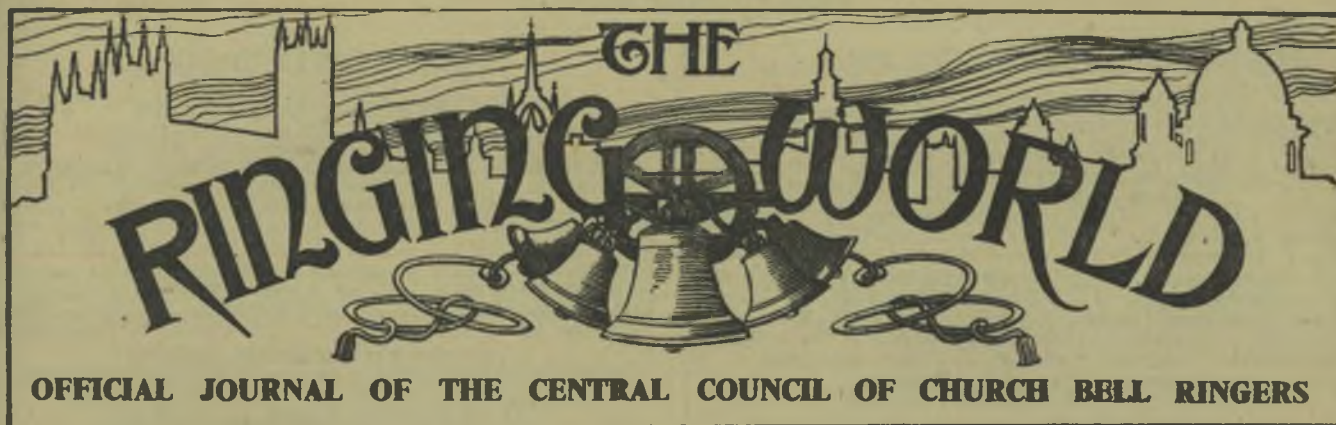




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IN DEFENCE OF THE LEARNERS

I QUOTE from the 71st annual report of the Association of which I am now a resident member. It is typical of the many of various County and Diocesan Guilds I have collected over the past 50 years:—

The objects of this Association are:—

(1) To cultivate and encourage the good old English art of change ringing and to create a more general interest in it.

(2) To secure the due recognition of ringers as church officials and the proper care and use of bells and belfries.

This is a large Association; it has over 1,000 members and embraces over 250 towers. It figures very prominently in the peal lists, so must have capable ringers. Unlike most other Associations, the 'Rules' do not set any standard of proficiency as a requisite of membership; the veriest tyro may join and many come and go. There is no dearth of recruits, at least in my immediate neighbourhood.

To-day, even if I wished to enjoy even moderately good change ringing in humble methods for service or practice it would be necessary to travel at least 40 miles. Many bells are not rung at all for service and many rings are left to decay. I am aware we are not alone in this; the same could be said of many other parts.

Our primary object is to ensure the ringing of all our bells for service to the glory of God and in such a manner that it will create a more general interest in it. General interest means not only those who attend the church but the listening public. 'Pshaw! The public,' I can hear my local towerkeeper say, 'What do I care about the public?' Yet we never fail to invite them to pay for our bells, which they do most generously.

Why, then, after over 70 years is our ringing so deplorable? It can be summarised in three words—**incompetent initial instruction.**

Despite the provision made in the 'Rules,' this Association does nothing to foster proper instruction. The most important factor in ringing is bell control; for if one has this all things are possible, without it nothing can be done. Unlike some, I do not aver that bell control is merely a natural asset which few possess. It is a matter of correct personal instruction by one who can himself handle a bell properly and he need not be a prolific peal ringer. Bell control cannot be learned from books; but consists mainly

of the meticulous correction of faults as they arise. Therein lies the snag.

'Most church work is voluntary and one has in these days to be very careful; people are so easily offended.'

Recently at a practice a visiting captain burst into the ringing room with these words: 'I met the great X last week! What I think of him is that he will not have any ringers at all in 12 months.' So much for our much vaunted Christian conduct. 'We don't want him. He will drive them all away.' Yet the great X was truly great. He had then led his band for 50 continuous years and it is a band to be proud of; whereas his mentor has never yet taught anyone proper bell control, although he has plenty of learners and wields much authority in his own tower.

All our great peal bands for generations have looked for their material ready-made. If peals of merit in intricate methods are to be rung it must be so and one cannot blame the convener; he has the rest of the band to consider. However, if the standard of bell control continues to decline at its present rate our art will recede more and more into the pursuit of the fortunate few, maintained by the shillings of the faithful, but not so proficient, and of the many learners who come and go because they have not had a square deal. It is not a square deal if a learner finds after some years he has been taught by one who himself lacked bell control and he has absorbed his faults. There is the exception who insists on teaching and can't; but by and large those who teach bell control do so because they must and the proficient are content to let them, picking the wheat from the chaff for peals.

Personally I rang two peals before being allowed by my instructor to join the Association. Entry into an Association is too easy and savours too much of a scramble for members and money. Entry should at least entail proper bell control in rounds and should be strictly vouched for by both proposer and seconder. Certificates should be given to all after reaching a certain standard and the presentation should be made personally at a district meeting so that the recipient will value it as I do my first. Without Associations there would be no Central Council, therefore no 'Ringing World' and no publicity for peal ringers. I wonder if the tally of peals would decline? I think it would, but it would make little difference to the over-all standard of ringing. This is a matter to which all Associations should give serious thought.

W. B.

SOUTH AND WEST WALES TOUR

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 7
*RONALD F. DISERENS 3	JOHN HILL 8
†JACK R. WORRALL 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
NOEL J. DISERENS 5	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

*First peal on ten bells. †150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*ARTHUR H. REED Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON 5
*RONALD F. DISERENS 2	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 6
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	*JOHN HILL 7
NOEL J. DISERENS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5
*RONALD F. DISERENS 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	JOHN HILL 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
*ARTHUR H. REED 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 6
*JOHN HILL 3	*NOEL J. DISERENS 7
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

PEMBROKE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Thurstans' Four-part.	
RONALD F. DISERENS Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
*ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN HILL 6
†MICHAEL P. MORETON 3	*NOEL J. DISERENS 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

*50th peal together. †150th peal. First peal of Stedman Triples in the county of Pembroke.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILLIAM F. THOMPSETT 6
*RONALD F. DISERENS 2	†MICHAEL P. MORETON 7
ARTHUR H. REED 3	JOHN HILL 8
NOEL J. DISERENS 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells and in the county of Glamorgan.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	ALAN A. POTTS 8
JAMES FERNLEY 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 7
MURIEL REAY 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	*GEORGE E. FEARN 9
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 4	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON 10
JOHN THOMAS 5	JOHN PINFOLD 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*200th peal together.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	*ARTHUR ROGERS 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
MAURICE G. TURNER 3	ERNEST STITCH 9
GEORGE A. PACKER 4	SAMUEL BIRCH 10
IVOR R. NICHOLS 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 11
EDGAR T. SMITH 6	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

*First peal on twelve bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to Mr. G. H. Davis and Miss Marjorie Poxon on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*DAVID B. WILLIAMSON Treble	REX J. CORKE 5
†SHIRLEY CORKE 2	E. JOHN WELLS 6
†MURIEL LEWIS 3	ROY COLLINS 7
WILLIAM J. PAICE 4	EDWARD J. BRAGG Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

*First peal of Major. †First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to Shirley Corke.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Holt's Original.	
WALLACE W. COUSINS Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

F. BERNARD DITCHER Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
*HOWARD SCOTT 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A sincere welcome to W. F. Moreton on his return to his native county.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY R. COCKELL .. Treble	FRANK A. PENN 5
DONALD E. LEE 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Guild. Also for the wedding of Mr. Robin Hunt to Miss Marion Norrish.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD A. REED .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*BETTY FAITHFULL 2	A. YORKE-BRAMBLE .. 6
NORMAN HAYES 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
†WINIFRED BURTON 4	*TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. F. Shail, who was inducted as Rector of this parish on July 11th, and on the eve of the Harvest Festival, marked by the civic visit of the Mayor of Eastleigh.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Treble	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
*ALICK CUTLER 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
ANNE B. SPEED 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 50th Surprise Major method for a peal. The first peal in the method.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
MARK W. MARSHALL 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 200th peal.

WELLS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK S. WILLIAMSON .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	BERT GOGLE 6
VINCENT R. OVENS 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
JOHN McDONALD 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 SAXLINGHAM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	WILLIAM LOVE 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERNEST G. SHORTING .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX 5
BRYAN F. SIMS 2	JOHN CHURCH 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	*SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 7
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A 21st birthday compliment to S. J. Woodcock.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	WALTER G. SOAR 5
JOHN UNDERWOOD 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. 7
PETER MARRIOTT 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
ALBERT E. WHITING .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 5
*PATRICIA CLARKE 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
FRANK RUFFLES 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First Surprise peal.



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FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	WILLIAM P. GARNER .. 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
WILFRED W. RING .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First touch of Yorkshire.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. Treble	†JOHN WEST 5
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 6
*JOHN CRAWLEY .. 3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS .. 7
PETER J. CAME .. 4	ROBERT H. YOUNG .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell and of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.	
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
GEORGE PEERS, SEN. .. 4	ARTHUR YATES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 5
*WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 2	DENNIS MADDOCK 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	CECIL RADDON 7
*HAROLD WORRAL .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
*WALTER G. SOAR .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 75th peal.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival, and to mark the wedding of the Rev. David P. Roberts and Miss Georgina Massey, who were married on this day at the Church of St. Catherine, Edge Hill, Liverpool.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.	
*OSWALD H. CUNNINGTON Treble	LUTHER J. HONEST .. 5
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 2	ALEC E. RICHARDSON .. 6
†LEONARD P. GOATER .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Richardson.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS .. Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 2	JOHN HILL 6
*ROY D. TOMLIN .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
JACK R. WORRALL .. 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hill.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. H. Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.	
ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	MICHAEL FULLER .. 6
MARY FULLER .. 3	JOHN S. MASON .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

Specially arranged for the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Short, of Whitby. Also for the wedding of Michael A. Causley and Jean Durrant, which took place at Buxted the same day.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH .. 5
HERBERT GOAKES .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 6
JOHN H. BLUFF .. 3	†JAMES H. MUSSON .. 7
*PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4	†REGINALD T. BERRIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. 50th peal together by the ringers of treble and 3rd and 5th and 7th.

SIX BELL PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., April 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.	
PERCY JENKINS .. Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE .. 4
DENNIS SHARPLES .. 2	*JOHN NEWMAN .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	RICHARD SQUIRES .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of James T. Randle, for many years a ringer at this church.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one Morris's 240. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*RONALD BOUNDS .. Treble	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 4
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. 2	WILFRED NORGROVE .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	RICHARD LINGEN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal. A farewell to the Rev. A. J. Goss, who has left the parish.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.	
DOROTHY HUGHES .. Treble	*RONALD BOUNDS .. 4
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	ARTHUR WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' A welcome to the Rev. A. D. Hill.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.		Tenor 12 cwt. in F.
*GEORGE W. FORD Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN 4	
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 5	
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120, 10 different callings.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Treble	ANTHONY W. BARLEY .. 4
SIMON L. BARLEY 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Ven. J. P. Hales, D.S.O., O.B.E., former Archdeacon of Newark, who died on September 6th, 1952, aged 81, and who spent 53 years as priest in the Diocese of Southwell.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
WALLACE W. COUSINS .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS 4
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire; twice repeated.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
G. R. WILKINSON Treble	PETER J. THOMAS 4
FREDERICK WATSON 2	ROGER G. W. SOARS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN H. BURBAGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of John Grundy, verger and ringer of All Saints', Loughborough. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are ringers respectively of Elmsthorpe, Croft, Leicester (St. Margaret's), and Whetstone.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

J. WEADON Treble	R. DARE 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
W. J. TILEY 3	*COLIN ROYNAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung with bells half-muffled, in memoriam Edward J. Avery, secretary of the Axbridge Branch.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5760 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Netherseale, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
GEORGE CHERRY Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
PETER W. CROFT 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
DAVID L. GULLICK 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

First peal in eight Surprise methods by all the band.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David J. T. Bickerton.



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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Comprising 34 extents (10 callings) and 4 of Morris's 240's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN F. W. HOODLESS .. Treble	WALTER NICHOLS .. 4
JOAN E. HOODLESS .. 2	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 5
ALLEN SIMPSON .. 3	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells.

In memoriam Joseph Atkinson, a member of Barton and Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, band, interred at Barrow this day. Also to Archdeacon Hales, a former Rector of this parish, interred at Southwell on September 9th.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 4
†MURIEL REAY .. 2	†FRANK E. HAYNES .. 5
†JOHN McDONALD .. 3	†GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal with treble bob hunt. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ 300th peal together. Miss Reay has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Norfolk and Primrose, (3) York, (4) Ipswich, (5) Beverley, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES WOODS .. Treble	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 4
HORACE M. DAY .. 2	CECIL WADE .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

A birthday compliment to H. M. Day, F. W. French and W. A. Holmes.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb.

HERBERT C. BOGGIS .. Treble	LIONEL A. LESTER .. 4
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 2	REGINALD H. DRANE .. 5
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT C. BOGGIS.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. T. H. Denny Cooke, churchwarden at Bergh Apton for 37 years, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CECIL HINTON .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	*GEORGE F. BURTON .. 5
HENRY G. KEELEY .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob; three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIFFORD H. FORD .. Treble	†WILLIAM WALL .. 4
†NORMA ROBERTS .. 2	THOMAS METCALFE .. 5
†JOHN ASKEW .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell peal to S. C. Ford, who is joining the Forces.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRED AND MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Dover, Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight. (2) Ely, Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedene Delight. (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh & Abbeyville Delight. (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight. (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob. (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JEAN C. BROWN .. Treble	*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
*ERIC SIMPSON .. 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	*DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 35 methods. The first peal in 35 methods on the bells.

Rung in grateful remembrance of those who 'laid down their lives for their friends' in the Battle of Britain, September, 1940.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

MRS. W. E. SIMPSON .. Treble	R. ALAN HICKTON .. 4
*SHELAGH KILBOURNE .. 2	W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 5
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*†D. B. WILLIAMSON (16) Treble	†BRIAN P. E. BATT (16) .. 4
*†SHIRLEY J. CORKE (15) .. 2	†REX J. CORKE (17) .. 5
†PETER G. SHERWOOD (16) 3	†E. JOHN WELLS (16) .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal. Average age of the band 16 years 2 months. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Hasted, of Farnham, who was buried this day.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
ALAN CATTELL .. 3	PETER J. THOMAS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ministry in the Leicester Diocese of the Rector (Rev. G. E. Simms-Reeve, M.A.).

HANDBELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT 74, HOOKFIELD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 20 in E.

JILL R. BRITTAIN .. 1-2	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDELY .. 7-8
JOHN HILL .. 9-10	

Composed by GEOFFREY DODDS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 50th peal 'in hand' and 25th peal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A birthday compliment to S. F. Palmer, 78 on this date.

QUARTER PEALS

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Leavey 1, Miss J. Huddleston (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. J. Weaver 3, N. Grover (first 'inside') 4, J. Weaver 5, A. Smith 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, K. Biggs (first quarter) 8.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,300 April Day Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, M. J. Martin 3, G. F. Gray 4, J. R. Cooper 5, E. J. Walker 6. First in the method for all.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): W. Watkins 1, J. Bedford 2, J. Thomas 3, W. Mantle 4, G. Corbett 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Watkins 1, J. Bedford 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, W. Mantle 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6, Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tomkins.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes 1, G. W. Holland 2, H. Jones, jun., 3, F. Townsend 4, C. Gough 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Yates (first of Major) 1, F. Townsend (first of Major 'inside') 2, H. Jones, jun. (first quarter of Major) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, C. Gough 5, W. Yates 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung for Battle of Britain service.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Nobes 1, W. A. C. Grey 2, E. Baughan 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. J. Hearns (cond.) 5, H. Winfield 6. In memory of Mr. A. Wiggins.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Lloyd 1, Miss M. A. Bailey 2, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 3, J. E. S. Morton 4, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, R. Rose (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. H. C. Harding, wife of the Rev. H. C. Harding.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, R. Wyre 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss F. Raybould, B.A., who is leaving to take up a teaching post at Wigton, Cumberland.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Cadwell (first of Major) 1, F. C. Case 2, A. Armstrong 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. Vickers 5, V. Adams 6, W. Yates 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Moore (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, W. W. Webb 3, E. R. Gladman 4, B. A. Rose 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8. Rung fully-muffled for the funeral of Mr. Gurney, churchwarden and great friend of the ringers.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. Brown (first as cond.) 1, M. Sharpe 2, E. Bishop 3, B. Hammond 4, L. Sharpe 5, H. King 6.

LICHEFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. T. Hayle 1, E. Malin 2, A. F. Sedgwick 3, A. Ager 4, N. Hadley 5, J. B. Webb 6, G. Peers 7, D. Beresford 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Rev. F. A. Iremonger, D.D., Dean of Lichfield.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss Ann Barr (first quarter) 1, D. W. Barr 2, M. W. Fairey 3, T. Reynolds 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, A. G. Isaacson 6. First quarter in three methods by all and on the bells. Rung for the service at which the treble ringer was confirmed.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, A. E. Bissat 3, R. J. Hicks 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. E. Ham 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. Soles 3, M. J. Martin 4, J. Chittenden 5, T. J. Wilson 6. Half-muffled in memory of those who laid down their lives in the Battle of Britain.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent Treble Bob): C. Gough (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss D. Spokes (first in the method) 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Clothier 1, H. J. Gladwyn (first of Minor) 2, A. Tyers 3, J. Coombes 4, N. B. Davis 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung for the 70th anniversary (Sept. 14th) of the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Osborn 1, Mrs. Northern 2, H. Corney (first quarter as cond.) 3, H. Perry 4, N. Phillips 5, A. Langham 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, D. Adams 2, F. Fisher 3, A. Firth 4, C. Wright 5, J. E. Turley 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, T. C. Ryder 8. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: D. Adams 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, F. Fisher 3, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 4, A. Stamp 5, H. E. North 6, P. E. North 7, A. Firth 8, T. C. Ryder 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Little Bob Royal by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Steel 1, Audrey T. Robson (first quarter) 2, J. Wormald 3, A. G. Wood 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, P. Massam 6, E. Spencer 7, H. Horner 8. Rung for the annual choir festival of the Whitkirk Rural Deanery.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. F. Godley 1, W. H. Poole 2, G. Gaylard (first of Stedman) 3, J. W. Drew 4, P. H. Hull 5, W. E. Turner 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. H. Pope 8.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: D. H. Mettam 1, L. Willders 2, P. D. Baldock 3, H. O. Collin 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all except the 3rd.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Peter's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss E. Peckett 2, W. Bowers 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, T. Stagg 5, E. Bishop 6, G. Miller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. T. Hubbard, churchwarden.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Owen 1, R. O. Fry 2, M. Horseman 3, Miss M. Legg 4, E. Shearn 5, H. W. Knight 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, W. A. Prescott 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Avery.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Yates 1, G. E. Green 2, F. C. Case 3, W. J. Chester 4, H. E. Edwards 5, H. G. Keeley 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Duffield 1, C. Butter 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, H. Figgins 4, S. Haw 5, W. Jarvis 6, F. Wigmore (cond.) 7, W. Freeman 8.

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Mr. Frank B. Yates, a
highly respected member of
the St. Martin's Guild, has
very generously offered to defray the cost of
twelve new ropes for the bells of Birmingham
Cathedral. Although ill-health prevents Mr.
Yates from taking an active part in ringing for
the time being, his interest is as keen as ever
and he derives great pleasure from listening to
the Cathedral bells.

Mrs. Melville, who has turned 80 years of
age, attended the ringing meeting at Wonston,
Hants, recently and rang in four touches. Are
any other octogenarian ladies still ringing?

Who was the conductor, trying to call Holt's
Original at Sittingbourne last week, who nearly
hanged himself in the last 700? In doing so he
missed the last bob before the first single.
Perhaps it was physical strain, not mental.
Would some kind lady ringer please answer?

His many friends at Stansted and Bishop's
Stortford will regret to hear that Mr. Walter
Prior was taken ill while on holiday at Birming-
ham and has undergone a serious operation.
We trust that his progress will be maintained.

The eight at Christ Church, Radyr, South
Wales, after a lapse of 23 years are now being
rung for service, by a company of 11 men and
four youths. All visitors are welcome to the
practices on Mondays from 7-8.30. Mr. William
Dare, of Whitchurch, near Cardiff, is captain
and trainer.

Visiting ringers from Cardiff, Whitchurch and
Llanbradach attended at Radyr on September
17th as a silver wedding tribute to Mr. and
Mrs. E. Goodacre. Mr. Goodacre being vice-
captain of the local tower. The company in-
cluded that grand old veteran, Mr. Seymour
Barker. The Rector and Mrs. W. S. Pontin
provided tea for ringers and guests in the
Church Hall, and gifts were presented to Mr.
and Mrs. Goodacre to mark the occasion.

BELFRY GOSSIP

It was at Norton-in-
Hales, Shropshire, during
the incumbency of his
father that the Rev. David Roberts, now Vicar
of Marston, near Shropshire, learned to ring
as a boy of 11. His wedding on September 20th
at St. Catherine's, Edge Hill, Liverpool, to Miss
Georgina Massey, of Liverpool, was an occa-
sion for a number of touches on the bells.
The Ringing Master (Mr. Archie Harrison) and
members of the band wish the Rev. and Mrs.
David Roberts every happiness in their future
life.

The peal of Treble Bob at North Stoneham
was memorable for more than one purpose.
It welcomed a new rector and marked the first
visit of the Mayor of Eastleigh to St. Nicholas'
Church. To four of the band it was a happy
occasion as since April they had lost 15 or 16
successive attempts, and one member had made
no fewer than 20 abortive attempts!

Mr. W. Rogers had a big disappointment on
his silver wedding day. A year previously he
had promised Mr. Harry Short, of Whitby,
Yorks, that he would arrange a peal attempt
of London Surprise to commemorate their re-
spective silver weddings. Owing to a business
engagement he could not stand in the peal
himself, so Cambridge Surprise was rung in-
stead. The band send their special greetings
to Mr. and Mrs. H. Short.

Owing to a rope breaking, the peal attempt
at Market Deeping, Lincs, on September 3rd,
for the birthdays of Messrs. N. M. Day, F. W.
French and W. A. Holmes, was unsuccessful.
The peal was scored on September 17th.
Market Deeping tower was selected in order
that Mr. French could score his first peal at
the tower where he learned to ring 50 years ago.
Mr. Day, who was 71 this month, also learned
to ring at this tower, and both rang the par-
ticular bells they first learned to handle.

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BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS IN DEVON

520 MILES DURING A WET FORTNIGHT

EARLY on Saturday, August 2nd, the railway staff at St. John's Station, Bedford, may have noticed that the seven young people getting on the train with cycles were wearing bell badges. If so, they may have guessed rightly that they were bellringers off for a ringing tour. Devon was the county we were making for, and the fortnight's tour included ringing at several places in Wiltshire and Somerset on the way.

Leaving the train at Oxford, we were at Wantage by midday, joining two others who had cycled all the way from Bedfordshire. From then on it was against a stiff wind and in persistent rain that we dragged our cycles over the hills of the White Horse to Aldbourne and Marlborough. We were denied rest at Aldbourne, for the hard-going bells are difficult to ring, with 80 feet of stretchy ropes. However, we had more success at St. Mary's, Marlborough, undeterred by the absence of the stay on the third.

Marlborough Youth Hostel is on the main Bath road, and it was this road we took next morning after ringing on the really rough and odd-struck ring of eight at St. Peter's for morning service. More wind, rain and adverse slopes delayed our arrival at Batheaston Youth Hostel and Bath Abbey.

A visit to the Abbey next morning preceded the many miles of cycling over the Mendips. Ringing was at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Glastonbury and Street. The last named bells are not easy to strike well, being rather heavy-going, but not as bad as we had been led to believe.

TAUNTON IMPRESSES VISITORS

Any dampness that remained from overnight was soon blown out of us as we swept down the slopes from Street Youth Hostel next morning, to the plains surrounding Bridgwater. We passed several magnificent Somerset towers, but none were as fine as the tower of pink stone at St. James', Taunton. Even through difficult to hear, the eight are as fine as the tower that contains them. Our lunch at Taunton will be remembered as being in a skittle alley at an inn.

Although forewarned by our maps, we did not perhaps appreciate the full significance of the closeness of the contours until we started to cross them. The hills became more enormous. Milverton, another church built in the local pink stone, was a welcome stopping place. The ring of eight here is easy to manage and really delightful to listen to. Yet another hill confronted us, the biggest of the lot, and after we had surmounted it, in a minor thunderstorm, it was almost all downhill to Bampton. Devon at last! The tenor at Bampton defied all attempts to turn it in to Minor, but Doubles went much better.

A late night, an early rise next morning, and we were on our way along the Exe Valley to Tiverton. We had been told several times of the excellence of this eight. Nor were we disappointed; both with the tenor drumming and turned in (to a touch of Tiverton Little Bob), they sounded grand. The eight at Crediton followed, which are certainly tough round the back end. Very wet and bedraggled, we eventually arrived at Hole Farm, Highampton, our headquarters for several days, the home of Pat Gilbert, a Bedfordshire ringer in exile, and two of her friends. An enormous meal was awaiting us and we soon dried off in front of a log fire.

QUARTERED IN HAY LOFT

Some of us were quartered in the hay loft, and our first night's sleep was somewhat disturbed by the nocturnal activities of Chieftain, the farm dog, an affectionate seven-stone monster, and of a ginger kitten. We were reminded of the old litany, 'From Ghoulies and Ghosties and Long Legged Beasties, and

Things that go Bump in the Night, Good Lord deliver us.'

On Thursday the nine of us arrived at Bradford almost shaken to pieces by the rough roads. The light ring of six is similar in many ways to Shebbear, the next port of call. Both sixes are tuneful and easy running.

More skilled map reading got us to Petrockstowe, an even lighter six that the previous two, where we were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Smale, and several local ringers. Here some of us were initiated into the art of call-change ringing. In vain we waited after the ring down for the clouds to stop raining. Our shoes were thoroughly soaked by the time we reached Hatherleigh, the last call of the day.

DAPHNE'S BIRTHDAY

Next day our number was increased to ten; that is, after the tenth cycle had been assembled. Even then, we didn't all get to Bridge-rule until a puncture had been mended en route. After a ring on the light eight, and an incident on Rolypoly Hill (the name explains the incident!), we went on to the fairy-like six at Pyworthy. Torrents of rain fell on us on our way to Holsworthy, but all thoughts of rain were dispelled for an hour or so while we enjoyed ourselves at a cafe in Holsworthy, it being Daphne Hare's birthday party. After that we adjourned to the church for some good ringing on another pleasant eight, attracting the attentions of the local policeman. At 6 p.m., having lowered the bells, we heard the chimes strike the tune, 'Holsworthy Church Bells,' composed by S. S. Wesley when he was organist at Exeter Cathedral. A convivial evening was spent in honour of Daphne's birthday.

Saturday was spent in quite a different direction. First place was Okehampton, where Mr. Fred Smale met us. A form of sound control is installed to enable the bells to be heard distinctly in the ringing chamber; it seems to be quite effective.

Next we went on to North Tawton, of Christmas broadcast fame. Our ringing here was not up to the usual standard. The ease with which the 18 cwt. tenor was turned in seemed to impress the local ringers, however. We were rather disappointed in North Tawton bells on the whole: at neighbouring Sampford Courtenay the tone is far superior.

The wind had considerably increased in force and was blowing half a gale as we found our way to Exbourne, a place worth visiting even if only to see the rare standard of craftsmanship displayed in the wood carving of the screen and pew-ends. The bells are light, similar to the many other rings of six round there of the same weight. In the evening, at the Golden Inn, Highampton, the local vocalists gave us a recital of once-popular tunes, and we entertained them with handbell ringing.

To our surprise, Sunday morning was flooded with brilliant sunshine, presenting an opportunity for several spools of camera film to be used. We rang both 'scientific' and call-changes for Matins at Black Torrington, until the third developed a mechanical hitch preventing further ringing. In the evening, after an afternoon of relaxation, we went to St. Lawrence's, Sheepwash, and rang for the patronal festival (including a touch of St. Lawrence Little Bob). We were invited to supper at the Rectory, where we stayed until dusk fell.

AT CLOVELLY

Monday was intended to be almost free from ringing so that we could make the most of our day in Clovelly. We had an hour's ring on the six at the church (light bells in a small tower), and then went down the well-known and well-worn steps to the village.

The rest of the day might easily have become a washout. The rain started at midday and did not stop until nightfall. At Hartland the Vicar offered us the shelter of his greenhouse and entertained us with reminiscences of his forty-four years in the parish, whilst we attempted to fill the void that the eight hours since breakfast had caused. At the Vicar's suggestion, six of us cycled to Hartland Parish Church, where the recently recast bells are probably among the finest six anywhere. The twenty miles ride in the wet back to the hay-loft had to be faced and so, after a short ring, we met the others and headed for home.

A stiff breeze accompanied the sunshine next morning and blew us like leaves at varying speeds towards Merton. The special method here was Merton Delight. After this it was only a short ride to Little Torrington (6) and to Great Torrington (8). After ringing on Great Torrington bells we went with the Rev. W. H. Smale to Castle Hill, overlooking the River Torridge, 300 feet below.

On the way back to Highampton we called at Petersmarland and rang there. We stopped also in Sheepwash, where we heard some astonishing yarns from the ringing captain, and at the Union, Black Torrington. We made the most of that night, our last at the farm, talking and ringing handbells until well past midnight.

FAREWELL TO THE FARM

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to the little Devonshire farm with its long white thatched house overlooking the farmyard. For the last time the ten pairs of cycle tyres left their imprints in the muddy farm track and for the last time the people of Highampton waved to the ten cyclists passing through on their way to fresh territory. When we did get to Tavistock (forty minutes late) we were joined by Mr. Elliot, a Hertfordshire ringer on holiday in Plymouth, and found that there had been a mistake as to the date of our visit. When we eventually obtained the keys and started to ring, the organ tuner in the church had to stop work for a while—the one-sided competition was too much for him.

Buckland Monachorum is well off the main Tavistock-Plymouth road, which meant many miles of rough cycling on the moorland roads in the hot sunshine. No wonder, then, that our ringing was not up to standard. However, refreshed by the final run-down into Plymouth, our ringing at Emmanuel and St. Andrew's was improved, particularly as Mr. Tom Myers and other resident ringers were there to help us out. After supper we found our way to the Youth Hostel, a building that looks something like a Greek temple.

Thursday morning we had free to do what we liked. Most of us went swimming. Soon after noon we collected at St. Maurice's, Plympton, first class both to ring and to listen to. Then, after lunch, we rang at St. Mary's, another ring of eight. It was another sunny day, and on the A38 road we quickly reached South Brent, the Church of St. Petroc, with its ring of six, poised on the bank of the River Avon. After ringing, conscious of the hills to climb up into the fastnesses of Dartmoor to the Youth Hostel, without delay we attacked the one in five slopes and eventually reached the hostel.

Everyone got more or less soaked in the rain the next morning on the way to Buckfastleigh, where we rang, and at Buckfast Abbey (where we didn't, but some went up the tower to see the ring of fourteen and bourdons). At Ashburton we had our lunch and, wonders! the rain stopped. Still on the A38, we pushed on to Chudleigh to ring on the eight (and a very nice eight they are, too). The next place was Topsham, near Exeter, and the night was spent in Exeter Youth Hostel.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

Northern Branch at Netherton

The Northern Branch annual meeting at Netherton on September 20th drew a large attendance, 27 of the 35 towers in the branch being represented, together with many visitors.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Stevens, who welcomed the branch to Netherton, afterwards joining in at tea and presiding over the business meeting, at which Mr. Stanley Prestidge, of Netherton, was elected Branch Ringing Master for the ensuing twelve months in place of Mr. Derek Watson, who asked to be allowed to relinquish the office owing to his increasing commitments. Mr. B. C. Ashford and Mr. T. Greenhall were re-elected secretary and Central Committee representative respectively.

The secretary thanked the members for their continued support and referred to the flourishing condition of the branch, there being 222 fully paid-up performing members, the highest total yet recorded, a circumstance which reflected great credit upon the tower secretaries for their efforts in maintaining a steady flow of recruits. He gave a brief resumé of the Central Council's proceedings at Lincoln and invited questions from the members then or at any subsequent time concerning the various matters under consideration.

New members were then proposed, the Rector being made an hon. vice-president, while seven performing members were elected.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, the Association Master, reminded the members of the annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 25th, and asked for fullest support.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to all who had worked to make the meeting a success, and the Rector, after suitably replying, declared the proceedings closed. The members then returned to the tower to keep the bells busy, from rounds to Surprise.

Beds Young Ringers in Devon—Cont.

IN EXETER

The next day, Saturday, we rang on three eights in the Exeter area, besides at the Cathedral itself. First was Alphington, then St. Thomas', and finally St. David's.

At 6 p.m. we went with the Cathedral ringers up to the belfry. The powerful diapason notes of Grandison tend to swamp the voices of all its lesser brethren: the music of the Stafford ten (leaving Grandison out and including the flat sixth) is less confused and infinitely more beautiful. When finally the bells were rung down, most of us went to see Great Peter, in the other tower, and as a result nearly got locked up there for the night. It is not known what use the Cathedral ringers made of the plums that were inadvertently left behind in a paper bag on the ringing chamber table.

Our last ringing of the tour took place at Heavitree, where we rang for morning service. This fine-toned ring of eight is thought by some to be the best in Devon, though others say this of the eight at Taunton: there is really not much to choose between them.

And so the time came to take our leave of Exeter and the fair county of Devon. We had our lunch beside the brown waters of the river and made a presentation to Mr. Michael Stephens, to whose thorough planning and organisation the success of the whole tour was mainly due. After weighing ourselves on the railway station platform to find out what 520 miles, 46 towers and 1,400 (approx.) steps had done to our weight, the Cornish Riviera Express and the preceding relief train came in and bore us all swiftly homewards.

We should like to thank not only the incumbents who gave such ready permission for us to ring at the various places, and who were often there in person to welcome us, but also all those ringers who met us: we were often very glad of their help.

R. W. S.

TOUR OF SOUTH AND WEST WALES

Six Peals and Some Failures

LED by two adventurous Welshmen, a party, including eight other ringers, mainly from the Home Counties, visited South and West Wales for a week's ringing tour.

The party met at Abergavenny on the afternoon of Saturday, September 6th, and with the help of Jack Worrall and Wilfrid Moreton and Miss Jacqueline Evans, rang the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The next day the party proceeded to Brecon, where an attempt for Pudsey failed, due to the indisposition of one of the band. A visit was then paid to the fine Taylor six at St. David's, Brecon, and then away we sped to Carmarthen, which was to be our headquarters until the following Thursday.

On Monday a peal attempt at Llanstephan was brought to an abrupt close by a rope breaking, but our sorrows were soon brightened by the fine example of Welsh hospitality of the Vicar, the Rev. G. T. Morris, who entertained us to lunch and then invited us to try again that evening. So after returning to Carmarthen to ring there, Llanstephan was again visited and a peal of Pudsey safely brought round.

Tuesday again saw us on the road, this time to Haverfordwest for a short ring and then on to St. David's Cathedral to score a peal of Yorkshire on that grand ring of bells. Back again in the 'digs' at Carmarthen, we were entertained with bedtime stories by our bell-hanging member who related to us the one about 'The Chest' previously told on another tour recently in the West of England.

SKELETONS IN THE TOWER

On Wednesday we journeyed across Cardiganshire to Aberystwyth, where an attempt for Superlative was lost at Llanbadarn Fawr. Whilst passing through Tregaron on the way to Aberystwyth three members of the party paid a visit to the tower, a fairly large one, in the hope of 'snatching' another ring. Upon reaching the church they were invited to climb up to the belfry to see the solitary bell. In what

would have been the ringing room several skeletons had just been removed from about 4ft. of earth covering the floor. The skeletons were presumed to have been the remains of persons hanged in the tower for sheep stealing.

Pembroke was visited on Thursday morning, and after some adjustments had been made to the fittings, a short touch was rung on the bells, whereupon we were invited by the Vicar to attempt a peal on them. A hurried visit was made to Tenby for a peal of Lincolnshire, and we sped back again to Pembroke to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. On the return journey to Carmarthen our Welsh conductor, who was driving, allowed some of his English friends to show him the way, and in consequence we revisited Tenby at 11 o'clock at night via one of the most tortuous lanes in Wales. The driver's comments during the journey are not for publication.

Friday was celebrated in the traditional way; peals were lost at Sketty and Cowbridge. The party was getting travel-worn, having nearly completed the 826 miles of the tour. Saturday morning was spent at Penarth, where a well-struck attempt for Cambridge was lost three leads from the end. In the afternoon we were welcomed to St. John's, Cardiff, by the genial captain, Mr. Seymour Barker, and a peal of Cambridge Royal on these fine bells brought the tour to a happy close. Whilst the peal was in progress one member of the party, who did not stand in, heard what was apparently a broadcast in Welsh by the B.B.C. of the tour. It sounded most peculiar, with expressions such as 'Yorkshire Surprise Major' and 'Stedman Caters' interspersed between the otherwise unintelligible lilting intonation of the Welsh language.

We would like to express our thanks to the incumbents and local ringers of the towers visited for their help and particularly to Mr. Wm. F. Thompsett for standing in the Cambridge Royal at Cardiff at almost a moment's notice.

A. D.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 4th, 1912

ODD CHANGES

Mr. George Dawson, of Duffield, has achieved a remarkable record. Although he rang his first peal as long ago as 1884—the 'first peal on the bells, and the first by all the band' at Duffield, conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood—he waited until last week before ringing his first peal away from his own tower. In the meantime he had scored 94 peals.

The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, are making progress and have scored a 672 of Grandsire Triples and a quarter peal. The former was rung on Sunday, August 4th, and the latter on August 11th, the band on each occasion being J. F. Colegrove 1, N. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. W. Barringer 8.

WEDDING OF MISS NORMA HOWES

The bells of St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, pealed out on September 20th, when Miss Norma Howes, one of the local ringers, was married to Mr. S. Quigley. Miss Howes is a good ringer and has taken part in a number of peals ranging from Doubles to Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Darley Dale (the Rev. R. J. Stanford) in the presence of many friends. The bells were fired as the wedding party left the church. Later in the day an attempt for a peal of Plain Bob Triples was made, but was lost after 14 hours' excellent ringing. The ringers presented their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Quigley with a case of cutlery.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT NAZEING

The most well-attended meeting to be held by the North-Western District of the Essex Association in post-war years was at the six-bell tower of Nazeing recently. A total of 61 ringers were present and represented many towers from Essex, Middlesex and Hertfordshire. Among those present were the secretary of the Association, Mr. R. Heazel, and the Master and Past Master of the South-Western District, Mr. J. Crampion and Mr. J. Chalk.

Ringling started at 3 o'clock and was followed by a service conducted by the Rev. H. Hawkins, Vicar of Nazeing. The organist was Miss D. Mansfield, one of the most enthusiastic members of the local company.

An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall kindly provided by Mr. C. Mansfield and other members of the Nazeing band. After a short business meeting, ringling continued, when touches of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Minor. Little Bob and Cambridge were rung.

LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Wrington (10) on September 13th. Ladies and friends were present from Devon, Somerset, Gloucester and Wiltshire, some members travelling 70 miles to be present.

Ringling was of a high standard, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Royal. After the service an excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Knight and her helpers.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the December meeting in Bristol, the March meeting in Wiltshire and the June meeting in Dorset.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEMORIES OF JAMES PETTIT

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Barnett's inquiry re the late Mr. James Pettit, I was told many years ago that he was one of the fast dying out skilled silk hat makers, and that was why he always wore a 'topper' himself. I believe my informant was Mr. G. N. Price, who was well acquainted with the St. Paul's band of those days.

Apocryphos of the late Mr. Pettit, those who possess a copy of Mr. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' will find a picture (rear view) of him in the illustration facing page 79. This was taken by flashlight about 48 years ago, and subsequently published in 'The Sphere,' a leading illustrated periodical of those days.

Mr. Pettit is shown just above the word 'Youths' on the treble, which bell, I understand, he always rang.

Others whom I can identify are Mr. G. N. Price on the 7th (partly obscured by the ringer of the 3rd), the late Mr. Challis F. Winney on the box of the 8th, and on the tenor box the late Mr. William T. Cockerill, who was for so many years the hon. secretary of the College Youths.

In the small group at the back, the one on the right, with his feet crossed, is (I believe) Mr. Alfred B. Peck, who succeeded Mr. Cockerill as secretary, and still holds that post. The youthful figure with his hands in his jacket pockets is myself.—Yours faithfully,

F. WHITE.

Luton.

HITCHIN BELL FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—It appears from Northill's churchwarden's accounts that its old 3rd bell had a recasting at Hitchin in 1580 and that the Hitchin bell founder worked again on the bells in 1594-7 and 1599. This is not mentioned in North's book, nor does he seem to mention a Hitchin bell foundry. Can any of your readers supply information about this foundry?—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory.

METROPOLITAN ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Below are shown the first eight change-rows (the rest are irrelevant to my point) of 'Metropolitan' Royal:—

1234567890

2135476980

1253749608

2157394068

2517930486

5271394068

5217930486

2571390846

On examination of these, it will be found that BOTH the change-rows with the treble in fourths place are in-course. In any Treble Bob method, I believe, one of such a pair of change-rows must be in-course and the other out-of-course. Hence it appears that 'Metropolitan' Royal is unacceptable as a method.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

CLOCK WITH NO HANDS

Dear Sir,—We have heard recently about a number of one-hand tower clocks, but so far no mention has been made of a clock with no hands. There is one at Chipping Ongar, Essex, Parish Church. It strikes the hours only. This clock is very old, but no one appears to know its age. It keeps perfect time.

HARRY KING.

Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex.

C.C. MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—Re the articles by A. R. Pink and P. J. Corby respectively, do we all take this matter of the choice of Central Council representation sufficiently seriously? It so often seems to happen that, once elected to the Council, a man is re-elected many times, often to the exclusion of other and sometimes better or more suitable men. Do we consider all the facts carefully enough when election time comes round? Mr. Pink suggests that some representatives, though 'without doubt well loved and trusted by their members,' are not always the best qualified for the task for which they are chosen.

I feel that we should give this matter our fullest attention every time that we are called upon to choose our delegates. Stop re-electing out of habit, or out of regard for the feelings of the retiring member. This matter is too important for sentiment. Make quite sure that the representation that we send is the best we have. The Central Council should be made up of the finest brains in the country. No doubt many of the personnel of the Council are unequalled in their abilities in the Council chamber, but until we all send of our best, without fear or favour, there will still be room for improvement.

Mr. Corby rightly states that membership of the Council is a privilege. It is not one, however, that should be regarded as a reward of virtue.—Yours faithfully,

JESSIE M. KIPPIN.

57, Bugle Street, Southampton.

WYMONDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—May I point out that this method has not yet been rung?

In the late A. J. Corrigan's 'Surprise Methods,' part E, page 50, it is recorded as having been rung at Walesby on June 6th, 1938. The error doubtless arose through confusing with it the performance of the plain major method of that name on June 6th, 1937, and, in turn, may have led to the omission of the latter from the 'first performances' table in the new edition of the Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods.—Yours, etc.,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

THE FREDERICK PEAL

Dear Sir,—First, I would like to offer my congratulations to the band that rang the 'Frederick' peal at Dodderhill on September 6th. With regard to the inquiry in Belfry Gossip, may I say that a 'Frederick' peal of Grandsire Triples, also Parker's Twelve-part, was rung at Rolvenden, Kent, on June 20th, 1926.

Should your correspondent wish to have the particulars as given in your paper, I shall be pleased to supply them if he will favour me with his name and address.

This peal bore the footnote, 'Believed to be the first Frederick peal rung,' and this has not been contested.—Yours sincerely,

F. WHITE.

68, Stratford Road, Luton.

BRANCH PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I would like to inquire as to the meaning of 'Furness and Lake District Branch' which appears with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Boughton-in-Furness, Lancashire, on September 6th, appearing in 'The Ringing World' of September 19th.

I always understood this to mean that all members taking part in the peal are members of that particular branch or district, but this peal has a footnote to the effect it was arranged for a visitor, so perhaps the conductor could explain his meaning of this or correct a misunderstanding of mine.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

OUTING

BURES AND DISTRICT

Six towers in Bucks, Herts and Beds were visited by Bures and District ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on Sept. 13th.

The heavy octave at Olney came fully up to the party's expectations, and they were met by the Vicar and Mr. F. Boswell. At Newport Pagnell, Messrs. Hall and Howson greeted the visitors and ringing commenced on this excellent eight with good touches of Plain Bob and mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Mr. H. D. Harris was patiently awaiting the Bures ringers at Woburn, and while the first touches of Plain Bob and Superlative hardly did the bells justice, the band settled down and Cambridge and Stedman went well. With Mr. Harris as guide the party proceeded to Dunstable, where Mr. R. Matthews had everything ready. Ringing here included excellent touches of Double Norwich and Superlative.

After tea Mr. H. J. Millatt expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Leslie Mills, the Bures captain, for making the excellent arrangements. Still guided by Mr. Harris, a move was made to Luton, where Mr. A. Rushton and other ringers met the party. On this lovely Taylor ten (25 cwt.) some good touches of Treble Ten, Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal, in which the locals joined, were enjoyed, the final being Double Norwich on the back eight. After bidding farewell to Mr. Harris and the Luton ringers we went on to the last tower at Hitchin to be welcomed by Messrs. Todd and Winters. After a minute's silence in memory of the late Mr. A. E. Symonds, president of the Herts Association and himself a native of Suffolk, the bells were rung to Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge.

A pleasant run homeward ensued in the gathering dusk, and after a short call at Dunmow for refreshments and the inevitable 'fish and spuds,' home was reached by midnight.

H. J. M.

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ONE-HANDED CLOCKS

Sir,—Re silver-handed clocks, I have a one-handed silver watch, oval in shape with a brass and lacquered face. It fits into a leather case, now damaged. Inside the watch is inscribed, 'John Hooke fecit.' The watch does not work as the axle of the balance wheel is broken, and it has no hair spring (did it ever have one?), also the fusee chain has snapped. Could anyone tell me about the age of the watch, also of anyone to whom I could send it who would put it to work.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

Penhevela, Crantock, Newquay.

GETTING THE TRUE ECHO-EFFECT?

Dear Sir,—I have often wondered, when listening to bells rung half-muffled to changes, whether it would not be possible to ring so that each change is once repeated. I imagine the 'true-echo' effect so produced would sound very effective.

Have 'whole pull' changes in this respect ever been attempted?—Yours truly, A. J. G.

[NOTE.—Such ringing would violate, in our opinion, the principles of change ringing.—Ed.]

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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3. — WILLIAM CHATTELL

The great days of 1820 passed and ringing in Birmingham suffered a decline. The bells at St. Martin's were rehung in 1825, but a very poor job was made of them. Samuel Lawrence died in this year, Alexander Saunders and William Bennett in 1831, and Riley in 1833. Cooper had opened 'The Bell' public house, and shortly afterwards the silver cup vanished. Elijah Roberts, whose tapped peals were causing so much excitement, was soon to leave the town, and Thomas Day, incensed at Cooper's action over the peal of Stedman Triples, would not enter the belfry. Between 1820 and 1830 less than twenty peals were rung, and between 1832 and 1842 there was no real society in the town. During this latter period the centre of activity moved to Aston, where John Hopkins and the young Henry Johnson, in company with a notable newcomer, William Chattell, conducted peals of Triples, Caters, and Royal.

Ringing, therefore, was not dead in Birmingham. Together with Hopkins, who never lost hope, and Johnson, who was growing in physical and mental stature, there were many promising young men. Moreover, Thomas Thurstans and Isaac Lates were both busy with the problems of Stedman Triples, and this period saw the beginning of the long struggle against the obduracy of the method, and the rivalry of the two men which culminated in the victory of 1846. None the less, but for the intervention of William Chattell it might have gone hard with ringing in the town.

William Chattell was a native of Irthlingborough, Northants, where his father was a farm labourer. William dabbled in a number of trades, finally becoming a baker. As a young man he lived for some time at Leicester where he learned to ring, teaching himself the elements of pricking changes and conducting by the aid of an old copy of 'The Clavis.' He seems to have left Leicester on foot early in 1833, and before arriving in Birmingham had visited London, Exeter, Salisbury, and Bristol. On May 29th., 1833, he came plodding through Bromsgrove, very dusty, very ragged, and with his shoes tied to his feet with string. He came into Birmingham the same day and soon obtained employment with Mr. Perks, a flour dealer and baker in Charlotte Street. Shortly afterwards, probably through visiting Elijah Roberts at the beerhouse in Jamaica Row, he fell in with the Birmingham ringers, and soon made his name as a very good ringer.

CONTROL OF ST. PHILIP'S

Hopkins and Roberts both recognised that here was a most promising recruit, and the latter in particular gave the baker a great deal of encouragement. By the year 1840 Chattell had achieved two things. He had made his name as a conductor, and he had secured control of the belfry at St. Philip's. Hines, the new Beadle at this church, knew nothing about bells or ringing, and Chattell took advantage of this fact to come to an agreement whereby the Sunday Service chiming should be done and men found for the paid ringing occasions. But seeing that under this arrangement Hines was to have five per cent. of the moneys, the old hands at St. Philip's took offence and resigned in a body. This suited Chattell very well, and in a short time he had a band of youngsters, attracted by his offer of free tuition and membership of the new St. Philip's Society.

Among these men were Thomas Sawley, Joseph Spencer, and the rather shifty Thomas Bingham. The latter gentleman is described by John Day as a rather short, stout-built man, of fresh complexion, with light brown curly hair, generally well dressed and rather striking in appearance. He was an excellent ringer, but had the name for being associated with many queer tricks and doubtful exploits. He it was,

round about the year 1832, who made his home in the tower of St. Martin's Church while the Sheriff's Officer was seeking him in the town. He and his brother Charles were also said to have been responsible for the flying of a black flag from the tower of St. Philip's when the Reform Bill of 1831 was thrown out by the Lords. A serious view of this matter was taken by the authorities, and Charles Bingham had to leave the town.

Round about the year 1842 Chattell left Mr. Perks and set up a bakery of his own in Pope Street. It happened that at this time the parents of John Day were living in this street, and the family bread was taken to Chattell's to be baked. Through this circumstance the baker discovered that young John Day was the nephew of Thomas Day, the composer, and he invited the youth to St. Philip's to see the ringing. The result was that John Day joined the St. Philip's band, assisted with the chiming, and was taught to ring in return.

Chattell now had all the material for a first-rate band. The youngsters were well in hand; John Day was a very useful recruit; and there was little to fear from St. Martin's. But his manner was overbearing and rough, and most of the young men took it amiss. One by one they broke away and went to The Bull Ring where the geniality and kindness of Johnson and Hopkins were found to be a pleasant change from the uncouthness of Chattell. The bells of St. Martin's were going so badly that little could be done at first, but encouraged by the arrival of new blood Hopkins began to raise money to carry out repairs. About £40 were raised and the bells were put into some sort of ringing order. The work, carried out by C. Oliver, was not very satisfactory, but it enabled the twelve to be rung, and if the eleventh had been satisfactory much more ringing would have been possible.

AN UNEASY PARTNERSHIP

There was now a kind of truce or agreement between the old and the young ringers, and a combined band met at St. Martin's on alternate Sundays. But the partnership was an uneasy one. Chattell could bear with no rival real or imaginary, and Johnson and Hopkins both found the baker's manner offensive and intolerable. Within two years there were serious quarrels. First Johnson broke off acquaintance, and then, at the ringing for the Birmingham Musical Festival, Chattell picked a quarrel with Hopkins, accusing him of enticing his men away from him, and ending by grossly insulting him. The rest of the band greatly resenting this, Chattell resigned from the paid band at St. Philip's, although he held on to his work in the tower.

In the next year, when the ring of ten at West Bromwich was opened, there was some sort of reconciliation between Johnson and Chattell, and a year later the quarrel with Hopkins was patched up. A new band was formed at St. Philip's, with John Perks, the son of Chattell's old master, appearing as the most promising of the recruits. John Day was able to return to the band, and together with a mixed company from round about, helped by an occasional visit from Lates, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung regularly. A tremendous lot of handbell practice was put in, mostly at the bakehouse, where it was no uncommon thing for the handbells to be going until well after midnight.

A period of prosperity followed and some excellent peals were rung, culminating in 10,047 Stedman Caters at Aston, conducted by the brilliant young Perks. But the prosperity was a failing one. Chattell offended Day, and then grew jealous of his clever pupil, Perks; and all the time he was giving way more and more to drink. By the year 1866 he was beginning to break up. He found it difficult to walk about, and his breath was bad. Still he con-

tinued to teach beginners and to abuse his old friends. He rang one more peal, calling Lates's 5,024 Treble Bob at Bishop Ryder's, but thereafter he deteriorated rapidly. His manner destroyed his business, and with his business went his means; and at last he was moved into a home where he died within three weeks. He was buried in Harborne Churchyard.

JOHN DAY'S TRIBUTE

It is well to dwell on the career of this remarkable man, for his sojourn in Birmingham had a profound influence on ringing in the town. John Day knew him perhaps as well as anyone of his day, and the following passages give a considered opinion of Chattell and all his works.

'I think I have made it clear that ringing was at a very low ebb when Chattell came to Birmingham, and there can be little doubt that his influence had much to do with its revival.

'He taught more young ringers than anyone else I have ever known or heard of in Birmingham, as the old ringers generally took the contrary course, and usually tried to make everything mysterious. His pupils could generally hold their own both in tower and on handbells.

'Than Chattell I should think a better ringer could scarcely be. He was equally at home from treble to tenor, a fine striker all round and a terror to bad ones. He had a good theoretical as well as practical knowledge of the Standard Methods, justly prided himself on his ability as a Stedman ringer, and at the tenor in Treble Bob had few equals. When at his best his great strength and powers of endurance enabled him to ring with comparative ease a bell that another man dare not tackle. He was a safe conductor, in fact I never heard of his losing a peal through missing calls or anything of that kind, but I have known him patch one up.

'As a tower keeper Chattell was untiring. If a bell did not go well, he never rested until he found out the cause. He rehung the seventh and eighth, and afterwards the fourth, having the bells out, the gudgeons cased and turned, new brasses fitted, and made them go well. The tenor was his master, for although he had it out time after time, he could do little with it.'

(To be continued.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival in Rutland

A new venture of the Guild in the form of a summer festival took place on September 13th. Headquarters were at the village of Market Overton in the heart of Rutland. Many towers in the county were open during the day and this opportunity was put to good use by the 'tower-snatchers.' A good number of Guild members from most of the branches were joined by visitors from neighbouring associations at the service at 4.15 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector of Cottesmore in the absence of the Rector of Market Overton.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Village Hall and was followed by a short special meeting, the Master, Mr. E. Whitmore, presiding. The one item of business was to appoint a general secretary, pro tem, following the resignation of Mr. R. C. Noon, who has left the diocese. Mr. G. W. Jeffs was appointed to the office.

The occasion was also used to make a presentation to Mr. Noon on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Joy Rawding. The Master, in asking the acceptance of the gifts, which took the form of a Westminster chime clock and hanging mirror, spoke of this tangible recognition by the Guild of the services rendered by Mr. Noon as general secretary. Mr. Noon replied and thanked everyone for the presents.

Surrounding towers were open after tea, and later many returned to the Village Hall for a social evening, which went on until 10 o'clock.

OBITUARY

MR. R. HASTED

Ringling Master of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers for 20 years and a vice-president of the Guild since 1947, Mr. Richard Hasted, of 33, St. George's Road, Farnham, died at his home on September 17th. Aged 81, he had been in failing health for some months, but remained captain of the Farnham Parish Church tower.

A native of Privett, he joined the Hampshire County Constabulary as a young man and rose to the rank of inspector before his retirement in 1921. Mr. Hasted spent his years of retirement in Farnham, devoting much enthusiasm and energy to his lifelong hobby of bellringing. His election as Ringling Master dated from 1928; he composed, rang and conducted many peals. A copper beech walking stick presented to him on his retirement as Ringling Master in 1947 bore an inscribed silver band and a testimonial which stated that the gift was made 'in gratitude and affection' by ringing members of the Branch. Mr. Hasted's wife and family are left in bereavement.

The funeral service at Farnham Parish Church on September 20th preceded interment in Ash Cemetery. In addition to family mourners present the following ringers attended:—Mr. A. Harman (Master, Guildford Guild), Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary), Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham District Ringling Master), Messrs. J. Read, C. Wells, J. Wells, C. J. Beadle, A. C. Beadle, Mrs. C. Read (Farnham tower), E. Gardner and Miss M. Cass (Seale). As the cortege left the church the bells rang out half-muffled, and at Ash the bells were also rung half-muffled during the committal at the graveside. Ringers who attended here were Messrs. E. and P. Sherwood, E. Pepler, Miss S. Sherwood, C. D. Manfield, A. H. Pulling (vice-president), G. S. Joyce (District secretary), R. Mills (assistant secretary) and Major E. J. Bragg (assistant Ringling Master). Two courses of Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung over the open grave by Messrs. A. H. Pulling, C. Denyer and E. J. Bragg, and in the evening 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob) was rung by C. W. Denyer (conductor) 1, Miss M. Cass 2, P. Sherwood 3, E. Pepler 4, E. Sherwood 5, R. H. Mills 6.

MR. J. T. GODWIN

The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild has lost one of its staunchest members by the death on September 19th of Mr. John Thomas Godwin, of 30, South Court Avenue, Dorchester.

Mr. Godwin had rung at St. Peter's, Dorchester, for 45 years and last rang a fortnight before his death. He had been Rector's warden for nearly 20 years. He was the principal of Messrs. J. T. Godwin, who have china and glassware businesses at Dorchester and Weymouth.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, officiated at the funeral service in St. Peter's Church on September 23rd. He was assisted by Canon Clare Morrow, Rural Dean of Dorchester, and the Rev. A. F. Godley, former Rector of Stratton and a fellow-ringer.

The large congregation included the Mayor and Mayoress of Dorchester. Ringers were present from St. Peter's, Fordington, Abbotsbury, Wyke Regis, Upwey, Yetminster, Preston, Frampton and Wool, with Mr. R. H. Stead, captain of St. Peter's, in charge. Also present was Mr. W. J. Simons, oldest member of St. Peter's tower, who had been ringing with Mr. Godwin for 45 years.

At Mr. Godwin's wish the bells were rung half-muffled before the service and an open touch as his coffin was carried from the church he had served for almost a lifetime. Cremation was at Weymouth.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XIV.—AIDS TO CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES

If the young conductor of Stedman will carefully study the method, he will find many things that will assist him in 'keeping the bells together.' He must not expect to see everything at once—only practice will enable him to become a master of his job—but there is no need to wait for things to become apparent by constant occurrence. Study of the figures will enable the 'bob caller' to pick up many useful hints to make himself a 'conductor.'

For example, you probably know that the bell immediately in front of you and the one immediately behind you in the dodging are going into the work in front, in the opposite way to you. If you are a 'slow' bell, they are 'quick'; if you are 'quick,' they are 'slow.' The mere knowledge of the fact will often enable you to prevent a trip when you see a hesitating blow on the part of either of these ringers.

Again, when you are dodging up, the bell you are dodging with will go IN, the same way that you have come OUT. This applies on all numbers, but we are more particularly concerned here with Triples.

Another very useful thing to bear in mind is the relationship between two bells, not actually coursing in the dodging, but separated by a six. When you have trained yourself to know, subconsciously, as it were, what the bells thus separated are doing, you have a very helpful knowledge of what the majority of the bells are doing.

You already know that the bell in front of you and the one behind go out into the 'slow' (for that is a general way of describing the work of the front three bells, even if the six happens to be a 'quick' six) the opposite way to yourself. If you are 'slow' they are quick and they are soon out of the way; if you are quick you leave them both in the slow, and as they are separated in their work by a six, if you know what one is doing you automatically know what the other should be doing. That, with your own bell, gives you a grasp of five of the seven bells.

The relationship between these 'separated' bells is not difficult to follow. In between the quick sixes—when one has finished and before the other begins the quick work—they dodge together in 4-5, and while one is in 'quick' the other is in 6-7. This dodge in 4-5 is the only time they dodge together while in this relationship. At other times when they are dodging one is in 4-5 (up) when the other is in 7-6 (down); when the latter is in 5-4 (down) the former is in 6-7 (up).

When they get into the 'slow' together the first one in does its last half-turn when the second one does its first whole turn; and when the first one does its last whole turn the last one does its first half-turn.

Now, when your own bell is in the 'slow' you can, with the above in mind, keep your

MR. T. PARTRIDGE

The death of Mr. Tom Partridge, of Sefton, has been a severe blow to the ringers of the Liverpool District. He was an hon. member of the Lancs Association and took a great interest in its work. Although not a ringer, he was never happier than when ringers visited Sefton.

He was laid to rest on September 17th near to the bells he loved. He was the instigator of increasing the old ring of six to eight, giving the second bell in memory of his wife. The ringers of Sefton rang before and after the service and on Sunday, the 21st, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells with some of the Liverpool and Sefton ringers. Mr. Tom Partridge will be a much-missed man. May his soul rest in peace. J. R.

eye on both the slow bell ahead of you and the slow bell behind you. And in the spaces between you have a pair of 'quick' bells, in similar relation to each other.

Suppose you are ringing the 7th in the plain course, when you go into the slow you find the 4th there; as the 4th leaves the treble comes to its slow work. Here you will see it in figures:—

3467251	4175236
4376521	147
347	174
374	7142563
734	
743	1724653
4735612	127
	217
7453162	271
754	721
574	7126435
547	
457	1762345
4751326	716
	761
7415236	671
471	617
417	1673254

Examine the relationship between the 4 and 7 and then between 7 and 1. You cannot expect to get all the detail into your head in one 'go,' but study and practice will teach you quite a lot which, presently, will become as much a part of your ringing as is the actual method itself.

The real difficulty in following Stedman, of course, is the rapid changes caused by the bobs; but here again you can go picking up 'tips' if you use pencil and paper at home and use your eyes in the belfry.

The orthodox touches and peals of Stedman Triples have bobs only in pairs, and, although odd bobs can be used, we are not troubling about that now.

You will remember what we said last week about the calling places for pairs of bobs being designated S, H and L for the three pairs 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 respectively, and Q for the 12-13. One useful thing to remember is that the bell dodging 7-6 (down) at either S, H or L is always a QUICK bell afterwards; and consequently the bell dodging 6-7 (up) is always a SLOW bell afterwards.

The bell that 'makes' the first bob of either of these pairs—that is the bell that makes 5ths and turns round in 4-5—is always a QUICK bell, and, if four bobs are called, makes the last as well as the first bob, but being then (as the SECOND of a pair) always slow.

Pairs of bobs called at Q have precisely the opposite effect both on the bells in 6-7 and the bells making the bobs.

These are some of the simpler things which we advise young conductors to assimilate and then to make a further study of touches for themselves to see how the calling of bobs transposes the relationship of the bells.

Here is the calling of a famous quarter peal which you may like to try your hand on:—

2314567			
2463517	S	L	
4325617	S	H	Q
3425167	H		
4531267			
5142367			
1253467			
2314567			

Repeat that calling four times. Your other part ends will be:—

We would ask those who are interested in calling Stedman to make a careful study of this quarter peal, because we shall return to it later on.

OUTINGS

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX

For the first time for 13 years a full day's outing was recently enjoyed by members of the Harlow Common band. Starting at 8.15 a.m., the first halt was at Woolwich, followed by a call at Bromley Common. The stay at this tower was unfortunately very short as extensive road repairs encountered after leaving Woolwich had put the party behind schedule.

After a very pleasant run through the Kent countryside, the party rang at Edenbridge prior to partaking an excellent lunch at the town's 13th century restaurant.

The first afternoon call was at Tonbridge, where the stay was all too short, but Chatham had to be reached for tea. A peal of Stedman in progress at the Chatham Parish Church provided a fitting accompaniment to the meal. Visits to towers at Frindsbury and Dartford completed the day, in which the standard methods were rung up to Cambridge and Superlative. A most enjoyable outing, which had been ably organised by Mr. W. Ale, was concluded with the traditional light refreshment.

Thanks are due to all tower secretaries and members of towers visited for their co-operation.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK

On September 6th, the ringers of St. Remigius' Church, Hethersett, augmented with ringers from St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and Wymondham Abbey and accompanied by their wives and friends, made a tour of churches in the Ely Diocese. Towers visited were Littleport, Ely (St. Mary's), Long Stanton, Over, St. Ives and Huntingdon (All Saints' and St. Mary's). Lunch was taken at Ely and tea at Huntingdon.

Ringling ranged from rounds for learners to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, Wally Cousins, general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, Marion Grain of Ely, Harold Peacock and Jack Spicer of Huntingdon.

LITTLE ASTON, SOUTH STAFFS

A visit to North Staffordshire was paid by the ringers of St. Peter's, Little Aston, who were accompanied by friends from Cosley, Wolverhampton, Rugeley and the R.C. Abbey of Erdington, Birmingham.

After ringing on the anti-clockwise five at Abbots Bromley, with a tenor of 17½ cwt., the party were not so fortunate on the five at Alton, North Staffs, where the attention of a bell founder, the retuning of the treble and the addition of rope guides are necessary. Mayfield has a pleasant six (tenor 12 cwt.) and a course of Cambridge was achieved.

Following lunch various Doubles methods were rung at Ellastone, where there was a delay owing to the fourth rope breaking. Kingsley provided a surprise with having one of the best kept six-bell ringing chambers and an excellent ring. It was felt that the invitation to come again and ring a peal here will not be unanswered.

Mr. William Potts, the Ringing Master, accorded the visitors a welcome at Cheadle, a very pleasant six, and although the party were an hour late, Mr. H. Hodson was awaiting their arrival at Stone, another anti-clockwise ring with a treble that caused anxiety. The last tower was on a private estate at Ingestre, near Stafford, where documents had to be produced to gain admittance. Ringing was strictly limited to half an hour as one or two inhabitants had not quite recovered from the first peal on the bells the previous week.

Special thanks are not only due to incumbents and those who met the party, but to Mr. Dennis Holden, of Cosley, who helped so much with the arrangements.

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ENGAGEMENT

RILEY—PLAYFORD.—The engagement is announced of Derek, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Riley, of Loughton, and Daphne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Playford, of Ongar. 1425

GOLDEN WEDDING

TINGLE—WOOLMER.—On Oct. 2nd, 1902, at All Saints' Church, Rushton, Kettering, Frederick Tingle to Charlotte Woolmer. Present address: 15, North Street, Ripon. 1430

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE BURES (SUFFOLK) company wish to express their thanks for all the good wishes and congratulations received concerning their local peal on Sept. 8th. 1448

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s: a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Oct. 4th, Alderminster (6). Bells 3 p.m. Please arrange own tea.—R. J. Edden. 1427

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Ripley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at local cafes. Meeting at 6 p.m. in Church Room.—Denis R. Carlisle. 1387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Crusader meeting, Downham (6), Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Pitsea bus from Billericay to Blue House Corner 35 mins. past the hour. City bus Romford-Southend to Castledon Road, Brentwood-Shotgate to Beavoor's Chase 5 mins. past the hour. Names for tea to H. Oliver, Fremnall's Garage, Downham, Billericay. 1265

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Herisham on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8), recently rehung, from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Herisham, Walton-on-Thames. 1398

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Quatt on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 1416

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bengoe (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to J. Kemp, 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford, Herts. 1267

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Hill Lane, Watford (Watford 7936). 1385

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 4th, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Notes of tower activities during this year will be welcomed by secretary for his report. 1271

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1410

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonorum on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey. 1212

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 1415

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Oct. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3-4; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30-4.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4.15-5.30. All tickets sold.—Frank J. Matthews, Dinner Sec. 1380

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting, Goose Fair, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells from 2.30, St. Peter's from 6. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1388

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 4th, at Erdington Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Erdington Abbey bells (8) available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. only. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 1391

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Business meeting, Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Dolphin Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Oct. 6th. 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Oct. 11th, meeting, Camberwell. St. George's (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 113, Wells Way. 5 p.m. (names, please). St. Giles' (10). 6.45-8.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 1411

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, Oct. 11th. 6 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1455

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Kingston Seymour, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1453

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kilmersdon, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus service 2.20 from Frome and 3.15 from Radstock. Names for tea to G. Pomeroy, Babington, near Frome. 1423

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at South Petherton, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Early notice for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1446

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 6 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywater, Sec. 1444

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perry, Lynwood, Lyncombe Vale, Bath. 1457

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting on Oct. 11th at Pocklington. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Please notify by first post Wednesday, Oct. 8th, Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, numbers requiring tea. 1431

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to J. Palmer, 104, Belford Terrace, North Shields. 1449

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely, Cambridge and Hunts Districts) and the **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Oct. 11th, at Longstanton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 1437

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec., Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), Oct. 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1394

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting, Lewisham and N.W. Districts, will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—R. Lathbury, A. G. Hill, District Secs. 1386

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15, followed by business. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Joint meeting with Furness and Lake District Branch and the Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Morecambe. Bells (8) available 2.30-9. Lancaster Priory bells (8) available 2-4.30 (men only). Tea at Morecambe 5. Names for tea to H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe, not later than Wednesday previous.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1418

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 11th, at Crosby (6). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those sending names to Mr. E. Porter, Ia. Endbutt Lane, Crosby.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1458

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to J. K. Mills, 33, Hornby Street, Heywood.—F. Pritchard. 1420

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bring own food. Preston-Lancaster bus, alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 1426

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Lockington, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Cups of tea, bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 1424

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, North Kilworth, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.15, White Lion 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. Note change of date. 1440

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea at Royal Oak 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names MUST BE SENT TO Mr. H. T. Bonshor, Great Dalby. 1445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Scunthorpe, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Jubilee Cafe, but only for those who notify F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous. 1278

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 3 p.m. No tea arrangements, shops nearby.—T. J. Lock. 1442

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND OXFORD GUILD.—Joint meeting, Oct. 11th, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8). 2.30-4. St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and social evening 7.45, in St. John's Hall. NAMES, PLEASE, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks, by previous Tuesday.—F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 1430

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Pangbourne (6) 3-5 p.m., Whitchurch (6) 6-8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Pangbourne.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 1422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, on Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards for those who notify me by Oct. 7th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 1433

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea, 30, Allen Road, Irthingborough, Wellingborough. 1277

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sudborough, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1434

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Condober (8), Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea advise W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, or G. C. Bagley (Hon. Sec.), Endale, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1456

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 8th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1419

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Dedication of new ring of eight (John Taylor and Co.) by the Bishop of Oxford, Sunday, Oct. 12th, 2.45 p.m. Ringers' Day and branch meeting combined, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. All welcome. 1417

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1447

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 18th, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. F. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later. 1408

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—An extra-ordinary general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans. Important business. Tea 5.30 p.m., Abbey Institute, 2s. 6d. Ringing will be announced at meeting. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 1441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Rochester Cathedral (10) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Evensong with parts of the ringers' service 4 p.m. Tea in Patricia's Pantry followed by the business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1432

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at Canterbury. Bells, St. Alphege's, from 3 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's from 2.30. Service, St. Alphege's, 4.15. Tea 2s. 3d. per head. Names for tea (with cash, please), together with nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1439

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Burbage (8) on Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools at 5. Names to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley, Leics, by 15th.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 1438

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1460

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Sulgrave, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 1443

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Smith, The Hollies, New Street, Weedon, Northampton, by Saturday, Oct. 11th.—F. W. Hancock. 1454

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Oct. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by the 15th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1283

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Oct. 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Paul's Institute 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Oct. 15th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1429

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m., at Benhall (6). Tea, own arrangements. Annual subscriptions will be collected.—P. S. Bedford. 1450

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, St. Mary's, Lewisham. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Circulars following this notice. Any members without circulars by Oct. 11th please notify Mary Martin, 80, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.8. 1451

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guild-hall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3-5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3-5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 21st, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1428

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) **RINGERS' DAY.**—Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 10.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by high tea at Reece's Restaurant. Remittances for tea tickets (6s. 6d.) should reach me by Oct. 18th, and stamped addressed envelopes will be appreciated. Complete twelve-bell bands will be allotted definite periods of ringing if organisers will notify me previously and state their approximate arrival times. A room has also been reserved for luncheon at Reece's Restaurant at 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. When applying for tickets (7s. 6d.), please say which sitting is preferred. **RINGING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DURING CONSECRATION FESTIVAL** will be as follows: October 20th, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 6.15-7.30 p.m.; Oct. 27th, 5.45-6.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome at these times as long as they come **ALSO** on Oct. 25th! Will such ringers kindly advise me of their intentions, so that we may know what help to expect each evening?—J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18 (Phone Allerton 3514). 1252

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 315th anniversary dinner will be held at Mecca Restaurant, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. Early application advisable.—A. B. Peck, 1452

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