorary member of the Guild. In reply, Lady Buckingham thanked those present and said she would probably take up ringing and become a practical member at Seale. Other members elected were the Misses Jean Whitcombe and Joyce Withers, of Aldershot.

Major H. J. Cann, on behalf of the company, expressed thanks to the Rector, Lady Buckingham, Mr. Gardner and to the tea hostesses. A special vote of thanks was extended to an anonymous resident who generously gave the tea, and a collection for the Guild Benevolent Fund realised £1 10s 2d.

Handbell ringing followed and later the gathering returned to the belfry, where further ringing took place, the bells being lowered in peal at 9 p.m.

NEW MASTER FOR LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Dorking on December 7th, when about 50 ringers attended from Addlestone, Aldershot, Banstead, Carshalton, Chertsey, Clondon, Dorking, Epsom, Ewell, Godalming, Guildford, Hugglescote (Leics.), Kingston, Newdigate, Leatherhead, Sha'ford, Thames Ditton and Westminster. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock with a service, conducted by the Rev. L. Starey, at 4.15. Tea was enjoyed at the Mad Hatter Cafe.

Mr. A. Harman (Master of the Guild) presided at the business meeting, held in the Church Room. One new member, Mr. Fordham, was elected. Mr. H. N. Pitstow was nominated as Ringing Master, as Mr. A. J. Adams found it impossible to carry out the duties, and the Rev. F. Page as representative on the General Committee. The rest of the retiring officers were renominated.

The business concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. L. Starey for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for coming to tea, and Mr. G. Coldman for making the arrangements.

As the members left the room a collection was taken for the Grundisburgh Bell Restoration, which amounted to 19s.

The bells were again made use of until nearly 9 p.m., methods ranging from Grand sire Triples to London Surprise, with rounds for some beginners unused to heavy bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: H. Bristow 1, Miss D. Sands 2, H. V. Good 3, D. Cook 4, W. C. Hughes (conductor) 5, A. G. Cook 6, H. Gates 7, E. Upton 8.

Yorkshire Association

WESTERN DIVISION AT EARLSHEATON.

The quarterly meeting was held at Earlsheaton on December 7th, and in spite of the wintry conditions about 30 members were present from the following towers: Almondbury, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burney, Denholme, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Id'e, Liversedge, Pudsey, Queensbury, Sowerby and the local company.

Despite a broken rope at the start, the bells were kept going in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. An excellent tea was served in the schools, and through the generosity of Mrs. Dransfield no charge was made.

Mr. P. J. Johnson presided at the business meeting, and apologies for absence were received from Canon Marshall and Miss L. K. Bowling.

There were no new members for election. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation from Keighley to hold the next meeting at that tower. This will be in March of next year.

For reasons which were not apparent, there was an absence of younger members; perhaps they were busy preparing for their Christmas festivities, but it did give the old 'uns a chance to indulge in ringing rather more than is their wont. The collection to Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 14s. 6d.

TWO NEW RINGS SOON READY.

News that two new rings of six bells at Carlton and Hutton Cranswick will soon be ready for dedication was announced at the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Cottingham on December 7th. Over 50 ringers attended from Barton-on-Humber, Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Bridlington, Goole, Hessle, Howden Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme, Patrington, Pocklington, Scarborough, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, York and the local company, and also the Vicar of Hutton Cranswick (the Rev. G. Storer).

After an excellent tea the business meeting was held with Mr. A. H. Fox, the vice-president, presiding. Two new members were elected—Messrs. L. Straker, of St. Mary's, Beverley, and D. Forth, of York Minster. The next meeting is to be held at either Goole or Thorne in March.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a collection for the Bell Repairs Fund of the association realised £1 5s.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

SHORTAGE OF INSTRUCTORS.

A meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Crowan on November 30th, when 70 ringers attended from Camborne, Carbis Bay, Towednack, Zennor, Cury, Kenwyn, Wendron, St. Hilary and the local band. Also present were the Revs. W. H. R. Trewella (diocesan secretary) and F. R. S. Byfield (Zennor).

The Rev. H. J. Shewes, Vicar of Crowan, conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (district secretary), who acknowledged the excellence of Cornish rounds and call changes, but spoke of the interest which could be found in method ringing. He exhorted the members generally to try to make progress in method ringing, and suggested the 'teing up' of three or four bells and beginning from the most elementary stages. This was essential because of the great shortage of instructors.

Mr. Hugh Dunstan took the chair in the absence of Miss Eileen Synon (president of the Guild), and St. Keverne was chosen for the next meeting.

An excellent tea was provided, everyone finding a large Cornish pasty on his plate to begin with. A hearty vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and Mr. Bourdeaux (local captain) for the splendid welcome. The eight bells were made full use of.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas greetings and every good wish for a happy and prosperous New Year to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

Sincere greetings and best wishes for 1947 to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 'The Oaks,' Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Lincs.

To the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Elm-bank Road, Liverpool 15.—Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—From the bellringers, St. Chad's, Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire. Archie Harrison, Captain.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers everywhere.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. Swansea and Brecon Guild (Southern District).

To 'The Ringing World' and all ringers, greetings from C. H. Webb, Coventry.

Hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—From Hubert Hatto, Henley-on-Thames.

To all my friends of the Exercise, all best wishes for Christmas, and may the New Year bring you happy days.—T. J. Fowler, Cookham, Berks.

Major H. J. Cann sends Christmas greetings to all ringing friends, especially those in the South and West of England whom he met during the war, and in particular to those members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers who gave him such a pleasant outing across Dartmoor in July.

A happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all ringing friends is the sincere wish of A. E. Austin, Sunny View, Woodditton Road, Newmarket.

Christmas greetings to J. W. Jones and all my old friends at All Saints' and St. Woolos', Newport, Mon.—Kenneth W. Knowles, Wednesbury.

The season's greetings to all ringing friends at home and overseas.—From Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and Mrs. E. M. Wayman, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

John E. and Mrs. Allen wish all old ringing friends, both at home and in South Africa, a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.—Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding, Lincs.

Hearty good wishes for Christmas and New Year to East Norfolk Branch and all my ringing friends.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all our friends.—Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Greetings for Christmas and good wishes for the New Year to all my ringing friends.—From Mr. Frederick White, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann, 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends at home and overseas.—Wm. T. Elson, 59, Pursers Cross Road, S.W.6. Here's to the next meeting!

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Royal Grammar School, Guildford.

To J. W. (Jim) Dixon, Trincomalee, Ceylon, the season's greetings and every good wish. We are all thinking about you.—Love from Mum, Dad, Edna, Bernard and all Burford ringers.

To all Sunday service ringers from the age of nine to ninety-nine, and all of those very young first pealers, 'the season's compliments.' 'Stick it.'—Geo. Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks.

Christmas greetings from Eaton Socon ringers to Messrs. Harding, Bell, F. and W. Lack, Chamberlain, Miss Pettit and all others who have assisted us in learning method ringing.—L. J. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wright, of Shimpling, send Christmas greetings and good luck, health and happiness in the New Year to all their ringing friends, especially those now serving overseas.

Joint Meeting at Hillingdon

On November 30th, the Middlesex Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting at Hillingdon. About 50 ringers were present from many towers, including Beaconsfield, Cookham, Ruislip, Old Windsor, Maidenhead, Farnham Royal, Clewer, Cranford, Heston, Ealing, Bushey, Hartington, Uxbridge, Acle (Norfolk) and Swindon. The bells of both St. John's and St. Andrew's were available during the afternoon and evening and methods rung (or attempted) included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob, Kent, Kent and Oxford Spliced, and Cambridge Royal, and Spliced Surprise in four methods.

An excellent address, based on the example of the life of St. Andrew, was given by the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Bashford, when he conducted the service. He directed many of his remarks to new recruits to the Exercise, emphasising the brotherhood that existed among ringers.

Tea and cakes were provided by the local ringers and served in St. John's Hall by Mrs. Goodfellow, Mrs. Coles and others. At the subsequent informal meeting Mr. W. H. Coles announced that the Rector of Acton had invited the Middlesex Association to his church on February 1st, when a peal tablet would be unveiled by the Rev. L. Hodson, Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

Tokens of esteem and affection were expressed when the best wishes of the meeting were given to the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, chairman of the local branch of the Oxford Guild, who was leaving Beaconsfield for Bourne-mouth, to which Mr. Routh suitably replied. Misses M. V. Ashford, J. E. Martin, D. A. Bird, P. G. and E. M. Goodfellow, and Messrs. C. Ashford, R. M. Ashford and M. Coles, all of Hillingdon tower, together with eight members of the Hillingdon tower, were elected members of the Middlesex Association.

It was announced that the six bells at Hillingdon would shortly be augmented to eight, and that the Middlesex Association had been invited to ring the opening peal. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.
Annual and quarterly subscribers are reminded that subscriptions become due on January 1st.

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends.—George R. Newton, 57, Amptill Road, Liverpool 17.

To all friends, greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Charles J. Sedg'ey, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich.

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends of Arthur A. Holmes and W. A. Holmes, of Edenham, Lincolnshire.

To all our ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston, extend their best wishes for Christmas and New Year to members of Dudley Guild and all ringing friends.

NOTICES

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SILVER WEDDING

BRADLEY—SPRAY.—On Dec. 26th, 1921, at Holy Trinity, Lenton, by the Rev. Felix Asher, Frank to Catherine. Present address: 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

For sale, SET of eight **HANDBELLS**, by Taylor; in excellent condition and in baized oak box.—Jenkins, Lewcombe, Evershot, Dorset.

Seventeen second-hand **HANDBELLS**, all complete and in good order, with case. Bells as follows: Large size: A (18), B (16), C (15), D (14), E (13), F (12), G (11). Smaller size: A (10), B (9), C (10), D (7), E (6), F (5), G (4). Small size: A (3), B (2), C (1). £25 or nearest offer.—Miss G. Shuttleworth, Rose Cottage, Water Lane, North Hykeham, near Lincoln.

RINGING AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL on the third Saturday every month, commencing on Dec. 21st, from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rochester District.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Whiston, Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m. Ringing after the meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishops-gate.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Hellingly, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Dec. 28th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Come and ring out the old year. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's, 4 to 6 p.m. Meeting at Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by invitation to those only who notify W. Dyer, 69, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, by first post, Thursday, Jan. 2nd.—S. Taylor.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting Edenbridge (8), Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Dec. 28th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec., Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Thorrington (6). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—Leslie Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOC. OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The 75th anniversary of the formation of the society falls in February, 1947. Any old members who have not been circularised about the celebrations taking place in Oxford over the weekend, February 1st-2nd, and who would like further particulars, are asked to communicate with me before Jan. 1st.—Betty Spice (Master), 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Forty members attended the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild at St. Giles', Wilenhall, on December 14th. The service was conducted by the curate, who welcomed the party in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Tea and meeting followed.

The annual meeting is to be held at Dudley in March.

Essex Association

REOPENING OF ROMFORD BELLS.

Forty members and friends attended an informal meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, held at Romford, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Baxland), on November 30th, to mark the re-opening of the bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and in his address he gave the visitors a very warm welcome and expressed his delight on hearing the bells of his church again after such a long term of inactivity.

After service the visitors were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Vicar. In moving a vote of thanks, the District Master (Mr. J. Chalk) referred to the leading part Romford had played in Essex ringing circles in the past, and expressed the hope that a new band would arise to carry on that grand tradition.

In response, the Vicar thanked the Master for his kind words, and added that at the moment they had 14 very keen volunteers under the guidance of Mr. E. J. Butler, and were confident they would soon be making themselves heard.

Ringling was resumed after tea and methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise.

MEETING AT HALSTEAD.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Andrew's, Halstead, on December 7th, when some 30 members were present from Braintree, Bocking, Halstead, Wickham St. Paul's, Black Notley, Pebmarsh, Great Baddow, Stansted, Great Bardfield, Shimpling and Bures.

A bountiful tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall, and the business meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master). One honorary and six ringing members were elected. The next meeting, which will be the annual district, will be at Braintree on January 18th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Swallow) and the ladies for providing the tea.

Afterwards the members attended evensong at the church, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 11s. 6d. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, also there was some hand-bell ringing.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN CLARK

The death occurred on December 2nd, at the age of 86, of Mr. John Clark, of Ross-on-Wye, who will be remembered by many of the older ringers.

As a lad he learned to ring at Ross, and later became foreman of the tower, succeeding Mr. J. G. Wall. He was a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild in its early years and served on the committee. After the Guild was divided into districts Mr. Clark acted as secretary of the Ross district for about 18 years. He also represented the Guild on the Central Council for several years, and in 1939 was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

In his best days he was an excellent ringer in the four standard methods, and 35 years ago might have been classed amongst the best half-dozen ringers in the diocese. He was equally good on a light or heavy bell, and was a greater stickler for good striking. In a peal he could always be depended on to do his best, but would soon begin to groan and complain if the striking was not up to standard. He himself did not know the exact number of peals he had rung, but he had taken part in 109 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

He was a life-long member of the Ross Church choir, and its members attended at his funeral on December 6th, as well as Mr. W. T. Poston, Ross district secretary, and other ringers. A wreath was sent on behalf of the Guild and District.

Mr. Clark's wife had predeceased him by only a fortnight. W. P.

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SOME FEATURES OF 1946

The last week of 1946 has arrived, a year that has brought many blessings to the Exercise. Most significant of all has been the return of men and women from the Services; hardly a tower in the land has not had the pleasure of welcoming them home and they have made a difference to our ringing. A quickening of interest has been taken in ringing generally and Associations and Guilds have been able to report marked increases in membership, notably the Oxford Diocesan Guild with an influx of 229 members.

The same interest has been manifest in regard to peals, and we can assert with confidence that the Peal Analysis Committee will report a substantial rise on the total of 1,304 peals rung during 1945. And there have been peals that will make history. The peal of 12,663 changes of Stedman Cinques rung on August 24th in eight hours and 48 minutes established another ringing record, and Mr. Walter F. Judge and his band received many congratulations. Then there were 'the peals of controversy' — the Basingstoke peals of Grandsire Caters without a covering bell on February 16th and Kent Treble Bob Major with the tenor covering, on October 12th. Associated with both these performances was Mr. Charles H. Kippin. In 'The Ringing World' and also at the Central Council meeting at Norwich the point at issue regarding the peal on February 16th has been discussed. It is anticipated that the subject will be reopened at the Central Council meeting for 1947, which will take place at Exeter.

As the controlling body of the Exercise, the Central Council can truly be regarded as the Bellingers' Parliament. The meeting at Norwich was well attended. Among the matters discussed was the editorial policy of 'The Ringing World,' and the Council showed their appreciation of the services of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher by an expression of gratitude and a gift. In a desire to interpret the wishes of the Norwich Conference, changes have been made in 'The Ringing World,' which, judging from letters to the editor, have found general acceptance. In any review of 1946 we feel that the work of Mr. J. A. Trollope as editor during the difficult war years, when the journal was kept alive largely through his personal initiative, should be recorded. It was not the Council's wish, but Mr. Trollope's, that the sudden change took place in editorship.

There has been no shortage of live topics before the Exercise. Peal ringing and its relationship to meetings generally have been discussed in its various aspects. The letters of Churchwarden Dark and others were of widespread interest and, looking back, it might be advisable to quote the words of the Bishop of Norwich in his speech of welcome to the Central Council: 'Bells ought not to be a noise on the air, but a reminder of religion—a voice from God to the people who listen to them.' With the public it can truly be said that bells are generally appreciated, and the number of orders received by the foundries adds confirmation to this opinion. The B.B.C. have introduced bells into a number of broadcasts—probably not so many as ringers would like—and we trust that this association will grow. Mr. A. A. Hughes gave an interesting talk in the schools' programme.

The year has been marked by the passing of a number of ringers who have made conspicuous contributions to the extension of the art of change ringing. We recall such names as Charles T. Coles, a secretary of the Middlesex Association; R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from 1917 to 1946; Major John H. B. Hesse, a former Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild; Mr. Edwin Shepherd, a pioneer of change ringing in Devonshire; Mr. William Spice, of Kent; Mr. W. E. Bason, one time Ringing Master of St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich; Mr. F. W. Romaine, of Salisbury; Mr. Arthur E. Pegler, who rang in such record lengths as 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob and 11,111 Stedman Cinques; Mr. Joseph Gould, a past master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association; Mr. Harry Hoskins, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Branch; Mr. Douglas H. Argyle, captain of the Nuneaton Parish Church ringers, and many others. Each has made his special contribution to furthering an art that is truly English and has a centuries' old tradition behind it. The maintenance of that tradition is now our special trust.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WM. J. G. BROWN ... Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 7
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 9
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 10
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
FRANK FISHER ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (No. 12 C.C.C.).

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung in honour of the 51st birthday of H.M. King George VI.; also to the memory of Messrs. John Arbon, William E. Bason, George More and William C. Rumsey, members of the Guild who recently died.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
*ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
FREDK. J. COLLUM ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 8
THOS. J. COOK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' The first peal of Royal in the method.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

WILKINS MASSEY ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 9
HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 5	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT LUDJIN ... 3	*ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 8
ROBERT ALLRED ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
FRED GRUNDY ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 7
GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 8
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 9
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 5	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three
Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Treble	*FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 6
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 2	†P. W. J. HARDING ... 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 8
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	*ROGER O. FRY ... 9
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5	SYDNEY J. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the King's birthday and of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. A. E. Barnett and grandchild to T. F. King.



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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation No. 2.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Market Harborough: Jill Poole (Treble), Shirley Burton (2), Harold G. Jenney (3), Gfo. A. Hollick (4), Harry G. Wayne (5), Herrick B. Bowley (6), Harold J. Poole (7), William Hector (Tenor).

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Tottenham: Alfred W. Brighton (Treble), Thos. H. Taffender (2), Edgar R. Rapley (3), Wm. J. Ellis (4), Frank B. Lufkin (5), Robert H. Begrie (6), James Bullock (7), Squire Croft (Tenor).

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Bushey: Kenneth Jones (Treble), Henry Hodgetts (2), Thomas J. Southam (3), Charles F. Saver (4), H. E. C. Goodenough (5), Alfred J. House (6), George W. Debenham (7), Denis A. Bayles (Tenor).

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

* First peal in the method.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 8 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Stratton St. Margaret: Charles J. Gardner (Treble), William A. T. Carter (2), Margaret E. Richards (3), Nancy A. Davies (4), Ivor H. Trueman (5), Henry Austin (6), Walter H. Trueman (7), Thomas Moulden (Tenor).

Conducted by W. H. Trueman.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on a working bell. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLDSWINFORD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Stourbridge: John W. Smith (Treble), Charles Richards (2), Robert Matthews (3), William B. Cartwright (4), Thomas Greenhall (5), John Lloyd (6), Clifford Skidmore (7), Thomas Hemming (Tenor).

Conducted by R. Matthews.

* First peal of Cambridge. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Skelding, of the local band.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Colwall: Charles L. Sadler (Treble), Geoffrey J. Lewis (2), Wm. H. Symonds (3), William C. Nutt (4), George Davis (5), Betty Spice (6), Ernest Price (7), Wilfrid F. Moreton (Tenor).

Conducted by W. F. Moreton.

* First peal on eight bells.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Queensbury: Paul Birkett (Treble), William Ambler (2), Clifford Ellison (3), Edgar Drake (4), Harry Wilde (5), Albert Pickles (6), Roland Kendall (7), Sam Longbottom (Tenor).

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by Sam Longbottom.

Rung as a welcome home from H.M.F. to the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 7th. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle.'

HIGE BARNET, HERTS.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Hige Barnet: E. J. Lindley (Camb.) (Treble), D. N. Layton (Lond.) (2), P. M. J. Gray (Lond.) (3), G. Dodds (Camb. and Lond.) (4), S. E. Darnon (Camb.) (5), R. F. B. Speed (Camb.) (6), V. J. Benning (Lond.) (7), C. A. Vessey (Lond.) (Tenor).

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by D. N. Layton.

First peal in the method by all the band.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three

Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Portsmouth: Ernest A. Jurd (Treble), Josiah D. Harris (2), Fredk. A. Burnett (3), Harold A. Nobes (4), Aubrey D. Mills (5), Edwin S. Smith (6), John H. Hunt (7), Fredk. W. Burnett (Tenor).

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Dartford: John Wheadon (Treble), Fred A. Coley (2), Frank E. Walker (3), Arthur S. Richards (4), Herbert E. Audsley (5), Harry Hoverd (6), James E. Bailey (7), Fred J. Cullum (Tenor).

Conducted by J. E. Bailey.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Willenhall: Christopher Wallater (Treble), Herbert Knight (2), Trevor Reynolds (3), Derek J. Tranter (4), John Luck (5), J. Dennis Holden (6), Kenneth W. Knowles (7), Eric Craddock (Tenor).

Conducted by Herbert Knight.

* First peal. The conductor's 450th peal for the society. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur E. Reed, a much-respected member of the local band.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Table listing names and parts for the peal at Biddenden: F. J. Lambert, Sen. (Treble), William Rogers (2), Francis Bromley (3), Frank H. Hicks (4), Reginald E. Lambert (5), Thomas E. Sone (6), Alfred W. Durham (7), Robert T. Lambart (Tenor).

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert (who was 79 the previous day), wife of the ringer of the treble and mother of the ringers of 5 and tenor.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 extents Bob Doubles (4 callings), 20 extents Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), and one 240 Grandsire (Morris').

*LAURENCE POPE Treble	*GEOFFREY WATERS 4
*ROY TAPPENDEN 2	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE 3	*DONALD WOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE

* First peal.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN SIMS Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
*C. HENRY HARDING 2	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* 75th peal. First peal in seven plain methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Sinfield, 45 years churchwarden.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Hereward, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Fulbeck and Double Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*TERENCE G. MORTON ... Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
WM. J. PUDDIFOOT 2	HERBERT GATES 5
WM. C. HUGHES 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal (aged 15).

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDK. TUBB Treble	PHILIP BLAKE 4
*LEONARD TUBB 2	BERT TUBB 5
†ARTHUR WARREN 3	FREDK. A. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in six methods.

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR ROLFE Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS 4
EDWARD BARKER 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

First peal on the bells.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD T. LLOYD Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD 4
HENRY H. FEARN 2	RICHARD J. B. HADDEN 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. B. HADDEN.

* 50th peal this year. First peal of London Minor for the Guild and by all the band.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 40 six-scores of Grandsire and 240 changes Morris' Arrangement.

PATRICK ALLEN Treble	GEORGE LATHAM 4
TREVOR PRITCHARD 2	HAROLD HOBBS 5
THOMAS WITTS 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WITTS.

First peal of Doubles as conductor.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1 Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth, 2 London, 3 Wells, 4 York, 5 Durham, 6 Netherseale, 7 Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS RHODA BROWN ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 4
WM. WILKINSON 2	JOHN R. KEMP 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal. First peal in 15 Surprise methods by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At 6, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, MONKSEATON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Plain Bob.

*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 1-2	†WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3-4
†WILLIAM H. BARDER 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Minor on handbells. Rung as a compliment to Miss Margaret Fidell on her birthday.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 12, PARK STREET,

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... 3-4	S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method on handbells by all except the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At 24, ASTON LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

RICHARD C. INGRAM 1-2	ALAN SHORT 5-6
FRED PRICE 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Referee: FREDK. W. RISHWORTH.

SOLI HULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At SHARMAN'S CROSS JUNIOR SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

14 six-scores of Plain Bob and 28 of Grandsire.

RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
*JOHN N. JUKES 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Tenor size 17 in A.	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	JOŠIAH MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Grainge 1, R. H. Cave 2, W. Watson 3, R. Grainge 4, T. Impey 5, J. Stratton (first quarter as conductor) 6, J. Simons 7, S. Grange 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Impey on the occasion of his birthday.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Bob Major: E. G. Cottis 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, H. Worboys 3, J. Groves 4, F. V. Gant 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, F. Free-stone 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Robinson 1, F. Sear 2, S. Smith 3, F. Stanton 4, W. Sear 5, J. E. Rootes 6, H. Sear 7, R. Cadamy (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—At St. Michael's on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, F. James (conductor) 5, H. Dunsden 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 8th, at the Memorial Church of Bishop Ryder, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: John Scott 1, H. H. Fearn 2, J. W. Critchley 3, R. J. B. Hadden (conductor) 4, J. F. Harvey 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, G. E. Fearn 7, John S. Mason 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTER.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Flint (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Taylor (first quarter) 2, G. F. Ball 3, W. R. Drury 4, C. E. Carr (conductor) 5, R. C. Tipler 6.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Theobald 1, M. Northway (first quarter inside) 2, F. C. Manns (conductor) 3, L. Page 4, J. Mussell 5, C. Churchill (first quarter) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, E. S. Owen 2, P. G. Parrott 3, R. G. Long (first as conductor) 4, F. W. Richardson 5, A. F. Bennington 6, J. E. Warner 7, R. E. Last 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Carter 1, Miss J. M. Preston 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, A. F. Warren 4, T. Bevan 5, C. A. Vessey 6, F. C. W. Knight (composer and conductor) 7, J. T. O'Dell 8.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Harris 1, A. J. Martin 2, R. Harris 3, Mrs. J. Thomas 4, J. Thomas 5, T. W. Lewis 6, J. E. Newman 7, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Glass 1, A. W. Searle 2, R. B. Roberts 3, B. Pidgeon (conductor) 4, J. Glanville 5, A. Mitchell 6, G. Skinner 7, E. Glass 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, at All Saints' Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Peck 1, L. R. Trussler (first quarter away from treble) 2, Miss P. Kitchen (first quarter in method) 3, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 4, G. C. Goodman 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, H. G. Andrews 7, H. W. Barrett 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham (conductor) 1, J. W. H. Smith 2, J. Prentice 3, W. Hayes 4, W. H. Smith 5, T. Chambers 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Hayes, ringer of the 4th.

LUTON, BEDS.—At St. Mary's on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Kendall 1, H. Burton 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, A. J. Smith 4, A. Day 5, A. E. Rushton 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Etheridge 1, Miss D. Corke (first of Major inside) 2, P. Turley 3, L. Turley 4, H. Baker 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (composer and conductor) 7, F. Budgen 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter for Mr. E. Andrews, captain at the tower.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 9th at St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. T. Boomsma (first quarter) 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, T. G. Fox 3, H. A. Pinchbeck 4, H. E. Thompson 5, L. J. Fox (conductor) 6. All the band are local service ringers and ex-Service men. Rung to celebrate their safe return from the three Services.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Coward 1, P. Allen 2, L. Dawson 3, B. Latham 4, G. Latham 5, T. Witts (conductor) 6, L. Barry 7, R. Sharpe 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Bob Major: C. N. Leman 1, P. H. Watts (first of Major) 2, W. G. Paul 3, Dr. F. S. Poole 4, H. Timms 5, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 6, F. H. Crook 7, R. G. Bell 8.

WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 10th, at St. Peter's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Elsigood 1, J. Webb 2, S. Osborne 3, V. Peary 4, W. Elsigood 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6. Longest length of Minor for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Bells were rung 'up in peal,' touch rung and 'fell in peal' without interval.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 8th at the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Jones 1, K. L. Brown 2, J. King 3, J. C. Birt 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, F. Smallwood 6, D. R. Judd (conductor) 7, E. C. S. Turner 8. First in the method for ringers of 2 and 3.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. G. Blackman 1, L. P. Cook 2, F. J. Treagus 3, W. Tate 4, P. N. Bond 5, H. Weaver 6, J. H. Hunt 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method for 3, 5 and 6.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 5th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Pimm 1, H. P. Floyd 2, A. Cornish 3, T. W. Bond 4, L. Oliffe 5, G. Wright 6, A. R. Pink (conductor) 7, C. Bustin 8. Rung at the conclusion of the wedding of Lady Caroline Spencer-Churchill and Major Hugo Waterhouse.

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The Editor expresses his deep appreciation of the many greetings he has received from readers. His most encouraging gift from ringing friends was an order for an additional 250 copies of this issue from the Oxford Diocesan Guild. If notified in advance we can always supply additional copies.

Through the kindness of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, we are enabled to publish on another page illustrations of mediæval bellfounders' marks. The illustrations in question were taken from Mr. Sharpe's book, 'The Church Bells of Radnorshire.'

Date touches at one time were very popular. At Bolton, Lancs, on December 7th, 1946 Grandsire Triples was rung by Edward B. Webster 1, Everest Ford 2, Jack Kay 3, Albert E. Sandiford 4, John F. Wood 5, Edward Iddon (conductor) 6, Peter Crook, sen. 7, John H. Hamer 8.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Brierley Hill, Staffs, as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. William Potter, who has completed 50 years as a service ringer at St. Michael's Church. Will the conductor kindly notify the Editor name of the association under whose auspices the peal was rung?

Mr. Ernest E. Whitmore, of Raunds, Northants, who used to ring with the Portsmouth band, and was demobilised from the Royal Navy in May last, has conducted peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major for the first time for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild during the year.

A progressive 720 was rung at Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, on December 10th, which included four first 720's of Cambridge Sunrise Minor. The band was Miss P. Townsend 1, Miss M. Richards 2, C. J. Gardner 3, W. E. Court 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6. First 720 in method by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire commemorated his 50 years a ringer by ringing the ninth to a peal at St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, and then entertaining his fellow ringers to a hot pot supper. Canon Renshaw, the Viar and Rural Dean, attended the supper and spoke of Mr. Derbyshire's long and faithful service. St. Mark's band have a fine record, the average length of service being 35 years with three members with over 40 years to their credit.

The cold snap caused Leicester handbell 'pealites' to forsake the 14th century belfry of St. Margaret's. Their temporary home was the officers' room, Juvenile Court, St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall. Still performing is the Leicester veteran, 'Joe' Morris (father of Ernest), who is well into his 80th year. The time taken by the peal indicates that 'Joe' enjoys a peal rung at a real brisk pace.

To shepherd five ringers through their first peal was the achievement of Mr. Eric Nobles at Weedon Bec, Northants, on December 14th. Mr. E. W. Elsigood on the treble has 60 years to his credit, while James G. Webb, the ringer of the second, is only 15. Comments the conductor: 'Their enthusiasm was superb from start to finish with remarkably good striking.'

Rarely does the name of a ringer appear on a bell. The inscription on the 2nd of the new bells at Deddington, Oxon, dedicated on Dec. 14th, bears the name of Mr. E. C. Pearson, one of the churchwardens. Mr. Pearson has been a change ringer since 1908, starting at Gestingthorpe, Essex, after the six were rung there in 1908.

Mr. James Bennett, of Beckenham, writing with reference to 5.024 of Treble Bob Major by A. Knights (No. 377), states that it was one of several sent to him by the author, the late Mr. Arthur Knights, and was rung at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on November 2nd, 1933.

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' Thus in the kernel's intricate disguise,
In miniature a little orchard lies;
The fibrous labyrinths by just degrees
Stretch their swoln cells, replete with further
trees;
By time evolved, the spreading branches rise,
Yield their rich fruit, and shoot into the
skies.'

So wrote the poet! No doubt he had in his mind the pips of an apple, but his words may be applied to all manner of seeds, each developing after its kind, leading us on to remember that many a society has been formed for all manner of purposes, beginning in a small way, but steadily developing in membership till they, 'by time evolved,' become important features in our national life.

Our poet probably knew nothing about bell-ringing; still less the use of his lines as a foundation on which to build up a short history of a Ringers' Guild—yet so it is—with his theme before us our readers may like to know something about the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. Societies, associations and guilds have been formed in various ways, sometimes by individuals, sometimes by drawing several existing small bodies of ringers into one harmonious whole, to cover a large district such as a county or diocese, or, in days earlier than ours, for one reason or another, a breakaway from a society and the forming of another in opposition.

In the case of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, at the date of its foundation, on January 17th, 1881, there existed a comparatively small body known as 'The Sonning Deanery Society,' which had come into being in this way. Many of the deanery clergy met from time to time in each other's houses for discussion; many of these were very learned men, in fact it was asserted that at that time the two deaneries of Sonning and Maidenhead contained more brains than were to be found in the other seven deaneries in Berkshire put together! Not always, however, were the dis-

cussions based on deep theological and doctrinal truths, or the particular force of a single word in a single verse of Holy Scripture; now and then some practical subject was discussed such as church work in many forms affecting the laity as well as the clergy.

At one of these meetings held late in 1879 a paper on bells and ringers was read by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, discussed and, what is more important, promptly put into execution, the result being the formation of the Sonning Deanery Society. The Rev. J. T. Brown, Rural Dean, convened a meeting at Wokingham on January 26th, 1880, at which several clergy were present with representatives from the towers of Wargrave, Hurst, Arborfield, Sonning, Wokingham (2). Mr. J. Walter, M.P., Bearwood, proprietor of 'The Times' newspaper, was elected president; the Rev. J. T. Brown, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, and the Rev. Do'ben Paul, Rector of Bearwood, vice-presidents; the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Vicar of Dunsden, treasurer; and the Rev. J. F. Llewelyn, curate of St. Paul's, secretary. This young society flourished for 12 months only, the Diocesan Guild having been founded on January 17th, 1881, and having elected a treasurer and secretary from it. What more natural than that rank and file should follow their leaders and be grafted into the larger body? All to its advantage, no longer a little twig but a sturdy branch of the great guild tree, the first of the 15 branches which now adorn the tree, each having its own chairman, secretary and committee, each branch represented on the General Guild Committee, now 62 in number, viz., six guild officers, 12 elected members and 44 representatives of branches.

As to the chief officials of the Guild, the master, deputy master, secretary and treasurer, it may be noted that during its 65 years of growth up to the annual meeting held in July, 1946, only three have held the office of Master, viz., the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Canon Coleridge. The first, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, was the best known clerical ringer of all time: born in 1833, he learnt how to handle a bell in his undergraduate days at Oxford (1850-53), becoming at a later date acquainted with the well-known Appleton White family, who, in the persons of Alfred, Henry and Fred, taught him all they knew about change ringing, eventually persuading him to be their conductor. His first peal was at Appleton, Grandshire Triples, on October 13th, 1859, followed by a peal of Kent Treble Bob on December 13th. Then after an interval of some five years he did no ringing till a peal of Grandshire Caters was rung 'on March the 4th day,' 1865, composed and conducted by Fred White; but it was not till 15 years later, when the Diocesan Guild was founded, that the flow of peals rose rapidly: here, there and everywhere the Master was invited to give advice on bells and towers, to preach at festivals, dedications of bells, etc., and to join in ringing tours. These he gladly accepted as thereby he was enabled to fulfil his desire to be the first to ring a thousand peals, a desire accomplished with about 260 overplus before his death, when Sir Arthur Heywood, president of the Central Council, wrote, 'We lose a good friend and coadjutor, whose work for the Exercise has been invaluable.'

It is a good thing that masters are not all cast in the same mould: whereas Mr. Robinson made a great point of ringing a peal with a picked band before the annual festival service in whatever church it was held, deeming that listening was the best way to bring ringers to understand what good ringing should be, our second Master the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, judged otherwise: he felt that the Master should make himself personally known to every member of the Guild he could meet: to this end, though enjoying every peal he could



THE REV. G. F. COLERIDGE
Former Master and author of this article.

manage to ring, his big Mercedes car was seen almost every Saturday carrying him with an officer of the Guild or other friends to every part of Oxon, Berks and Bucks, in many cases to six-bell towers where he would see that everyone, even the merest tyro, had a pull, enabling him to go home (as the Psalmist says) with 'a proud look and high stomach,' swelling with joy in that 'he had rung with the Master.' By such actions he endeared himself to all; it is not too much to say that he revolutionised the Guild.

To him as third Master Canon Coleridge was elected 12 years in succession, though much against his wish, age, bodily infirmity and transport difficulties preventing him from doing much more than the giving of advice, routine duties, presiding at committees and the annual meetings of the Guild and deanery branch, etc., and, what he felt to be a great honour, preaching the festival sermon in the Cathedral as his last effort for the Guild. His successor as Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master, who had done great service for many years, was installed in his stead at the meeting held immediately after, when Capt. Poyntz was elected Deputy Master, and honour conferred on the late Master by his election as vice-president of the Guild, an honour conferred many years ago on Mr. J. Evans for most meritorious service in earlier years in the Hughenden belfry and neighbourhood. Only three Masters in 65 years! Not a bad record, but it is equalled by the three treasurers, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Sonning Deanery), Mr. A. J. Wright (Reading Branch) and Mr. A. D. Barker (East Berks and South Bucks Branch)—long may he keep a tight hold on the purse strings! Four secretaries have served the Guild, the Rev. Do'ben Paul, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Mr. A. E. Reeves and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 1917-1946, now succeeded by his son, William Hibbert. The moral—when you get a good man, stick to him, and, it should be added, 'help him in every possible way.'



MR. R. T. HIBBERT
Secretary of the Guild from 1917-1946.

Never has the Guild failed to produce a goodly array of conductors, composers and instructors. In its early days there were to hand in Oxford Mr. J. Field, Mr. W. J. Smith and Mr. Charles Hounslow, the conductor of the first Guild peal at Kirtlington on Nov. 27th, 1881; next Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, a most eminent ringer and composer. 'Parker's 12-part' has been called 'the acme and perfection of composition.' Then comes the renowned J. W. Washbrook, the first to ring a pair of bells in a tower peal, untiring in mind or body, a splendid all-round man, who was whole-time instructor in the Guild; Rev. F. E. Robinson, with his 861 peals of Stedman Triples, conducting 719 of them, and lastly R. Tom Hibbert, prince of ringers, a magnificent heavy bell man, revelling in a well-struck peal, but more than content to give most of his spare time to the instruction of lads and lasses. These, having given of their best in service to the Guild, have gone the way of all flesh. There now arise two others, the first well in the lime-light, Mr. W. F. Judge, whose abilities bid fair to win him great fame in future generations in the way of peal ringing; the other a most painstaking instructor of youth, Mr. G. Gilbert, of Burnham. Assuredly he holds the record in his pre-war band of boys, averaging 15½ years, and his post-war band of girls, averaging only 14½ years—all with peals to their credit—two boys having scored 48 and 43 and two girls 17 and 12 respectively.

Concerning towers and their ringers, four only must suffice owing to limited space—mere notes and little more.

(1) **ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL.** Ringing much encouraged by the Vicar, Canon Drummond, who did all that a non-ringer could do for the benefit of his company, and for the good of the Guild during his life. A notable band in the earlier years of the Guild's history.

(2) **CAVERSHAM.** Originally six, but increased to eight when Canon Coleridge was curate for 10 years. Peal after peal was rung with Tom Newman, a most capable conductor and exponent of the higher methods which the band tackled and rang up to London and Bristol Surprise. It was all on a par with a highly trained crew of a racing eight-oar: mishandling of ropes or any sloppiness in ringing was never tolerated for one moment: perfect striking was the one chief aim throughout, largely ensured by the compulsory observance of the golden rule, 'Never look down on the floor, but keep your eyes on those of your partners in the circle.'

(3) **APPLETON.** Always a fine parochial band, largely recruited from the White and Holifield families through three generations, a band which has always welcomed visitors from far and near to ring in their belfry, which is covered with peal tablets, records of the past, notably 10,060 Double Norwich, 12,041 Stedman, 13,265 Grandsire and 15,041 Stedman—this last was rung on the last day of December, 1888, and supplanted a peal of 13,043 rung at Oheltenham on the previous Whit Monday, holding the record length for 20 years, when Loughborough rang a peal of some 18,000 changes, supplanting it, only to be displaced in turn by Appleton, which regained the honour by a peal of 21,363 changes in 12 hours

25 minutes on April 22nd, 1922. Good old Appleton! 'Those were the days.' Many years may the record peal of all time be in the keeping of the Guild.

(4) **DRAUGHTON.** Unlike Appleton, the tower was never manned by a parochial band of change ringers. Though Vicar for near 30 years and Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson never succeeded in forming one. Peal after peal has been rung, but in every case it was by non-parishioners, as may be seen by an inspection of the peal tablets in stone or marble on the tower walls. Visitors often had peals arranged for them. On one occasion seven College Youths came down from Town to enable the Vicar to conduct a peal of Kent Treble Bob in his own tower. On another seven members of the Caversham band



APPLETON CHURCH, BERKS. Famed for its many record peals. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge rang the 9th in 10,000 Stedman Caters here on December 31st, 1888.

came over for a peal of Cambridge for the same purpose. These two peals are recorded on a large stone tablet with six others—the first Oxford University peal of Stedman, the first clerical peal of Stedman, Holt's Original, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise, all conducted by him. Three other tablets of marble record a peal of Stedman, the first uncondoned on tower bells, one of London, 11,328 changes in 6 hours 6 minutes, conducted by J. W. Washbrook, and lastly the 1,000th peal rung by the Master and conducted by him, August 9th, 1905. Over these is set a large stone tablet recording three peals, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, all three rung on the same day by the same ringers, conducted by J. W. Washbrook, a good sample out of the 3,979 peals in the Guild's peal book.

Of the 220 towers affiliated to the Guild, Oxon, Berks and Bucks each possesses a twelve-bell tower, with 10's, 8's and 6's spread over the diocese. With these notes the story of the Guild is finished, pro tem. The little pip sown in the soil of the Sonning Deanery has, 'as time evolved,' grown into a mighty tree with 15 branches yielding much rich and refreshing fruit, to wit, 1,569 active ringing members, with 229 (a record number) gathered in at the last annual festival in July—a good augury for future years of abundant fruitage.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 8th. 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Robinson 1, D. Sarjent 2, Miss J. Salt 3, F. Jackson 4, W. Coates 5, H. Denman (conductor) 6.

Devon Guild of Ringers EXETER TRIBUTES TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

St. David's bells were not available for the annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers owing to serious illness near the church, but those of St. Thomas' (afternoon) and Heavitree (evening) were available and fully used for Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The attendance of members and visitors totalled about 50. At service in St. David's Church the Rev. C. E. Gover (Vicar) commented on the help ringers could render and expressed appreciation of the loyalty of St. David's ringers.

A buffet tea in St. David's Institute was followed by business. Messrs. A. W. Searle (chairman) and E. W. Biffen (Ringing Master) were re-elected, and Mr. E. J. Ryall (a former chairman) was heartily accepted as hon. secretary in place of Mr. W. Howe, who resigned after about 15 years' service. Prebendary E. V. Cox (president) eulogised the devoted work of Mr. Howe, and on his motion it was resolved that special entry be made in the minutes. Mr. Howe, returning thanks, said much of the secretarial duties had been done by Mr. Searle and appealed to members to co-operate in facilitating the work of the new hon. secretary. The Branch Committee was instructed to consider a presentation.

The President directed attention to the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' which contained an outline of the history of the Devon Guild by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale), who had devoted much time and labour to the compilation, but was unable to be present through indisposition, which has happily proved temporary. Preb. Cox also commented on improvements effected in recent months in the character of 'The Ringing World,' and thought that the issue of 16 pages constituted a record.

Mr. Searle, a journalist for half a century, endorsed the president's remarks. Formerly the general contents of 'The Ringing World' were usually too academic, but some allowance must be made for circumstances during the war. Now the paper was being conducted on more popular lines and was endeavouring to cater for all interested in campanology from novices to proficients. He anticipated increased circulation with benefit to the Exercise as a whole and mentioned that copies of the issue with the Guild's history would be available for members. He concluded by inviting co-operation in resuscitating bands that had been affected by the war, welcomed members demobilised from the Forces, and thanked those who had assisted with the meeting.

Thorverton (8) was chosen for a meeting on February 15th.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Streeter 1, W. Edwards 2, Miss J. Edwards 3, L. Stilwell (conductor) 4, H. Wood 5, T. Gumbrell 6. First quarter-peal by 1, 3 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'The Strange God Campanology'

Dear Sir,—The views expressed by Mr. Richard A. Post will undoubtedly cause serious thought to all bellringers, and I am sure all will deeply appreciate and respect his convictions, especially as his opinions are so sincere that he has the courage to state them openly.

Whilst the installation of mechanical contrivances in towers in lieu of bells is to be deplored, I cannot think it is a threat of a serious nature, for the following reasons: It is my experience that these records with amplifiers have been installed only in churches without towers or towers strong enough to take bells, or where the parish is a poor one or where the raising of money for a peal of bells would be a very difficult and heartbreaking job.

Such is the Britisher's love of bells and the traditions attached to them and the sound of them, coupled with the local pride in possessing them, that the general reaction of the public will always be heavily in favour of a peal of bells rather than any artificiality, and while, of course, the incumbent of any church has authority to choose, he would be a bold man and risking the horror and wrath of his parishioners were he to have installed a record of bells and amplifier before giving them the opportunity of contributing towards a peal of real ones.

With regard to the attendance of ringers at divine worship. Frankly, I disagree with Mr. Post that full attendance, by ringers would give them a stronger voice than at present—only representation on church councils will achieve that, and at present there are among ringers one or two at each tower who regularly attend service and who would therefore feel justified in seeking a seat on the council. For the rest, the non-attenders, myself included, I don't think much can be done. It is a matter of choice, and no amount of persuasion will change the attitude. I, personally, have no inclination to attend church service; I enjoy the service at association meetings, but if a condition of my bellringing was that I should attend service, my love of bells would cause me to capitulate, but it would be with bad grace. After all, the percentage of church attendance by ringers compares very favourably with any of the members of the parish—among ringers it is approximately 20, among the public generally about 1.

I think all ringers have a consciousness of their efforts being for the Church, and I think the right attitude is to make it a hobby on practice nights and a duty on Sundays and holy days, and, having rung for service, to become a free agent and go home or to church according to temperament.

The fascination bell music and well-struck changes has for me would have drawn me to campanology wherever it was practised, and to me the fact that bells are installed in churches is an accident, and I wish they were all to be found in local village or town campaniles.—Yours faithfully,

C. BRETT-SMITH.

58, Picardy Road, Belvedere, Kent.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Richard A. Post is to be congratulated on his letter which appeared in the issue of December 13th of 'The Ringing World.' His observations are, generally speaking, most accurate and leave much food for thought and action.

Although I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Post, I look forward to that privilege and pleasure.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Hampton Wick, Kingston-on-Thames.

WHEELS AND SPEED OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—The question of large wheels affecting the speed of ringing has been discussed in your columns and the correct answer was given that, other things being equal, the size of the wheel makes no difference to the average speed of ringing. There is, however, one small point to be noticed, namely, that the larger the wheel the easier to mark the open lead.

With a 4lb. rope and a 6ft. diameter wheel, the rope gives up to the bell, when pulled off at backstroke, about 36 ft. lbs. of energy, sending it so much nearer to the balance. If the wheel is replaced by one of 7ft. diameter, the corresponding amount of energy transferred would be 42 ft. lbs., and the difference in the natural timing of the two strokes would be correspondingly more marked.—I am, yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.
Moat Farm Cottages, Pitstone,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

'BEST IN MIND AND BODY'

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the 'Strange God Campanology' letter by Richard Post, and wish to say how true are the points he raises.

Peal ringing is of very great interest to me, and I can't do as much as I would like, but I have always belonged to a church tower and regularly attended service. My belief is that the best one can offer to God and Christ is something done by one's own mind and body. Something which you strive for, and love. To me this means a good band of service ringers, who are in harmony themselves and are willing to work hard and aim for perfection in their ringing. Far too many towers have ringers who do not even attend to ring for service, let alone attend a service in church. Many do not like a short service on a meeting day.

I do feel that if we can find real harmony with God, Christ and ourselves, our ringing will become a real offering to God and Christ and will necessarily improve. Also those unfortunate towers which have no ringers would once again become like ships with a good happy crew trying to reach that land of perfection.—Yours sincerely,

Southport, Lancs.

N. HEAPS.

RINGERS NOT ONLY TO BLAME

Dear Sir,—Why does Mr. R. A. Post single out campanology as a strange god? Do not all departments wreak with hypocrisy? As a lad I heard the saying about a clergyman, 'Don't do as I do, do as I tell you'; also that when the pedals of an organ would not function, the repairer found the obstruction was caused by empty beer bottles! The choir-men of an East Coast church, years ago, slipped out by a side door, just at the commencement of the sermon, to a 'pub' for a drink, arriving back in their places in time to bellow out the last hymn.

I believe there would be few employees in the churches if it were not for the 'loaves and fishes.'

With radio and gramophone records why not have amplifiers for everything in services from the parsons downwards?

Being an honorary ringer and chorister for 60 years, I average 50 services annually.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandisire Triples: W. Jefferies (first quarter) 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott (first quarter inside) 3, R. Westcott 4, J. A. Evans 5, G. Westcott (first quarter) 6, F. Rowsell (conductor) 7, R. Collins 8.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandisire Triples: W. Jefferies 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, J. A. Evans 4, R. Westcott 5, G. Westcott 6, F. Rowsell (conductor) 7, R. Collins 8.

Devon Lady Ringer's Death

A correspondent (A.W.S.) has written as follows: The late Mrs. Holway, of Honiton Clyst, was held in high esteem by a large number of ringing friends. She had a charming personality and was always ready to do anyone a kindness. She had been handicapped by ill-health and infirmity for some years, but until the last few months of her life courageously overcame difficulties and participated in the meetings of various branches of the Devon Guild, being cordially welcomed by all who knew her. The district has been distressed by her death and offers sincere sympathy to her devoted husband, Mr. Arthur Holway, who is also a ringer at Honiton Clyst.

The large attendance and wealth of floral tributes at the funeral must have been some consolation to him. The weather was extremely wintry, but during the committal there was a gleam of sunshine and a neighbouring songthrush burst into what seemed to be a farewell to one who had an outstanding love for nature in all forms.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Taunton Branch was held at Wilton on December 14th. Ringers attended from Bristol, Bridgwater, Exeter, Langport, Shepton-Beauchamp, Yeovil and the local towers. The Guild service was ably conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Madock).

At the business meeting the chairman of the branch, the Rev. J. W. Storey, presided, and the following officials were elected for the coming year: Chairman, the Rev. J. W. Storey; hon. secretary, Mr. A. H. Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. R. W. Hayward. Bradford-on-Tone was chosen for the next quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies for their services was proposed by Mr. G. Coles and seconded by Mr. C. Tarr. Ringing continued at all the three town towers until 9 p.m.

DUNSFOLD BELLS BECAST

Attuned and in harmony once again, the bells of Dunsfold Parish Church will ring out the Christmas message over the Surrey countryside. Recast and rehung in the old frame, with new fittings, the six bells were rededicated on December 15th as a thanksgiving to God for preservation during the second world war.

The work, carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, cost over £600. The inscription on the tenor bell, originally cast in 1649, reads: 'Recast in 1946. A thanksgiving from the people of Dunsfold, 1939-1945. The Lord hath been our refuge.' The tenor weighs 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. The oldest bell is dated 1583 and another 1621. They were recast in 1892 when the other three were added.

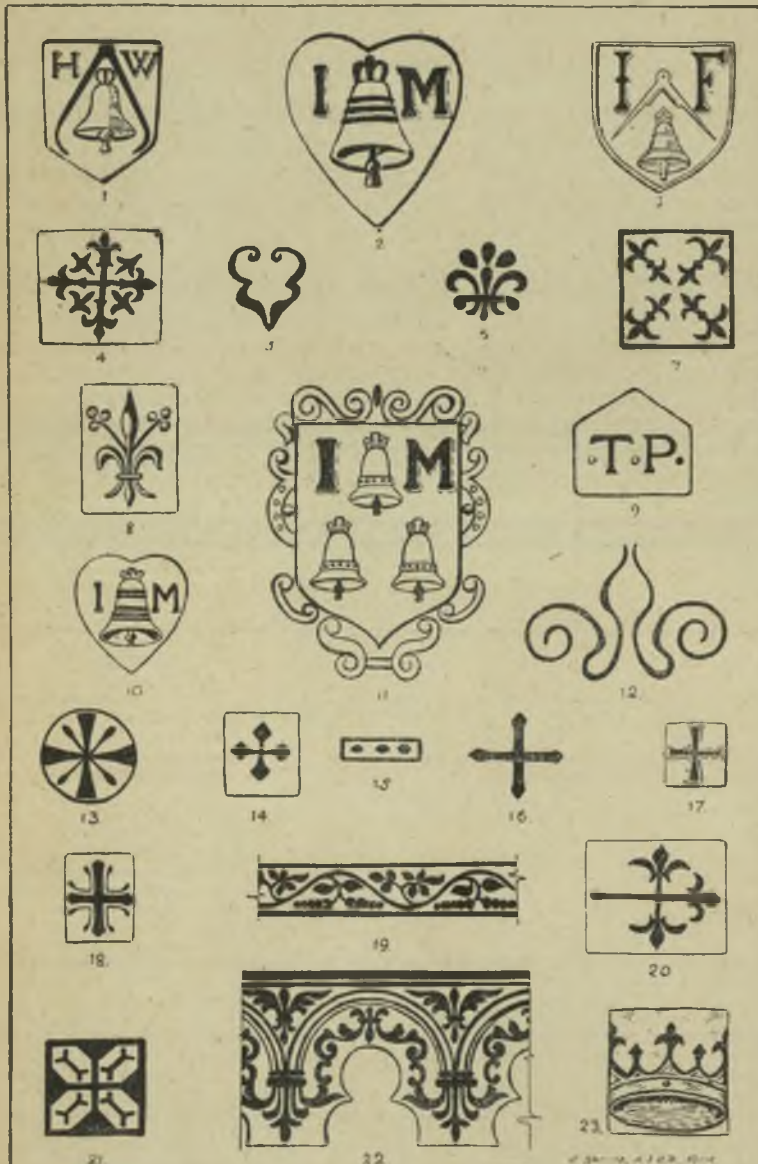
The Archdeacon of Dorking (the Ven. E. J. Newill), who performed the ceremony of rededication, said in these early post-war years, when there was so much to be done, the people had given first priority to the restoration of their church bells.

The bells of their parish churches, especially perhaps in their English villages, were a distinctive feature of English life and churches. Bells, and change ringing on them, seemed to have an extraordinary fascination for a lot of men and a considerable number of women.

Church bells had a meaning and a value greater, perhaps, than was sometimes thought. It was right and proper that they should have a Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. That Guild encouraged a proper care of the bells, the good and skilful ringing of them, and organised visits to different towers. Every tower in the diocese should be represented on the Guild's roll of members.

After the service touches were rung on the bells by members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild under Mr. C. F. Smith, District Ringing Master. Some 20 ringers attended the service and they were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Crowhurst.

MEDIÆVAL BELLFOUNDERS' MARKS



Half-scale details of bell founders' marks, with references to the founders' names, places of business, and approximate *working* dates. Only the principal users of the marks are listed: they were frequently handed down from one founder to another, and used in combination with other marks. Figs. 1, Henry Williams (locality unknown, but believed to be Brecon), 1677-1719; 2, 6, 10, 11, 19, 21 and 22, John Martin, of Worcester, 1644-1693; 3, 8, and 17, John Finch, of Hereford, 1628-1664; 4, 20 and 23, Robert Hendley, of Gloucester, 1450-1500; 5, 9 and 12, a founder, whose initials were T.P., working in mid-Wales *circa* 1675; or, a partnership of founders with the initials T.B. and I.B.; 7, John Barber, of Salisbury, *circa* 1400; and Richard-le-Belyetere, of Worcester, *circa* 1450; 13 and 15, Bristol mediæval foundry; 14, Henry Clibury, of Wellington, 1673-1682; 16, Richard Dawkes, of Worcester, 1606-1636; 18, an unknown 14th century founder.

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Merrow Bells Rehung

AN ASSET TO THE GUILDFORD GUILD.

When Messrs. Mears and Stainbank installed a ring of six with a 13 cwt. tenor in the Parish Church at Merrow, near Guildford, in the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the village was little more than an agricultural hamlet, but in the half-century which has intervened the district has grown out of all recognition, and Merrow is now an important residential suburb of Guildford, within the boundaries of which borough it is now incorporated. Unfortunately interest in the bells did not keep pace with the prosperity of the parish, and except in one or two brief interludes change ringing has been a little known art there.

In the circumstances it occasions little wonder that for long periods in their history the fittings escaped even that minimum amount of attention which is necessary to keep a peal in good going order, and of recent years, although the bells have always merited praise for their musical and tonal qualities, they have been notorious for their bad going.

However, after some years of effort, Guildford Guild officials persuaded the local authorities that some repair work was necessary, and at long last Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were called in to rehang the peal on ball bearings, renew the fittings and secure the frame. After a try-out on the previous Wednesday, when among other touches of Doubles and Minor an opening 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Brian Grover 1, J. O. Glanville 2, R. G. Walker 3, H. A. May 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, J. Gould (local band) tenor, the bells were formally reopened and rededicated on Wednesday, December 4th, by the Rector, the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham, at a service held in the ringing room. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were represented by Mr. F. Hutchings, who, in view of the labour difficulties and shortage of craftsmen, very kindly came back into harness after several years of retirement.

After this service, a few 120's of Doubles were rung by ringers mostly from West Clandon, interspersed with rounds in which local ringers joined. All present agreed that the bell hangers had effected a transformation, and the job leaves no room whatever for an excuse that any bad ringing there may be is occasioned by imperfect 'go.'

A parishioner, Mrs. Eustace, has defrayed the whole cost of the restoration as a memorial to her husband, the late Mr. S. C. G. Eustace, who was for some years a churchwarden at Merrow. It is to be hoped that with the immeasurably better conditions which now prevail, Merrow will become an active centre of change ringing, although the degree of appreciation and enthusiasm with which your correspondent's efforts to promote interest have been received by local talent during the last three years does not incline him to the optimistic belief that any startling improvement in the standard of ringing is likely to materialise in the immediate future.—G. L. G.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH RE-ELECT OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 14th. In addition to the branch members, there were ringers present from Aldbourne, Bristol, Shrivenham, Faringdon, Fairford, Chiseldon, Barnwood and Wootton Bassett.

Various methods were rung up to Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. The Vicar (Canon J. Gilbert) conducted the association form of service, and at the business meeting the chairman and secretary (W. H. Trueman and W. B. Kynaston respectively) were re-elected, and Mr. W. T. Daniell was appointed branch representative on the Management Committee. Places of next three meetings were provisionally arranged as St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton-St.-Margaret and Rodbourne Cheney.

W. B. KYNASTON.

DEATH OF MR. A. E. REED

The death occurred on December 6th of Mr. Arthur E. Reed in his 80th year. Always of a genial disposition and punctual in attendance for Sunday service ringing, he will be greatly missed by his comrades at St. Giles', Willenhall, where he rang the tenor. The funeral took place on Dec. 11th, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. B. Ashley, assisted by Rev. C. F. Hambury. Ringers who attended the funeral were F. Colclough (Bilston), W. Bayliss (Bradley), I. Evans, J. Luck and C. Wallater of the local band.

On the following day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled as a token of respect by his colleagues.

NOTICES

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Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced between Dr. John E. Spice, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Spice, of 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, and Miss Betty R. Hollingworth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hollingworth, of 42, Gorse Road, Blackpool, Lancs.

The engagement is announced of Arthur R. Burgess, of Hatfield, Herts, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Burgess, of Coventry, and Barbara W. Smith, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Headingley, Leeds.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

A happy New Year to all ringing friends.—Les W. Jarvis, Hawkhurst, Kent.

E. T. P. Field wishes his ringing friends a happy New Year. — Bleak House, Bookham Lane, Alton Pancras, Dorchester.

To old friends and new, near and far, we send greetings for a happy and successful New Year.—From St. Margaret's Society, Barking.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m. Ringing after the meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Hellingly, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSN. — The programme of ringing on Wednesday, Jan. 1st (in connection with the annual dinner) will be as follows: St. Mary, Battersea, 9.30 to 10.30; St. Mary Abbots, 10.45 to 12; St. Mary, Lambeth, 1.30 to 3; St. Stephen, Westminster, 2.30 to 3.45; St. Gabriel, Pimlico, 3.30 to 5.15.—J. E. Spice, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's, 4 to 6 p.m. Meeting at Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by invitation to those only who notify W. Dyer, 69, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, by first post, Thursday, Jan. 2nd.—S. Taylor.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District. — Meeting Edenbridge (8), Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Dec. 28th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec., Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Thorrington (6). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—Leslie Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting at Westbury, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise by Jan. 1st.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Eastwood (8), Sat., Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at British Restaurant, High Street. Business: Cup Competition. All welcome. — H. Chad-dock.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting at Audley (8), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District. — Annual meeting at Winchester, Jan. 4th. Cathedral (12), St. Maurice (6) bells 2.30. Meeting, Dumpers' Restaurant, 3.45. Tea 4.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Bells afterwards till 8.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 1st.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—District Annual Meeting.—Watford (10), Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Odeon Cafe, High Street, 4.45 p.m. Please help caterers by notifying S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 31st.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Annual meeting, Selby, Jan. 4th. Tea 3s. Notify T. H. Foster, 3, Richardson's Yard, Church Lane, Selby, by Jan. 1st.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Branch annual meeting at Burton Latimer on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea for those only who notify Mr. B. J. Saddington, 48, Finedon Road, Burton Latimer, by Dec. 30th.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Monday, Jan. 6th. Practice at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Jan. 11th. St. Mary's, Battersea, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business and handbells 6 p.m. Further ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Preliminary Notice. Annual meeting at Eardisland, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Full details later. Other districts please note.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Annual at the Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea provided if notified by previous Wednesday. — J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Bury St. Edmunds District. — Meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Annual meeting (district) at Metheringham, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only. Bring own food. — K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

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