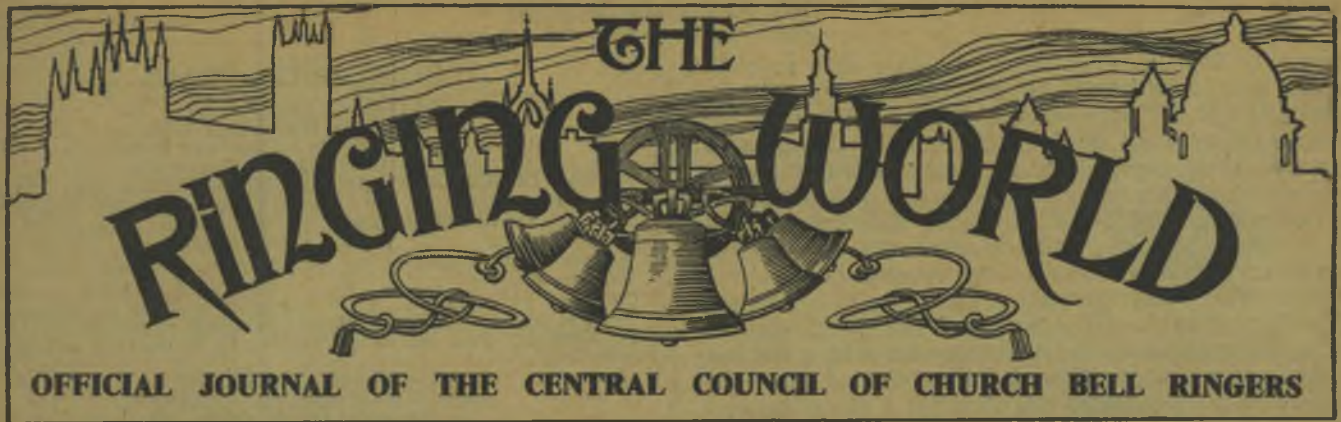




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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

OFTEN it happens that a ringing pupil in course of time outdistances his teacher in ability and performance—a fact that should excite gratification rather than jealousy in the teacher, and no loss of respect on the part of the pupil, but only thankfulness for the joys and prospects to which he has been introduced. It may be generally helpful, then, before we claim much from the opportunities and developments which a New Year may bring to reflect a little upon such introductions to our art; upon what has been contributed in the past to provide the facilities and privileges which can be enjoyed to-day—an endowment, as it were, which bears a cumulative interest to be reinvested for the benefit of succeeding generations.

A tower surmounted by pinnacles is a symbol of the heights which can be attained. One would be rash to assert that the highest pinnacle of ringing progress has yet been reached. There was a time when the composition and achievement of a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples was acclaimed as a noteworthy performance. What would, say, John Garthon or John Holt, we wonder, have thought about the present-day accomplishments of Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, not to mention the multiple spliced compositions? There are ringers now who take these easily in their stride and this age in which we live has brought a new assessment of standards.

But no sane ringer can ignore the past or surround himself with an aura of superiority with, perhaps, an indulgent smile for the ancient, maybe somewhat crude, pioneering efforts in change ringing and composition. For what an advanced ringer can glory in to-day is, after all, the super-structure which has arisen from those early efforts and discoveries.

There be of those pioneers that have left a name behind them, such as Fabian Stedman, Benjamin Annable, William Shipway, Henry Hubbard, Jasper Snowdon; and in the present century the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Sir A. P. Heywood, John Carter, Charles Henry Hattersley, J. W. Washbrook, J. A. Trollope, the James and the Pye brothers, to mention but a few. Many, too, that have no memorial but whose industry and scientific insight, as well as their practical ability, have brought ringing on to a very high plane and opened the door for others to follow in their steps of enthusiasm, research and perseverance.

Yet, withal, these earlier exponents of the art were ready to confess to a limited outlook and to a consciousness of greater realms not given them to reach. Witness this remark in 'The Art of Ringing,' by William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blackmore (published about 1786), on Stedman Triples: 'Should the learner expect a greater extent than 1,260 changes in this method, perhaps the 5,040, we beg leave to observe that it is one of those occult mysteries that have never yet transpired, and the most diligent researches we have been able to make have not been attended with that success which we would have gladly communicated to the public; and so remote does it appear at present that there is every reason to believe that the composer of this system never designed it for more than five bells.' So again Shipway in his 'Campanologia' (1816): 'A true and complete peal of Triples on this principle has for many years been the constant research of the most eminent professors of the art. The author has paid great attention to the subject, but hitherto without effect.' He says, too, of Cambridge Surprise Major: 'It is very complex and extremely precarious in its composition, so that not one of the peals which have been rung proved true in its composition: nor is it probable that 5,000 changes of it can be composed true.' Also, referring to Holt's Original, he remarks: 'Few individuals, even among proficient in the art, have at any time undertaken to ring a bell and call this intricate peal; indeed, so great is the difficulty attending it that even Mr. Holt himself, on its first performance, did not attempt to call in the ordinary manner, but availed himself throughout of the assistance of the manuscript.' Compare again Hubbard (1868) on Double Norwich: 'The ringing of this peal is so extremely intricate as to render it impossible for any but the most experienced practitioners to accomplish it.'

To all of such quotations we may be disposed in these days to add exclamation marks.

And here a pertinent question suggests itself: How were the great men of ringing history taught? If they could be seen handling their ropes and controlling bells of all weights without any of the modern easements of self-aligning and ball bearings one wonders what criticisms would be forthcoming from the exponents of instruction whose 'Manuals' are clothed in such a multiplicity of words that—if a paraphrase may be allowed from one of the Prefaces of the Book of Common Prayer—'the number and hardness of the Rules was the cause that many times there was more

business to find out what should be done than to do it when it was found out.' One is content to say that the reputations and accomplishments of these worthies of the Exercise required no official certificates or diplomas to guarantee their recognition as master campanologists. Somehow or another they found the means and inspiration for fostering their skill and provoking their interest and that of others, obviously quite independently of a mass of regimentation or an over-elaborated vocabulary.

Finally, the present generation and those to come may well reflect upon the advantages and fellowship, secured by the labours of both clergy and laymen within the last hundred years or so, in lifting the art of ringing out of the category of mere pastimes and giving it a closer association with the Church through the formation of Diocesan Guilds; resulting in the development of a wide and much needed belfry reform and a general recognition of ringers as valuable church workers.

We all know the pleasure and companionship which such voluntary organisation of ringers brings, not overlooking the inspiration it has been in setting forward the restoration and care of bells everywhere that they may fulfil the primary object for which they were dedicated in our church towers, viz., the calling of the people to the worship of God.

Year after year, then, in every way may we go from strength to strength. C.C.C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

PETER BORDER Treble	*JOHN R. JOYNER 7
MURIEL REAY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	†H. DAVID HOLLAND 9
STELLA HUGHES 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
JEFFREY B. WEBB 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal in the method and on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	ARTHUR F. BALLAM 6
*ALICE E. LESTER 2	SAM J. TWITCHETT 7
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 3	LEONARD S. SHARPE 8
†LESLIE N. MELTON 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 9
ROBERT E. LESTER 5	KENNETH G. BROWN Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*MARGARET A. FLOYER .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 2	*A. REX AGG 7
*PETER P. BROWN 3	A. RONALD LING 8
MABEL PROCKSON 4	†E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS .. 9
*BEVERLEY THOMPSON 5	DORIS E. COLGATE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by A. RONALD LING.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester variation.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	ALAN MCFALL 5
*CAROL EUSTACE 2	*ROBERT SMITH 6
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 3	*MICHAEL J. PRYOR 7
BERNARD GROVES 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. First peal in this variation by all the band and on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY .. 5
*VALERIE MASSAM 2	FRANK RAYMENT 6
DOROTHY HOGG 3	LEONARD DRAKE 7
ARTHUR G. WOOD 4	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Composed by E. A. RIDGWAY.

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for the fifth anniversary of the recast bells, which were rededicated on December 8th, 1951.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

R. JOHN SCOTT Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
*JUNE GLADMAN 2	BRIAN BLADON 6
JOHN W. SINFIELD 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First touch in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR CUTHBERT Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
JACK PILGRIM 2	EDGAR PIZZY 6
RAYMOND PECK 3	*ERNEST STEWARD 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	ALDERMAN G. LING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALDERMAN G. LING.

* First peal of Major.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.
MISS K. M. SHEPHERD .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Joseph Wren, ringer at this tower for 70 years and captain for 50, who was interred the previous day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MULBARTON BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	BERT GOGLE 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	RAYMOND G. LOFTY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method, published in the diocese as 'Hingham' and is No. 1 in F. T. Blagrove's list ('R.W.', August 17th, 1956).

A tribute to the memory of the late Rev. A. St. John Heard, Rector of Mulbarton and President of the Association, 1942-55.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	*MICHAEL CROWDER 5
RONALD CHAFER 2	HARRY HALL 6
*JOHN HALL 3	JACK BRAY 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN 4	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to welcome Philip Barnes home from hospital following an eye operation.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

J. A. Lambert's variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*WILLIAM FULLER .. Treble	COLIN TESTER 5
EDWIN BROMLEY 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ALAN V. BROMLEY 7
STANLEY PONTING 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First peal on the eight bells.

Rung on the occasion of Mrs. F. J. Lambert's 89th birthday; also a 21st birthday peal for Mr. Michael Lambert and 14th for Master Kenneth Bromley; also a 31st wedding anniversary peal for Robert T. Lambert.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PHILIP WALKER .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5
*ELIZABETH M. WATTS .. 2	†DERMOT J. ROAF 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
ALAN R. PINK 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

WALTER E. WILKINSON .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	†PETER J. SHIPTON 6
JOSEPH THORNLEY 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
*JULY DUNDERDALE 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Major.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*K. PATRICIA HUTTON .. Treble	†LIONEL B. HUGHES 5
JACK S. DEAR 2	*DAVID SUTCLIFFE 6
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
ERIC EDMUNDSON 4	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.

* First in the method. † First 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Samuel E. Roberts, of Royston, former member of the Baldock Guild.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH Treble	*†PETER BERESFORD 5
DENNIS BERESFORD 2	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 6
*JOAN BERESFORD 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	*EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

Specially arranged as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. S. D. Austerberry, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5376 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*P. RUTH HOSKEN .. Treble	ARTHUR F. BURLEY 5
†MARGERY A. BIRCH 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS 3	ALAN CARVETH 7
†V. MARY MATTHEWS 4	DAVID N. PENROSE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal.

The longest length yet rung on the bells.

Rung for the eighth anniversary of the consecration of the church.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

FRANK D. MACK .. Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
JOAN GRAY 2	J. HENRY GILBERT 6
VALERIE WILLARD 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN 4	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of fifth and seventh.

In memoriam Hedley W. S. Gregory, of Clifton, Bristol.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Treble	A. HARRY HAWCROFT 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 6
MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 4	*ALAN SHEPPARD Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Major as conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RODERICK V. WALLIS .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
WALTER AYRE 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 6
JOE HOBBS 3	†BRIAN M. BARKER 7
MRS. G. MANCHIP 4	EDWIN J. UPTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cook (Hunstanton).



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MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

REV. H. G. LILLINGSTONE .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	CLIFFORD BIRD 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5000 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. Treble	*GWILYM SALMON 5
LAURENCE H. HITCHINS 2	ERIC NAYLOR 6
DAVID HOARE 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 7
FREDERICK H. SLATFORD .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

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

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
*ROLAND H. COOK 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
†RONALD J. HILL 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
PHILIP A. CORBY 4	L. ALLAN CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman.

Rung in memoriam W. Edgar King.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
*BRIAN HOUGH 4	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal on eight bells, and 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Keal, who was installed a Canon of Southwell Cathedral on November 20th, 1956.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*HAROLD F. WHITE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	*ERNEST F. WILLCOX 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 5
ALFRED E. RUSHTON 2	DEREK JONES 6
JOHN W. SINFIELD 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ABBOT'S ANN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.
*JANE GOODYEAR Treble	†PETER R. DOLLERY 3
VERA SMART 2	†TERRY A. TARRANT 4

GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Whimpey, captain of the local band.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ROY COLLINS Treble	GEORGE TALBOT 4
*HAZEL L. HANCOCK 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
†JOHN KING 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor. The quickest peal on the bells.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. Treble	A. WILLIAM BIRD 4
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	PETER KINDRED 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

In memoriam Princess Marie Louise.
Mr. Bird has now 'circled the tower.'

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being five extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4
*ROGER K. STRETTON 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JOHN A. ACRES 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in two methods.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
*JOHN R. MAYNE 2	JOAN M. WILCOXSON 5
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal together. † 150th peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CUMBERLAND BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 157, 64, 65, 66, 59, 154, 58).

Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*JOHN RYDE Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 4
PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. P.21).

BARKING, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	WALTER PERRY 4
*LESLIE N. MELTON 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
*LEONARD S. SHARPE 3	KENNETH G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

AUDREY BUTLER Treble	FRANK C. PRICE 4
MONICA HOWARD 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT L. COLE 4
COLIN B. LONGMORE 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER 5
HARRY E. WHEATLEY 3	ERIC T. LEE Tenor

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.

First peal as conductor.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 extents of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	*DAVID BELCHAM 3
STANLEY G. PONTING 2	WILLIAM BUTTON 4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG 4
†MRS. R. L. ARMSTRONG .. 2	ALAN F. THIRST 5
†DAVID G. JACKSON 3	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal in one method.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2.160 and four different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 4
CANON C. CAREW COX 2	ROGER KEELEY 5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The first peal on the restored bells.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each of Grandsire and Plain, and 12 of St. Simon's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*HORACE W. EASEY .. Treble	†GEORGE A. KINDRED .. 3
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 4

†PETER KINDRED Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal together. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL F. MOGFORD .. Treble	ERNEST E. BRAY 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
DAVID ROBERTSON 3	*SIDNEY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal of Doubles.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

F. WRIGHT Treble	C. W. SAMS 4
A. A. LIVINGES 2	B. G. BURTON 5
*W. P. SAMS 3	W. WEDLOCK Tenor

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise, two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE A. WALKER .. Treble	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	STANLEY SHIPP Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Gimbert, of Sutton. Also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells on November 17th, 1896.

HANDBELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 4, HEALD GROVE, WHITWORTH PARK.

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5-6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3-4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT WESTON HOUSE.

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5-6
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3-4	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.'

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1956, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and 720 of Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
ALAN SHEPPARD 5-6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 19, ROYAL PARADE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*SHIRLEY PARSONS 1-2	†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 3-4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5-6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'in hand.' † 25th peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Canon Marshall, who is leaving for Canada.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, Diana M. Gough 2, C. D. Linington 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, Valerie Mephram 5, R. D. Brown 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. Looker 5, M. Collins (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Collins (chorister and server) and Mavis Marriott (Sunday School teacher) on their marriage, which took place earlier in the day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mills (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Plank 2, Miss B. Russell 3, R. Stubbs 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, G. Plank 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: Brenda Foster (first on eight) 1, Susan Nicholson (first quarter) 2, Mary Andrews 3, Beverley Thompson 4, Judith Cox 5, D. L. Hall 6, P. P. Brown 7, J. L. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. J. M. Whatmore).

BROUGHTON, NORTH STAFFS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. H. Roberts 1, W. E. Roberts 2, A. H. Lawton 3, H. Roberts 4, E. W. Colley (cond.) 5, W. G. Talbot 6, R. D. Hazeldine 7, H. F. White 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. R. Cansdale 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. For Evensong.

CHILTON TRINITY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Short 1-2, M. Stone 3-4, D. Miller (cond.) 5-6. First quarter on handbells by all.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Craggs (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, D. R. Airey 3, T. Senior 4, F. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Bob Major: R. B. Crowder 1, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 2, K. Small (first in method) 3, J. Sims 4, C. Philpott (first in method) 5, J. Hurrell 6, G. Hurrell (first 'inside') 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, also a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Wood. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, F. Richardson (cond.) 2, Miss B. Clark 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. J. Coode 5, K. Small 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Rabiah 8. For Evensong, also an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Hurrell.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 16th, at the Church of St. Martin of Tours, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Slack (first of Caters) 1, Brenda Chappel (first 'inside' of Caters) 2, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 3, Janet Besant 4, D. Spittle 5, Ginny Roff (first of Caters) 6, L. Kingswood 7, C. W. Munday 8, J. Hill 9, J. Davidge 10.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss Ruth Highley 1, Miss D. Borer 2, Miss J. Highley 3, P. F. Borer 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, J. C. S. Benson 6. Rung prior to midnight service.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Diserens 1, K. Cotterell 2, A. Diserens 3, R. K. Russ (first of Triples) 4, B. C. Stirling 5, A. K. Street 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 9th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hurlstone 1, J. Malby 2, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 3, K. Grey 4, G. Pratchett 5, H. W. Barnard 6. To the memory of E. E. Pratchett ('Old Mac'), a ringer at this church for over 66 years.

HOBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire): J. A. Burnham 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. Stonehouse 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Cecil Wallace and Miss Julian Read; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. A. Bowcutt, wife of the tenor ringer.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, Miss B. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KEILSTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Brain (first of Minor) 1, D. Yeo 2, Monica Fray 3, L. Derrick 5, C. Kortright 5, M. Horseman (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Mrs. G. H. Lane (first quarter) 1, W. G. Lane 2, S. Perry 3, T. Smith 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memorial L. Maddox, once chorister and ringer at this church; also for Mrs. E. King and Mrs. F. Vickery.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Miss H. Sharp (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Mills 3, M. Mills 4, D. Welham 5, J. Butler 6, P. W. Mills 7, U. W. Widney (cond.) 8.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Metcalfe 2, H. Rainford 3, G. Braithwaite 4, A. Capstick 5, R. Eccles 6, J. E. Bures 7, N. M. Newby 8. To mark the completion of 50 years' membership of the belfry at St. Peter's of Mr. R. Rainford. The band wish to associate with this effort the names of Mr. John Woods and Mr. Frank Postlethwaite.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Broadhurst 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, Mrs. M. L. Thirst 3, J. Armstrong (cond.) 4, A. F. Thirst 5, W. T. Cook 6. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Hart 1, Miss E. Aldridge (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, J. Armstrong 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6, D. G. Jackson 7 (covering).

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Legg, D. Miller 2, C. Clarke 3, J. Walton 4, C. Mogford 5, R. Short 6, G. Prescott 7, M. Stone 8. First of Stedman Triples by 2, 3, 6 and 8.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall (first quarter) 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, A. G. Hall 3, H. Hubbard 4, J. Griffiths (first 'inside') 5, H. Goodman 6, A. Wyre 7, D. Overton 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. E. D. Harris and Mr. N. B. Beaman.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Aspden (first quarter) 1, E. A. Flint (first 'inside') 2, D. Burgess (first quarter) 3, G. Lloyd (first quarter) 4, P. A. Millward (first as cond.) 5, M. G. Goff (first quarter) 6.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Seeling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, J. Barnes (first 'inside') 3, R. Barnes (first 'inside') 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For carol service.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: P. N. Tubbs 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, D. T. Matkin 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, J. E. Daniels 5, F. L. Harris (cond.) 6, F. Price 7, J. Hartless 8, R. N. Marlow 9, E. J. Doel 10.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Key 1, Miss M. L. Jeffrey 2, B. C. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, L. J. Beal 5, B. Cook 6, P. J. King 7, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 8. For youth carol service. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: M. Scanes 1, Miss J. Rose 2, Miss M. Jeffreys 3, L. J. Beal 4, P. A. Sadler 5, B. Cook 6, P. J. King (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Corby 1, F. E. T. Trantee (cond.) 2, S. Pugh 3, C. F. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. For evening service.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, Freda Hankey 1, Betty Sagers 2, A. Streeter 3, G. F. Hoar (cond.) 4, W. H. Inwood 5, F. T. Hoar 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Joan Hanning 8. For the festival.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 St. Simon's, Old Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Moore (first quarter) 1, J. A. Tole 2, D. J. Pistow (cond.) 3, C. Underwood 4, J. Underwood 5. For Confirmation.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: J. Small (first of Major) 1, D. C. Jackson 2, Miss R. S. Hodgson (first of Major) 3, Miss P. A. M. Forster 4, Miss R. A. Carey 5, A. J. Hicks 6, R. A. Hodgson 7, D. Hodgson (comp. and cond.) 8. First quarter of Little Bob Major on the bells and by all the band except 5. First quarter of Major on the bells for 45 years.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Dec. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. V. Frost 1, Mrs. J. Dodds (first of Grandsire Caters) 2, Miss E. C. Oakeshott (first on ten) 3, H. G. Mason 4, C. F. S. Ayer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, A. R. Tysoe 7, F. J. Spicer 8, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Oxford, 360 Single Court, 180 Bob Minor): Miss K. Yardley (first quarter) 1, H. Dove 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, W. G. Baker 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who celebrated his 21st birthday on December 16th.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. T. Graves 1, R. O. Fyson 2, M. K. Whitehead 3, F. W. Talbot 4, D. J. Pollard 5, C. R. Waller 6. First quarter for all except 4. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5 jointly. All members of local Sunday service band.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Ann's Church, 1,320 Doubles (4 extents St. Simon's, 4 extents St. Martin's and 3 extents Plain Bob): Pat Rowe 1, Lesley Hawes (first in three methods 'inside') 2, E. J. Rowe 3, M. J. Rowe (first as cond.) 4, B. Bladon 5, F. Riddlestone 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. W. Dixon 1, M. Hill 2, Joan Gray 3, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst 4, J. K. Lavers 5, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Honey (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Jones 3, Jas. Honey 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5, W. G. Cudd 6. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Downes (15, first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, E. F. Holman 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, B. Collard 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Darmon 1, D. Land (first in method) 2, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 3, W. G. Paul 4, S. H. Hoare 5, S. E. Darmon 6, K. R. Dunstan 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): C. Clarke 1, F. Sweet (cond.) 2, R. Short 3, D. K. Lane 4, M. Stone 5, C. Sweet 6. A farewell to D. K. Lane (R.A.F.), of Kingsbury, Warwicks, who is shortly returning to civilian life.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayes 1, D. Hewitt 2, H. Rumens 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. Lumsden 6, H. Smith 7, A. J. N. Boyack 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, A. L. M. Shepherd (first of Caters) 10. Rung for the birthdays of Mr. P. D. Chapman and Mrs. H. Rumens.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Bob Doubles: G. Sharpe 1, Miss J. Sharpe 2, J. Bird 3, M. Parker 4, L. Harvey (first as cond.) 5, J. Brown 6. First quarter in this tower by the local band. Rung for Midnight Mass.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**Southern District at Reigate**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's Church, Reigate, on December 15th. In spite of the extremely wet and windy day and the close proximity of petrol rationing, a good attendance from both District members and visitors was forthcoming. The business meeting was attended by 17 members from the District and 11 visitors, the towers represented being from as far afield as Streatham, Burstow, Uxbridge, Leatherhead and Tunbridge Wells. Congratulations to the hardy!

Ringing on the 10 bells took place from 3.30 p.m. until the service and again in the evening. The ringing curate of St. Mary's conducted the service, at which a local ringer read the lesson. An excellent tea was then enjoyed in the Parish Hall, the curate speaking to each member personally during tea.

The business meeting followed, the main item of business being the nomination of District officers for 1957. The following were proposed:—Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Streeter; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Miss N. Kempsall and Messrs. A. Clarke, G. Olliver, B. Cracknell and T. Bird. Offices are to be filled at the District annual general meeting at Bletchingley on January 19th.

After votes of thanks had been passed to the Vicar, curate, organist and ladies (for the preparation of the tea) the meeting closed. A collection towards the Association donation to Bow Bells Fund realised 18s. odd.

Ringing was recommenced and continued until about 8.30 p.m.

D. J. P.

BOW BELLS AND CROMER

An association of Bow Bells with East Anglia is mentioned in the following note from 'The East Anglian Daily Times':—

'Early Bow Bells ring in tradition. They are those whose message persuaded Dick Whittington to "Turn again." All of the ring in the old tower were melted in the Great Fire of 1666. Just over a century later the new tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, one of Wren's masterpieces that had been completed in 1683, received four recruits to its existing ring. They came, tradition has it, from Norfolk.

'In a leaflet on Cromer Church, authorised by the present Vicar, the Rev. D. T. Dick, Mr. B. Smith recalls that Bishop Philip Yonge, of Norwich, gave the parishioners of Cromer permission for four of the five bells, lead from the roof and other saleable items to be sold to raise money for the repair of their decayed church. This was in 1767. "The bells were sold to St. Mary-at-Bow, Cheapside, London, and became (it is believed) the famous Bow Bells." These were destroyed by enemy action in May, 1941.'

Gratefully Acknowledged

Personal.—A. Cutler, £1 1s., L. Evans 2s., J. E. Harmsworth 2s., W. F. Stenson 2s., Miss S. Knight 2s., J. T. Newington 2s., A. Hill 2s., T. J. Thurley 2s. 6d.

Peals. — Broadwindsor 3s., Pulborough 4s., Witton 4s., Tangley 2s. 3d., Wilburton 3s.

Quarter Peals.—Lancaster 4s., Quedgeley 2s., Alderton 2s. 6d., Walthamstow 4s., Watford 4s., Newton-le-Willows 6s., Kelston 3s., Bath 2s. 6d., Kirby-le-Soken 2s. 6d.

SOMERSET RINGERS AT EXETER

The unceasing rain on December 15th did little to dampen the high spirits of a party of 12 ringers from North and Mid-Somerset (including two from R.A.F., Locking), who travelled to Exeter. The primary object of the journey was to join the Cathedral ringers in their monthly practice, but before this we visited Newton St. Cyres—a charming light eight—where standard methods were rung both with and without the aid of electric light! (Fortunately one of the local ringers was able to procure two candles for us.) The party then returned by bus to Exeter, and 12 slightly damp ringers presented themselves at the Cathedral, where there was ringing to suit all tastes.

A convivial evening, spent in the vicinity of the Cathedral, followed and the exuberant spirits of some of the party were still in evidence (despite the rain!) when we had to leave to catch the 10.6 p.m. back to Bridgwater and Bristol.

Many thanks to the Newton St. Cyres and Cathedral ringers—and also Cyril—for helping to 'make our day' (not to mention ticket inspectors, etc.!).

M. E. F.

Having no regular change ringers at Wrentham, the Rector was very interested in the visit of a peal band on December 17th, and what they were going to ring. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers could faintly hear the 'Town Prize Band' playing carols at the Rectory, some 50 yards away. It seems that the band were not going to be 'beaten' by mere bells ringing nearby, and the Rector complimented the ringers(!) on the effect of 'Silent Night' with Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles as a background.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cook, of Hunstanton, received golden wedding congratulations from Hertfordshire friends, by a peal of Grandsire Triples at King's Langley on December 15th. It was at this tower Mr. Cook was formerly captain and he conducted the first peal on the bells—Grandsire Triples—in 1922.

The tariff on handbells admitted to the United States has been reduced from 20 per cent. to 19 per cent.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise rung at Overseale on December 15th was a birthday compliment to Peter Staniforth and J. W. Cotton.

Mr. John Armstrong, Master of the London University Society, has completed the Cambridge 'family' with a peal of Cambridge Minor at Brentford. He has rung his 'first' on all numbers within the space of last year.

News of veterans is always welcome, and older members of the Exercise will appreciate news of Mr. John Dale, of Hornchurch. Now aged 92 years, he is in excellent health—a grand example of the spirit being willing but the 'legs being weak.' John retains his interest in the Exercise through the columns of 'The Ringing World' and is looking forward to the peal attempt for his 100th birthday.

By calling 250 peals of a total of 426, George E. Symonds has had some novelties in conducting. Among these are the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus after 112 years, on handbells, several first peals of Surprise Maximus, Plain Bob on eight different numbers of bells, in 1926, Forward, Duffield and short course of Bob Maximus calling 448 bobs and six singles in the three peals. In addition he has conducted 40 of his first peals in different methods on tower- and handbells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Recorded this week is a peal at Wilburton, Cambs, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Among those who participated in the 1896 peal was Mr. Henry W. Sharp, and it was unfortunate that recent ill-health prevented him from taking part in the anniversary peal.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on December 12th. The following day Albert conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral.

We have this week a spate of first peals on the bells. Such performances have taken place at Abbot's Ann, Hants, Broadwindsor (restored), Dorset, Carlton Colville, Somerset, and Tangley, Hants. A peal at Horsmonden, Kent, was the first on the augmented eight.

Soham, Cambs, band make their appearance in our quarter peal columns after an absence of many years. The band was re-formed in July, 1954, and in spite of a break from February to July, 1955, when the bells were being rehung, there are now some 14 ringers, who are proud of their record of having rung the bells twice every Sunday for service and for other special services.

The handbell peal rung for the Society of Rambling Ringers at Stoney Stanton was not without incident. The band had to compete on several occasions with a telephone which persisted in ringing loudly, and a large chiming clock which faithfully sounded the quarters. Towards the end of the last extent the door was flung open and four large retriever dogs bounded into the room, one of which proceeded to make quite a fuss of the treble ringer. They eventually quietened down and appeared to quite enjoy the last few courses.

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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION REUNION DINNER

Mr. J. F. Smallwood and 'The Ringing World'

AFTER a day spent ringing in the east of London, during which the towers of St. Mark's, Dalston, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Leyton, and St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, were visited, and Evensong was attended in the last-named church, members of the Universities' Association held their annual dinner at the Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road, London, on Saturday.

Mr. Paul L. Taylor presided in the regretted absence of the president, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, whose apologies were received. A spirit of happy informality prevailed, and to the delight of the company there was an interval of ten minutes between the dinner and the annual meeting to enable the secretary to write his minutes of the last meeting of the Association.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. S. Darmon thanked all the incumbents of the churches where the Society had rung that day for putting up with them. Particularly, he would like to thank the rector of St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, for not only letting them ring in a most interesting belfry but also for conducting their service. He mentioned that he had no ringers in his beautiful church: he hoped he would soon raise a band and ringers living in the neighbourhood would help them. When the Society were ringing there the rector received a number of telephone messages stating how much the bells were appreciated. Such an experience was unusual. He recalled a case where the rector said to the tower captain: 'I have had a complaint about the bells today.' The captain asked how he dealt with it. 'Easily,' replied the rector, 'I buried her yesterday.'

A FACET OF THE CHURCH

The rector of South Hackney, the Rev. J. Isherwood, in reply said the Church was like a diamond which had many facets and each was important. They might look on the clergy as insignificant people, but he would say that most clergy were travelled and experienced men, and were brought into touch with every shade of life. Today they were drawn from all classes and made an interesting group, as indeed did all professions in this democratic age.

They had a desire in their Church to progress, and he looked on Christianity as a progressive thing and the Church as a living thing, living according to the generation in which it happened to be. The technique of the present Church was in accordance with this generation and it would be very interesting to see what the technique of the next generation would be.

While the clergy might be shy people, they loved people, especially the people they served. 'I have been in a few churches around the world and in England,' he said, 'and looking back I found that each church had something to teach me, and I hope and pray that we as clergy have something to teach our people.'

'A LITTLE HARMONY INTO A HARSH WORLD'

'You as bellringers have a wonderful chance of evangelising the people, as it is through music that people listen, and music does strike the responsive chords in human nature. It is a difficult world, and for many a struggle from the cradle to the grave, and a little music is a good thing; it encourages and brings a harmony into a harsh world. You bellringers have a wonderful opportunity in helping to lift up the hearts of the people. This afternoon as you were ringing I had several telephone calls. People said how much happiness the bells gave them with their message of peace and goodwill. My experience has taught me that we are much indebted to the few who are public-spirited and

prepared to contribute to the age in which they live. I believe you bellringers have something to contribute. You are welcome to come to our church, and in 1957 I hope to arrange for 15 to 20 people to learn to ring our bells. You are one of the facets of the Church—a very necessary facet, because when the diamond turns round and shines it is your part to make one of the contributions to the life of the Church.'

The chairman announced that they had lost by death that week one of their oldest members, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards. At his request the company stood in silence to his memory.

U.A. AND THE EXERCISE

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood proposed the toast of 'The Universities' Association.' He said he had lived long enough to see the growth and development of the Universities' Association, be-

your Association? I must confess that up to now we have seen very little from you, except Rodney Meadows and Denis Layton.

'A PERPETUAL HEADACHE'

"The Ringing World" is a perpetual headache. We seem to be no sooner out of one mess than we are in another. By the end of 1955 we were sitting pretty. We had made a profit of no less than £1,000, but in 1956 came a terrific increase in printing costs that has put us back to where we were, so that we cannot introduce the improvements which would increase the circulation.

'We want to make "The Ringing World" more attractive and we look to you to provide us with the material. It cannot be said that the Universities' Association, through one of their distinguished members, has not provided us with some material in recent times. We have had a spate of letters of all sorts of opinion—some for and some against—and I certainly think that if we were to award a prize for the most prolific contribution to "The Ringing World" it should go to one of your distinguished members. If I were to select the prize it would be one of Shakespeare's works, "Much Ado About Nothing." [Laughter.]

'Seriously, it must be said that "The Ringing World" has to cater for tastes of all kinds of people. The Editor is continually being badgered for more instruction for learners, and if they are not satisfied with what they have had for the last three or four months, well, they have had it.

'I appeal to you to act as a liaison between your University and "The Ringing World." Supply the Editor with news. I am sure you have enough brains and ideas to fill his editorial bag twice over.'

THE YEAR REVIEWED

Mr. Brian Threlfall, the hon. secretary, extended a welcome to the guests—the Rev. J. Isherwood, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Alfred Peck, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. T. W. White. Mr. Smallwood had asked the Association to increase as far as possible the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' It seemed to him that the Association were decreasing rather than increasing the sales because they had seven married couples present, and it was his pleasure to congratulate two couples present on their engagements.

In his report on the year's activities, the secretary said they had rung four peals, of which two were rung during the summer ringing week. The week was not an unqualified success as it was found that there were not enough sheets for one each. They rang at what some people said were too many towers and others too few; but most people would agree it was quite a successful week.

The annual business meeting followed, with Mr. Paul L. Taylor in the chair. The secretary reported that the balance in hand had increased by £5 4s. 9½d. and now stood at £28 4s. 10½d.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president. In succession to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who was dedicating that day a new ring of bells in Suffolk, Mr. P. L. Taylor was elected vice-president. Mr. Brian Threlfall was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Miss M. Cross representative of the Association on the Central Council. Mr. R. F. D. Speed was re-elected auditor.

New members elected were Adele Bagnall (Oxford), Mrs. Nancy Hudson (London), Robin Pittman (Oxford), Dermot Roaf (Oxford), Stephen Ivin (Oxford) and Lucy Allen (Reading).

It was decided to hold the summer week at Bingley Training College, Yorks, starting on July 26th. The annual dinner will be held in London on Saturday, January 4th, 1958.

Votes of thanks to the secretary and chairman concluded the business meeting.

Christmas Day Broadcast

An eminent ringer, who is a member of the Central Council of long standing, has forwarded the following observations on the Christmas Day broadcast of ringing by the B.B.C.:—

CHESTER.—*Grandsire Caters, poor striking.*

LONG ASHTON.—*Grandsire Triples, fair ringing.*

BELFAST.—*Call-changes, spoilt by treble and third (too quick).*

LAMBETH.—*Stedman Triples, fair but very slow.*

GREENOCK.—*Grandsire Doubles, chimed by someone who did not know much about it.*

NEWPORT.—*Rounds on 12, awful ringing.*

WYMONDHAM.—*Bob Triples, fair ringing.*

BETHLEHEM.—*Usual jangle.*

Congratulations to Mr. Harold Pitstow and the Banstead band on the excellent broadcast in television (Panorama) on Christmas Eve. It was one of the best ringing broadcasts that have so far appeared.

ginning, of course, with Oxford and Cambridge, and extending to other universities. He had lived to see the recognition of the work of the Universities' Association by the Exercise generally, and recognition by the Central Council which, as one of their members remarked, was 'a classic example of complaisant futility.' 'Be that as it may, the Central Council had done very good work.'

'I have been casting my mind as to what is the most valuable contribution this Association can make to the Exercise. Many of you join either the teaching or medical profession. Those who join the teaching profession have all the qualifications for teaching the young ringers; they know all the short cuts and are better qualified to teach than the old-timers like myself.

'Another way the Association could help would be to give the bell-founders a jolt. It seems to me in this atomic and electronic age there are all sorts of wonderful things. We are thinking of space travel and yet we have not been able to devise a simple system of bell lubrication. That is where the Universities' Association could come in.

'Another way would be in trying to make the Exercise generally more conscious of its responsibilities as the owners of a newspaper. The Exercise not only owns its newspaper but depends for the articles in that newspaper from the people who own it. Who are more suitable to provide readable articles than members of

PEALS IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

THE tour in 1956 in Cumberland and Westmorland was the fifth during the past 31 years, the others being in 1925, 1927, 1931 and 1933. Peals in these two isolated counties have been few, and people not conversant with local conditions may wonder why.

At the time of the 1925 tour, organised by the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, only Kendal and Ambleside had bands and so Westmorland was limited to 24 ringers, the majority having no peal to their credit.

WESTMORLAND

Westmorland, with a population of 66,000, comprises an area of 504,917 acres, a large part being moor and fell land, besides the lakes, the whole of Lake Windermere being included in the county area.

It contains one ring of ten at Kendal, rings of eight at Ambleside, Kirkby Stephen, Orton and Windermere, and rings of six at Beetham, Burton, Milnthorpe, Heversham, Langdale, Crosthwaite, Shap, Appleby and Kirkby Lonsdale, and a ring of five at Bampton.

The first peal in the county was rung at Kendal in 1796, the method being Grandsire Triples. Grandsire Caters followed in 1819, and from this period until 1898, 12 peals of Grandsire Triples were rung and another one of Grandsire Caters: these two peals of Caters are the only ones to be rung. The foregoing peals were rung by the local bands, and one more was rung in 1904 by the locals.

From this period until including Mr. Williams' party's peal, another 13 peals have been rung as follows: Bob Major, the first of Major in the county in 1909, conducted by W. Robinson, of Ambleside; peals of Grandsire Triples, followed in 1910 and 1913; Kent Treble Bob Royal in October, 1925, rung for the Cumberland Association and conducted by W. Keeble; three peals of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Jennings; Bob Minor, called by W. Robinson; Cambridge Royal, conducted by W. Pye; Cambridge Major, conducted by Frank Bennett; Oxford T.B. Major, conducted by W. Sharples, of Brindle, 1936; and then in 1956 a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. E. Burles, and Mr. Williams' peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Kendal, however, has maintained a Sunday service band since 1765, but since 1904 very few of the members have been keen on peal ringing.

AT AMBLESIDE

The ring of eight at Ambleside was opened with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in July, 1901, conducted by A. E. Wreaks, of Manchester, all the ringers belonging to that district. The local band rang Bob Triples in 1912, the conductor being W. Robinson, and this remains the only local band peal on the bells. Grandsire Triples followed in 1925, Henry Hodgetts, of Oxhey, being in this peal, which was conducted by T. B. Newton.

W. Robinson called Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1926, and the next peal took place in 1933—Bristol Surprise Major, conducted by C. W. Roberts.

Double Norwich followed in 1933, the conductor being George R. Pye, and London Surprise Major in 1939, the band coming from Bolton, Liverpool, Cheshire and the London area, the conductor being J. C. E. Simpson.

Orton has had a ring of eight since 1917, and had its first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 1933, conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.

Kirkby Stephen has had a ring of eight since 1877, and had its first peal in 1930 when E. Jennings called a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Superlative followed in 1933, conducted by Frank Bennett.

Bowness, Windermere, Parish Church, with a ring of eight since 1897, had its first peal in 1929, the conductor being E. Jennings, who called peals of Grandsire Triples in 1930 and 1931. The local band rang a peal on Boxing Day, 1931, and a Lancashire band a peal of Bristol in 1947, conducted by Jim Simpson.

Of the 6-bell towers, Langdale had its first peal in 1904. Crosthwaite 1913 (A. W. Brighton, of London, was in this peal); Beetham and Burton in 1927, the conductor being W. Robinson; Kirkby Lonsdale, six since 1825, had its first peal in 1932, the conductor being E. Jennings; while Haversham, six since 1870, had its first peal as recently as 1954. George Braithwaite, of Burton, being the conductor.

Let 1957 Be Your Red Letter Year

No young ringer can feel he is part of the great ringing fraternity until he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' We are now enrolling subscribers for 1957. We ask District representatives to make a special effort so that 1957 will be a red letter year. The drop in circulation reported at the Central Council annual meeting has been made good, but we want to do much better.

Remittances should be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months, £1 8s.; 6 months, 14s. 6d.; 3 months, 7s. 6d.

The majority of the Minor peals have been rung by Westmorland and Furness District ringers, and the total number of peals rung in Westmorland by local ringers or otherwise amounts to less than 50 peals in the county since 1796.

The record for peals rung by any one ringer in the county amounts to 26 peals rung in ten towers and having conducted 14 peals.

In the writer's opinion, the lack of peal ringing and ringing of advanced methods is due entirely to the isolated positions of the towers and the difficulty of travel to practise methods with other bands.

CUMBERLAND

Cumberland has an area of 968,607 acres and a population of 281,150.

Peals in this county have been very few, the first being Grandsire Triples in 1861 by a College Youth band from London at St. Stephen's Church, Carlisle. The first local peal was in 1890, also at this church. W. Keeble called Superlative here in 1925; W. Pye, London in 1931; and this completes the history of peal ringing at this tower.

Peals at the Cathedral prior to the present tour are Stedman Triples, November 21st, 1925, con-

ducted by W. H. Barber, the band being from Newcastle; Bristol Surprise Major in 1931, conducted by W. Pye; and the peal of Yorkshire by W. Williams.

Crosthwaite had its first peal in 1895—Grandsire Triples. Kent T.B. Major followed in 1910. W. Keeble called the first peal of Surprise here in 1952 (Superlative); Frank Bennett, Stedman Triples in 1933; Dr. Simpson, London in 1946; now Bristol, conducted by Peter Border, in 1956, followed by the recent peal of Stedman called by Mr. Burles in October, 1956.

Cockermouth.—W. Keeble called the first peal, Cambridge Surprise Major, on November 2nd, 1925; E. Jennings the first of Triples in 1930, and J. C. E. Simpson called Superlative in 1933. This amounts to the peal ringing at this tower.

Workington.—Mr. A. W. Brighton, of London, called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on May 31st, 1911.

Cleator Moor.—George Newton called a peal of Double Norwich here in 1933; Chris. Gudgeon, Stedman Triples in 1936; and with the recent peal of Bristol completes the list of 8-bell peals at this tower.

Egremont had its first peal in May, 1921, the conductor being W. T. Holmes, the present president of the Herts Association, the method being Bob Major (Mr. Holmes cycled 34 miles to conduct this peal). Cambridge Surprise Major followed in 1933, conducted by Frank Bennett, and Stedman Triples in 1935, the conductor being Chris. Gudgeon.

St. Bees.—The first peal was in 1933—Cambridge Surprise Major, conducted by George R. Pye.

Arlecdon, a ring of eight since 1904, had its first peal in 1933—Superlative, conducted by F. Bennett. The recent peal of London brings the total in this tower to two.

Hensingham.—W. T. Holmes called the first peal of Major on May 6th, 1932, the method being Kent Treble Bob. Superlative followed in 1933, called by F. Bennett, and the recent peal of Lincolnshire brings the total on the eight to three peals, two rung by touring bands.

Penrith (8).—The only peal rung at this tower was Superlative in 1933, conducted by G. R. Pye.

I cannot find any trace of peals rung at Irton (8), Silloth (8) or Aspatria (8). Of the 6-bell towers, W. Robinson called the first peal at Millom in 1926, and E. Jennings the only one rung at Bridekirk in 1930.

The total peals rung in Cumberland amount to about 30. I doubt if any one ringer has a personal total reaching double figures.

A LOCAL RINGER

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I remember the late W. P. Garrett (Bill) telling the story of a band starting for a peal in a remote country church steeple long before electricity was installed.

The chandelier hung in the centre and had four lighted tallow candles. About halfway through the peal a bat began fluttering around them to the ringers' consternation and dismay—and extinguished three candles. By good luck one was left alight till the end of the peal.—Yours truly, G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Our attention has been drawn to statements that the College of Campanology has the full support of the committee set up by the Central Council to revise the handbook 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners.'

While some of us individually are members of the College this does not imply that we are in full agreement either as a committee or individually with 'The Manual,' as published in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

M. R. CROSS,
W. G. WILSON,
R. F. B. SPEED,
J. T. DYKE.

UNIFORMITY

Dear Sir,—Now that you have been taken to task about deleting the word 'Plain,' may I suggest you have some consistency in printing records of peals of Cambridge Major composed by C. H. Middleton? Sometimes these are entered as 'Composed by C. H. Middleton' or 'Johnson's Variation' also just 'Middleton's' on the top of the names. This last way is my idea that the peal should always appear in your paper, and so have uniformity.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

NOT AN INDUCEMENT FOR RECRUITS

Dear Sir,—I read, with not a little disappointment and disgust, the article in the current issue of 'The Radio Times' by Tom Ingram. The article opens up by picturing a village band meeting at the rear door of the church at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day, ascending the belfry stairs, off come their coats, away into changes. The next paragraph makes an attempt to explain how the bells are raised; surely the cart before the horse. Sallies are mentioned as flying up through holes in the ceiling, and the sally is checked in its upward motion.

Then there is the gruesome picture of the interior of the ringing room, which looks like an old-fashioned cowshed. The ringers are not forming part of a circle with the contours of their bodies, in fact two are standing in such a manner as might possibly bring on a hernia—no neat stance as is practised by most experienced ringers.

There is also in the article a brief account of a fatal accident in the year 1884 in Dorset through the breaking of a stay.

The second picture shows a bell at 'set,' the crude idea of the stay and its fittings would make our bellfounders weep. The writer goes on to say such names for methods as 'The Whurligige' and 'Blunderbus' are splendid names for methods. What rubbish! Our methods for ringing changes, or at least the composition of the same, are likened to the game of chance—football pool perms.

This brief explanation brings me to my point. If such an article covering this subject which the writer has tried to do could have been entrusted to one of our experienced ringers with a more journalistic mind than I have, a great deal of good propaganda could have been done for the art of change ringing, by way at least of making bellringing appear more attractive and might be a step towards getting many of the bells ringing which have been silent so long. Instead, I fear, the reverse may be the result; in short, the article does not give much inducement to would-be learners to try ringing the bells.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWMAN.

London, N.4.

14th CENTURY BELLS AT
HAYLING ISLAND

This interesting picture sent to us by Mr. A. J. Buswell, of Havant, shows the mid-14th century bells of St. Peter's, North Hayling, Hants, which are still on their old wooden axles and half-wheels.

The tenor bell is inscribed 'Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis' (St. Mary, pray for us). The bells may have been dedicated to the Church of St. Mary, South Hayling, and later moved to St. Peter's. The three bells are all ringable. The founder of the bells is unknown.

[Picture by courtesy of Portsmouth 'Evening News.'

EXPERIMENTS IN SPICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—A short while ago the Exercise was confronted with a poser that wasn't; may I now present a poser that is?

I recently made an arrangement of a 720 of Spiced Minor in which there were 24 methods. This was one more than any previous 720, and furthermore a variation of it in 23 methods made it possible to extend the present Minor record by one method.

Shortly after I had shown it to Mr. W. F. Moreton (who is, I have recently been relieved to discover, a Yorkshireman after all!) he pointed out that by the introduction of a bob lead of Lytham these 720's could be made to contain 25 and 24 methods respectively, and the possible Minor record therefore increased by two.

It is argued that seeing that Thelwall is not included in the 720 the introduction of a bob lead of Lytham is quite permissible, and may be therefore counted as another method.

The logic of this is unanswerable but I don't like it, nevertheless, probably because—as has been observed by one of my galaxy of friends—I am obstinate and perverse. (The other friend maintains a discreet silence!)

I have also an arrangement which contains bob leads of Frodsham, which in this case, seeing that Frodsham has no 6th place counterpart, rather weakens my case.

What would the Exercise think of the following?

2 3 4 5 6	Newdigate (Willesden, Old Oxford or College Bob IV)
— 6 4 2 3 5	Double Oxford
2 6 5 4 3	Lytham
3 5 4 2 6	London Bob
— 6 4 3 5 2	Newdigate, etc.
— 2 3 6 4 5	Double Oxford
6 2 5 3 4	College (Wavertree in Part 1)
S 4 5 6 3 2	London Bob
2 6 3 4 5	Double Oxford
3 2 5 6 4	Bamborough Surprise
5 3 4 2 6	Double Oxford
— 6 4 5 3 2	St. Clement's (Childwall in Part 3)
5 6 2 4 3	Thelwall
2 5 3 6 4	Bacup Surprise
4 3 6 2 5	London Bob
S 5 6 4 2 3	London Bob
3 4 2 5 6	

Twice repeated.

Here we have bob leads in four treble bob methods and single leads in two plain methods. Each of the treble bob methods (4ths place delight, really) has an alias!

It could, of course, be argued that a 'single' doesn't make a method, but the fact remains that if St. Clement's was called by the conductor instead of College and a single called at the end of the lead, the places made would be 2nds, 3rds and 4ths, instead of 4ths, 5ths and 6ths.

That I have been able to get out a variation in which all the treble bob methods have plain leads should indicate that if I were patient—or clever—enough, it might be possible to do the same with the plain methods.

There must, of course, be a maximum somewhere, but who is to say when we have reached it? The maximum number of methods in the Spiced Minor record thought to have been reached a few years ago has still continued to rise.

Have we now reached it? Time (the stuff between pay-days) will tell. Meanwhile, ought we to allow bob-leads (or single-leads) in Minor records?—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

A Stonham Aspal Bride

For five years a member of the parish church company of bellringers and for ten years a member of the church choir, Miss Dorothy May Largent, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Largent, of Chapel House, Stonham Aspal, was married at Stonham Aspal Church recently to Mr. Raymond Arthur Ellis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis, of Church Walk, Stowupland.

Given away by her father, the bride wore white net over taffeta, with a pannier of diamante studded net, and she had a full-length veil. Her bouquet was of dark bronze chrysanthemums.

There were five attendants—the Misses Jean Thorpe, Marjorie Rutter, Daphne Frost, Muriel Pipe and Rita Pratt. The Misses Thorpe, Rutter and Frost were in blue full-skirted dresses of net over taffeta, with matching boleros. The others were in similar ensembles of lemon colour. The bridesmaids wore headdresses of leaves and flowers and had short nylon gloves. Their bouquets were of pale bronze and yellow chrysanthemums. Mr. David Garrod, a friend of the bridegroom, was best man.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. L. Manson, and Mr. Alan Page was at the organ.

After the service a reception was held at Stonham Aspal Village Hall.

POPULARITY OF HANDBELL RINGING IN U.S.A.

FROM the current issue of 'Overtones' to reach us this week we learn of the amazing growth in popularity of handbell ringing.

At the annual convention of the American Guild of Bell Ringers at Ipswich, Mass., Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, the president, wore the costume of her band of Beacon Hill Bellringers, scarlet skirt and white peasant blouse with scarlet embroidery, and in her opening remarks she described how the Guild had grown in three years from the 25 original bands to its present 120, representing 29 States as well as Alaska, Canada and England.

With the expansion in numbers, the bell-ringing art has become more widely known. The group which travelled furthest to the Ipswich festival were the Cathedral Ringers from Atlanta, Ga., who have played at the White House in Washington and been featured on the Ed. Sullivan show. The 20 boys and girls from south of the Mason Dixon line were identically costumed in black shorts, white blouses and knee socks with an announcer in page's outfit of white satin with a purple cape. They played a programme of hymns, a Bach chorale and a folk song, and brought down the house with a spirited rendering of Dixie. As an encore they played an arrangement of Adeste Fidelis, as presented on the Ed. Sullivan show.

At the suggestion of their coach, Canon Eckles, the Cathedral Ringers joined with several other bands in 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' with the audience singing the words.

A virtuoso performance was that of Sharon Spurgeon, who played two solos accompanied by the piano. She used 19 bells and 12 bells, picking them up and laying them down without a false tinkle or a missed note, an exhibition of great dexterity and control. The Beacon Hill bellringers, under Mrs. Shurcliff's direction, rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples, a traditional and difficult bellringing exercise, states 'The Lawrence Eagle.'

One of the most musical groups were the Berkshire Ringers from Pittsfield, six players with deep-toned bells. Their Ukrainian 'Carol of the Bells' was one of the most beautiful offerings of the evening. Another charming selection was the Polish Carol by the Village Lutheran Church Choir from Bronxville, New York. A group with a high degree of technical proficiency were the Cape Anne ringers of Gloucester, a veteran group. They were expert with the trick of swinging the bells loosely at arms length, seeming to emphasise the singing overtones with a fascinating effect.

The same technique was used effectively by the Paul Revere group from Bedford, five ladies in evening dress, who have been ringing together ten years. They used a great assortment of bells.

APPEAL TO THE YOUNG

Commenting on the festival and the way young people are responding to handbell ringing, David Knickel gives these conclusions of the Board of Management of the Guild:—

(1) A substantial number of young people over the country are regularly ringing in handbell bands and choirs on a voluntary basis, and love it.

(2) Handbell ringing brings certain satisfaction to the beginner immediately, yet practice and imagination bring rich rewards through discovering the potentialities of the bell as an instrument.

(3) Young people respond to handbell ringing as a vital part of religious worship as well as for recreation.

(4) Esprit de corps which rivals that of a football team can be established among any combination of ringers. Once having declared membership in a group, the individual is indispensable—fellow ringers will bring this to the attention of the absentee.

(5) The demand for sets of handbells by schools and churches is increasing every month.

(6) There is every reason to believe that the future of the American Guild and interest in handbell ringing is guaranteed if the quality of interest demonstrated by young people at this festival is a true cross-section.

(7) It is apparent to the board of managers that the young belong at the annual festival. It is apparent, also, that they should have their own programme for study, performance, observation and recreation. A special festival committee has been planned for the summer of 1957, and the committee would like to encourage bands of young people to attend the fourth annual festival next August.

Peal Ringers of 1956

We are hoping to publish at an early date a list of the prominent peal ringers of 1956. Will those who have rung 25 peals or over during the past year kindly submit details. What we require is number of tower-bell and handbell peals separately and also the number of each conducted.

MR. L. E. LAST RETIRES

To Live in Suffolk

His many friends in the Exercise, particularly in the South-Western District of the Essex Association, will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Last many years of happy retirement. For the best part of 20 years Mr. Last has been physical education organiser and adviser to the educational authorities at Barking and Walthamstow, and during that time has been an active member of the Essex Association.

He has been most helpful in stimulating knowledge of the Exercise and was always willing to give lectures, illustrated by film strip, to societies, church organisations and bodies during their winter programmes.

A native of Suffolk, Mr. Last returns home, hoping to educate his gracious wife to say 'How are yew bor?' One cannot imagine a retirement of inactivity, and from the nature of the presents given by his educational colleagues—a strip film projector and a camera—it is easy to see where Mr. Last's activities will be.

Mr. Last's future address will be Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, and doubtless he will soon be trying those grand rings once again in Suffolk and South Norfolk.

May good fortune attend both him and his wife in the years ahead.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Northway 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, I. Templeton 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. For Advent.

Annual Meeting of the North Staffordshire Association

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on December 1st. The president, the Venerable George Youell, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, in his opening remarks, said he knew the difficulties many towers had in maintaining ringing. It was not easy to bring people from their 'other jobs' into the service of the Church and he would do all he could to encourage the Association in its hard but invaluable work.

The Archdeacon paid tribute to the tremendous record of his predecessor, the Venerable Percy Hartill, who had retired owing to ill-health earlier in the year. President from 1935 to 1956, he had missed only one annual meeting, that of 1955. The Association had intended to present him at that meeting with a suitably engraved salver as a token of its appreciation, but the petrol crisis had prevented Mr. Hartill from making the long journey from his new home. The Association wished him a long and happy retirement.

The Archdeacon then expressed concern at the lack of provision for bells in the new churches being built. This was a serious omission. Although it might not be possible to afford a ring of bells in the first instance, bells offered an excellent form of memorial, or in any case could be purchased at a later date. Bells had an important part to play in the ministry of the Church and he hoped that all ringers would use their influence whenever possible to ensure that reservation was made for the installation of bells in new churches.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Association, he extended a warm welcome to the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, the new Rector of Stoke-on-Trent, who had taken the service and been host to the Association that afternoon.

The meeting then stood in silent prayer in memory of members whose deaths had occurred during the year—George Holbrook (Newcastle), George Jones (Hanley), Frederick

Palmer (Bucknall) and the Rev. J. J. MacDonald (Cheadle R.C., honorary member).

THE OFFICERS

The appointment of the following officers for the year 1957 was confirmed:—Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hall; hon. secretary, Mr. T. H. Edge; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Biddulph; auditor, Mr. C. H. Page; Ringing Masters: 8- and 10-bell towers, Mr. W. P. Deane; 6-bell towers, Mr. W. Hazledine; Central Council representative 1957-59, Mr. R. S. Anderson.

In the annual report adopted at the meeting the secretary stated that during the Association year ended October 31st, 12 peals had been rung, comprising Royal and Major (8) and Minor (4), which compared with 10 in the previous year. Eleven meetings had been held, attendance had shown a slight decrease but this had been due principally to extremely inclement weather in January and February, and also in part to the distance to be travelled to reach some of the towers visited. Nine resident ringing members had been elected during the year and seven non-resident life members.

The statement of accounts was adopted.

It was agreed that a fee of 6d. per rope, to be collected by the conductor, be levied on all peals rung for the Association.

The monthly meetings for 1957 were fixed as follows: January, Newcastle-under-Lyme; February, Kingsley; March, Kidsgrove; April, Norton-le-Moors; May, Leek; June, Biddulph; July, Draycott-le-Moors; September, Uttoxeter; October, Keele; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke-on-Trent (annual general meeting).

Seven new ringing members were elected at the meeting.

In recognition of their services to the Association, in each case more than 50 years, Jonah Cottrell, of Biddulph, W. P. Dean, of Norton, and C. H. Page, of Stoke, were elected life members.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM T. TUCKER

A fortnight before his 80th birthday, Mr. William T. Tucker, of North Stoneham, died, to the regret of many friends.

At the request of his only daughter and relative, Mrs. D. M. Brown, three members of the local band had learned to ring handbells, and had been practising assiduously for ten weeks with the intention of paying him a surprise visit on his birthday, on December 10th, and ringing 360 Bob Minor.

He came to Eastleigh at the beginning of the century, being employed as a painter in the railway carriage works; immediately he became attached to St. Nicholas' Church, soon becoming captain of the band there. He conducted the first peal—Plain Bob Minor—on the bells on February 15th, 1905, and rang in a great many others afterwards. But his interest in ringing was not for peals alone, for he never missed a service if it were at all possible, and for many years he also served on the Parochial Church Council and as a sidesman.

As an early member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild he did yeoman service in the cause of ringing in the district, helping to teach and encourage learners in the art. For many years he was secretary of the Winchester District of the Guild and was a member at the time of his death.

It was only fitting that the first peal on the new bells should be rung to his memory, also that the method rung should be his favourite—Kent Treble Bob Major.

He was laid to rest at the foot of the tower, beside his old friend and mentor, George Williams, on December 1st, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Shail. Ringers present included Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. M. J. Butler (District secretary), the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. Owen Giles and many others, including the local band. A course of Plain Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by three members of the local band.

To his daughter his ringing friends extend their deepest sympathy but, as she herself said, the beauty of the service would remain to comfort her, as would also the knowledge that he was laid to rest near his beloved bell tower, and with a goodly company of friends to mourn him.

R. A. R.

MR. WILLIAM NASH

Another stalwart from the North Mymms, Herts, tower has passed on. Mr. William Nash, in his 77th year, died suddenly on his way home from a meeting on December 18th. He had rung at St. Mary's Church for over 50 years, and for a time acted as secretary of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association. Stedman Triples was his favourite method, and the local band rang half-muffled the day after his death as a tribute to his memory.

He led a full and devoted life in the service of others and was a prominent Freemason and bowls player.

T. J. L.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Wright 1, K. Lawson 2, T. Templeman 3, R. Webster 4, W. Maughan 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. Clouston 7, T. Clouston (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Robson, captain, and for over 50 years a ringer at this church.



REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

With deep regret we announce the death of the Rev. Frank Llewellyn Edwards at Poole on Christmas Eve, aged 83 years.

He was one of the oldest members of the Central Council and for many years was convener of the Press, Publicity and Broadcasting Committee. For the long period of 48 years he was Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, from which living he recently retired. He gave long service to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and was honorary secretary for 37 years. Mr. Edwards was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A memoir will be published in our next issue.

MR. E. E. PRATCHETT

The funeral service for Mr. E. E. Pratchett, of Hendon, whose death in his 82nd year was reported in our last issue, took place at St. Mary's Church, Hendon, where he had been a ringer for 66 years, on December 20th.

The service was preceded by some beautifully struck Grandsire and the bells were also rung after the service.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was represented by Messrs. T. J. Lock, H. G. Hart, W. N. Genna, E. Prior, R. Sanders, R. Stoddart, S. A. Warwick and H. Arnold.

'One thing we will always have with us is the memory of this lovable and unassuming character, this Grand Old Man of St. Mary's, Hendon,' writes H. A.

A FEW LEFT

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MR. FREDERICK JAMES FREESTONE

Members of the S.W. District of the Essex Association will learn with regret the death of Mr. Frederick James Freestone, late of Hornchurch, and lately residing at Epsom. He had been in failing health for some time and passed away in Norbury Hospital, Surrey, at the age of 84.

A native of Sawston, Cambs, he learned his ringing on the local bells. Eventually he moved to Hornchurch, where he was watchman at Harwood Hall. From here he moved on to Dagenham Dock, where he was for many years berthing attendant.

At Dagenham he was a member of the local band and journeyed many miles to attend local practices, mainly, however, to Hornchurch. He was also connected with St. Andrew's, Holborn. On retirement from the dock he took up residence again at Hornchurch, became active again with the local band and eventually took over the duties of towerkeeper, succeeding Mr. John Dale.

Fred was no great peal ringer and no records are available of his peal total, but he could be rightly described as one of those stalwarts of the Exercise—hail, rain or shine he could always be relied upon to be there.

A life member of the Essex Association, he was specially proud of his connection with the College Youths.

Visitors would sometimes find Fred rather remote—a certain brusqueness and austerity of manner contributed to this, but beneath the rugged and rather outspoken exterior was the proverbial heart of gold, a keen sense of loyalty and an impish sense of humour.

The funeral was at Streatham Crematorium on December 21st.

Rest in peace, Fred.

L. V. G.

MR. JOHN T. HERBERT

The death occurred on December 6th of Mr. John T. Newbert, of Gamston, Notts, at the age of 69. He had been at home three weeks following an operation and was making a good recovery when he had a sudden heart attack from which he passed away.

Although he had lived in Gamston only 15 years, he had been the village blacksmith for 35 years, a first-class workman and highly respected by young and old alike.

In his younger days he rang at a three-bell tower and it was not until 12 years ago that he joined the local band at St. Peter's Church. In all he rang 19 peals of Minor, including one in five methods. His one regret was that he had not commenced change ringing earlier. A good attender, he always gave of his best. 'Jack' will be sadly missed by those who rang with him, and many others.

When not taking part in a peal if there had been any bad ringing he would be sure to criticise but would give praise if it had been good.

He was laid to rest on December 8th a few paces from his own well-kept garden and near the tower and bells he loved. After the service, which was conducted by the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, four of the local band and two of his friends rang a 360 Bob Minor, half-muffled. He leaves a widow and a brother.

On December 22nd a peal was rung as a last tribute to him. May 'Jack' rest in peace.

H. D.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, R. E. Lester 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5, D. Bram 6. For Evensong.

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DEATHS

FERRIS, John, of 15, Park Lane, Knebworth, Herts, in his 91st year. For many years captain of the Knebworth ringers and a former ringer at Exeter Cathedral. 9536

FREESTONE—On December 16th, 1956, at Norbury Hospital, Surrey, Frederick James Freestone, aged 85 years. Life member of the Essex Association, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. 9508

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MISCELLANEOUS

The bellringers of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Creswell, Derbyshire, will in future hold their practices on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.—L. Barlow. 5917

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9502

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual general meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names must be given to the secretary.—Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9512

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting at Ely, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Streatham bells available after tea. 9488

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Philip's (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 9519

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Presteigne, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 9498

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting at Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3 p.m. 1.5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—K. R. Dunstan. Dis. Sec. 9467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (10) 2.30. No arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 9501

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.45–5; St. Mary's, Battersea, 6.30–7.45. Business and nominations of officers 8 p.m. Practice, Monday, Jan. 7th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 5th, at the St. Martin's Hotel at 6 o'clock. St. Martin's bells (12) available at 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. SPR 1025. 9510

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, Jan. 5th. Bells (three towers) 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4.30 p.m. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9511

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Jan. 5th, Chesterfield, 3–5.15 and 6–7, Old Brampton 6–8.30. Names to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 9495

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8) Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 9506

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Copper Kettle Cafe. Meeting 6 p.m. in Church Room. 9492

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Jan. 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9527

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Advanced practice, Stoke-under-Ham, Friday, Jan. 11th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Setter. 9523

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th. All Saints', Poplar, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, hon. secretary. 9544

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Barnley on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 9th, to E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley.—H. Chant. 9525

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9529

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Twerton (8), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 9514

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Dulverton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Notifications for tea by Jan. 8th.—A. R. Tudball, West Close, Dunster. 9515

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Saturday, Jan. 12th. St. Mary's bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity (10) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. 9511

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the vestry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9558

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea, by Jan. 7th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 9507

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—You have just time to get your ticket for the annual dinner at The Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, Jan. 12th; 10s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4 to 5.30 p.m.—A. F. Wellington, Rosebank Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. 9539

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells: R.C. (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and evening; St. Mary's (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9541

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 6.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9469

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Annual general meeting, Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 9503

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel.: 3936. 9520

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas' (10) bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall 5.15 p.m. A social will follow the meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Names for tea and tickets for social to Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burham. 9548

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th, at Ross. Bells from 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business (at Central Cafe) 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Tilbury, 34, Clayton, Bridstow, near Ross. 9525

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at Aylesford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9499

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, as early as possible, to Mr. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9516

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—A.G.M. at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to Miss K. Yeo, Hon. Sec., 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 9477

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—A joint meeting with the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Roker, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 9487

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9552

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by 10th, to H. Sutcliffe, 24, Lowerlath Avenue, Todmorden.—F. Pritchard. 9514

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Anne-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells), Sat., Jan. 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 9553

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland, St. Andrew's, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 9th, to me.—L. Walsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland, Lancs. 9518

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, All Saints' Schoolroom, 5 p.m., followed by meeting for election of District officers and nominations for Guild officers; and subscriptions are also due. Good attendance, please.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9535

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th, Melton Mowbray. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Colles Hall. Ringing in evening at Asfordby. Names for tea to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 9540

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston (8), Jan. 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9504

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsbury (near terminus of No. 8 bus, Blackbird Cross) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Dedication of local hall 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing in evening.—T. J. Lock. 9526

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Jan. 9th, Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton. All welcome. 9505

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Abbey Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 9th, to Mr. H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Good bus service from Banbury. All welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 9482

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9534

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes for tea. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 9509

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 9494

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual District meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 9th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9545

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9524

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 9533

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hertford. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (10) after tea. Please note change of date.—T. J. Southam. 9521

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Miss E. Wyles, 23, Reedland Crescent, Faversham, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Bolton (Parish) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business 6. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Vincent Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton.—Thornley. 9530

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9547

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Important.—Names for tea by Jan. 14th to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 9543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hungerford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. Crossley, Church House, Hungerford. 9532

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Uppingham (8), annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 9550

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Finedon, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to Malcolm King, 29, Ewenfield Road, Finedon, Wellingborough.—Arthur Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec. 9528

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3 to 5 p.m. Other ringing arrangements later. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, please, to me. Good attendance, please!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 9542

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th, St. Martin's, Salisbury. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells: St. Martin's, 3 to 4, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.; St. Paul's 2.30 to 3.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m.; Wilton, evening. Tea arranged for those who send names by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9522

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing, 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. Tickets, 11s. 6d., from G. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alveston, Derby. 9549

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. N. White, 131, London Road, Balderton, Newark. Buses leave Newark every eight minutes.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9538

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., King Charles Cottage. Meeting after at Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 9537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 19th.—D. P. Banks. 9546

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford (Stourbridge not available), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names by Thursday, 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9557

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. in Cathedral School, Brook Street. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by general

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meeting on same premises. Names by 17th to Mr. J. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. Bells available: Sandal (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 9531

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner (not lunch), Wilberforce Hotel, Feb. 2nd. Ringing in city. Service at St. Mary the Virgin's 6.15 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. from D. J. Roaf (Christ Church). All welcome. 9556

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice: The annual general business meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Truro, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 2.30.—H. Trewella, Sec., Crantock, Newquay. 9513

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