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PROPAGANDA

CONSTANT attention should be given by all ringers to the question of propaganda. The 'sealed book' of bellringing must be made intelligible to the non-ringer. Various opportunities occur with the local Press, who are invariably willing to co-operate with items of news and often descriptive articles. Probably the most common question the public ask when the bells are being rung is, Why? And it behoves local ringers to give the answer when the ringing is not on the ordinary practice night or on a Sunday for a church service. We would like to see a purpose behind every peal, and it is not difficult to associate a ringing occasion with some important anniversary, either national or local. The reason should be made public, either through the medium of the local Press or the Parish Magazine.

In the 'Oxford Diocesan Magazine' Mr. Alan R. Pink contributes monthly a 'Campanology Corner.' The February issue contains a report of the Banbury Branch quarterly meeting at Bloxham, not in the semi-technical style of reports appearing in 'The Ringing World,' but in a way that will appeal to the ordinary reader. After referring to the fact that fully 60 ringers were present from a wide area, Mr. Pink proceeds:—

'Bloxham's magnificent church is, of course, well known. Its fabric is of the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular periods, but its crowning glory is the glorious 14th century tower and spire, one of the three which stride across the Cherwell valley in a straight line, the other two being Adderbury and King's Sutton, in Northamptonshire. Many of our readers will have heard this quotation: "Bloxham for length, Adderbury for strength and King's Sutton for beauty." It refers, of course, to the three spires. Bloxham tower has an added attraction for ringers in that the ring of eight bells is the heaviest in the diocese. The tenor bell, cast by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, weighs 28½ cwt. and is thought to be the heaviest bell actually cast in the diocese. Unfortunately this grand ring of bells can only be rung together for ten minutes at a time owing to the violent oscillation set up in the tower and spire. This is largely due to the badly constructed bell cage, and it is hoped that before long the bells will be rehung in a new frame. It is a melancholy fact that the heaviest rings of six bells (Wing, in Bucks) and eight bells (Bloxham) in the diocese are unringable for any length of time.'

Then follows a description of the meeting, the service, the corporate tea and, finally, the business meeting. The strength of Mr. Pink's propaganda comes in the concluding paragraph:—

'If this word picture of a typical ringers' meeting has fired the imagination of someone who has thought they would like to ring but did not know how to make the approach, we would advise

them to get into touch immediately with their incumbent. No tower is so full of ringers that it won't accept any more, and in many cases the bells are often silent for lack of ringers. There is a wonderful spirit of comradeship existing between ringers. To incumbents we would say, Invite your parishioners to attend these ringing meetings and encourage them to visit their belfries. We believe that every Christian desires to do some special piece of work for God. There is unlimited scope in bellringing for men and women to indulge in their latent desire.'

Another valuable form of propaganda is by letters to the local Press. There should be a constant watch against adverse criticism. Last year Mr. George Gilbert, in the Slough newspapers, carried on a voluminous correspondence in defence of bells, and it was only pressure on our space that prevented appropriate extracts being given in 'The Ringing World.' Perhaps what delights the ringer more than anything else are the unsolicited testimonials. The following is one that appeared in the 'Yorkshire Evening Post' of February 20th:—

Passing through Leeds bus station the other Sunday evening on my way home from Castleford, I was suddenly lifted above the gloom and bitter cold by the joyous sound of church bells. It is a long time since I heard anything so beautiful. For some minutes I stood and listened, for the sheer joy of listening.

Harrogate, with all its beauty and charm, has few church bells, and those Leeds bells were a tonic and inspiration. Thank you for the great pleasure they gave me!

Articles in the National Press are also of great value. About a fortnight ago the 'News Chronicle' had a feature story relating to Messrs. J. Taylor and Company's foundry at Loughborough, with illustrations of the casting of bells. The process is familiar with most of the members of the fraternity, and the visits arranged for different towers have never failed to be of absorbing interest. Our other two foundries—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston—are equally co-operative in this respect. The danger of the 'synthetic bell' is still very great, despite the firm stand that various diocesan advisory committees are taking, and it is essential that the public should know the difference between the real thing and the sham.

News editors of other publications have also been paying increasing attention to ringing generally. Enquiries for information reach this office in increasing numbers, and the Editor endeavours to be as helpful as possible. His greatest poser came the other day from America: a request for biographies and photographs of all the ringers who had 1,000 peals or more to their credit. He had to draw the line, and felt like asking, Who is writing this article?

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 8
ALFRED B. PECK ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6	A. W. J. APPLETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
The conductor, with Mr. T. H. Taffender, has been connected with the ringing at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, and St. Paul's Cathedral for 50 years.

TEN BELL PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... <i>Treble</i>	†BRIAN AUSTIN ... 6
*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 2	*BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 7
*GEORGE CARE ... 3	†HARRY WOODING ... 8
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 9
†JOHN E. SKERRITT ... 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells.
† First peal of Royal. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of Mr. P. I. Chapman.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

HENRY O. BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
PETER LAFLIN ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Rochester Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Worth.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	ALAN ELSMORE ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 3	*JOHN O. WELLER ... 8
RALPH BIRD ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
HARRY BALAA ... 2	A. YORK-BRAMBLE ... 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 3	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 7
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Jack Weavers (Basingstoke) and Esme Taylor (Overton). First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF COLLEGE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	R. GORDON CORBY ... 6
BRIAN HARRIS ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve part.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JACK MUSSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 5
†BRIAN R. TILLER ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6
†YVONNE ELOIE ... 3	DAVID R. REED ... 7
JOHN HARTLESS ... 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER ... 2	ARTHUR TIMMINS ... 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
LEONARD TUFFEY ... 4	THEODORE RUSSELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DOWDING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. E. T. Allen, M.C., M.A., Vicar of Edgbaston.

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL	Tenor 31½ cwt.	BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL	Tenor 25½ cwt.
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ABERGAVENNY	Tenor 25½ cwt.		

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CARBIS BAY	Tenor 9½ cwt.	SHEPSHED	Tenor 15 cwt.
MACCLESFIELD, St. Peter's	Tenor 7¾ cwt.	OTTERY ST. MARY	Tenor 18½ cwt.
BLACKHILL	Tenor 16 cwt.	WELLINGTON (Somerset)	Tenor 19 cwt.
BLAENAVON	Tenor 9¼ cwt.	HOOK NORTON	Tenor 20½ cwt.
ALCESTER	Tenor 12¾ cwt.	BURNHAM	Tenor 12¼ cwt.
MADELEY (Salop)	Tenor 13 cwt.	WALTON, LIVERPOOL	Tenor 10 cwt.
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NEW OR RECAST RINGS OF 6

MUNDFORD	Tenor 6 cwt.	MARTINSTOWN	Tenor 8¼ cwt.
ROYSTON (Yorks)	Tenor 14½ cwt.	FISHTOFT	Tenor 12 cwt.
MARTIN	Tenor 9½ cwt.	BELFAST, St. Donard's	Tenor 9½ cwt.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOLTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal rung in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SPICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. MARY ELKINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKE
MURIEL REAY ... 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN.
RICHARD BENSON ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

The conductor's 300th peal for the Association.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	JOHN CARTER ... 5
JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	JOHN HARTLESS ... 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	*FREDERICK WRELOW ... 7
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

*First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK W. BUDGEN Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*JILL BRITTAIN ... 3	†PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

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

*First peal in the method. †100th Surprise peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Parker's Twelve-part.	MARGARET A. TOMLIN... Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	ALBERT H. FITTER ... 3	†BRIDGET M. TOMLIN ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	SIDNEY A. WHITE ... Tenor
IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 4	FRANK MORGAN ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

*First peal on eight bells. In memoriam Thomas Miller.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... Treble	E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS ... 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	MARION L. LIDGEY ... 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON... 3	HARRY RILES ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

*100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mrs. Gavin (church sacristan) and the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Parsons, of Liskeard Vicarage.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2	H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 7
*JOHN THOMAS ... 4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

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

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... Treble	*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 5
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	ARTHUR HATCH ... 6
JOHN JACKSON ... 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	FRANK COUPE ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

*First peal of Oxford. A mark of esteem for Messrs. C. Clarke and M. Livesey on their retirement from the local belfry.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. TOMLIN... Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
†BRIDGET M. TOMLIN ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
SIDNEY A. WHITE ... 4	FRANK W. TOMLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

*100th peal. †First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Bridget Tomlin.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	WILLIAM HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

To celebrate Mr. W. Hector's 40 years' service as a ringer in this church.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HUBERT ASHLEY 7
LEONARD TREVOR 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... <i>Treble</i>	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP 2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	HARRY PARKES 7
THOS. H. CULLINGWORTH ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to M. S. Lancefield.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES:

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD T. LLOYD ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR D. COOK 5
LEONARD TUFFREY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
JOHN SCOTT 3	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN 7
VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 4	THOMAS ABBOTTS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. GEORGE CHAPLIN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. In memoriam Thomas Miller

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SFARROW ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT E. LESTER 5
LESLIE G. FORSTER 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD... .. 6
ROBERT WILDING 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. G. BARNARD.

* First peal in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MURIEL WILLETT <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD MAUND 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7
HAROLD WILLETT 4	HENRY BISHOP <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON... .. 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	CYRIL WANDER 6
CYRIL R. BURELL 3	*LESLIE SQUIRES 7
GEORGE W. MOODY 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Bob Major. Believed to be the first peal by a band of farmers.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

BRIAN AUSTIN	JOHN E. SKERRITT
MRS. G. E. WATSON	RONALD C. NOON
I. PATRICK CHAPMAN	*HARRY WOODING
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	A. PATRICK CANNON

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. The first peal on the bells since 1933.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY A. WHITE	LOUIS HEAD
GEORGE KENWARD	THOMAS E. SONE
DORIS G. DOBBIE	STANLEY B. DOBBIE
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	WALTER H. DOBBIE

Arranged by L. HEAD. Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

First peal of Major as conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A Variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDITH BASSETT	*ARTHUR F. LEWRY
*CHARLES A. BASSETT	†BERNARD V. COLLISON
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	LEONARD W. GILES
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	ERNEST J. LADD

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal. A birthday peal for Dennis and Terence Vaughan.

SIX BELL PEALS

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*OLIVE M. GREEN	FRANK C. PRICE
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	RICHARD E. PRICE
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	TONY PRICE

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 24 cwt.

*HUGH FLETCHER	*FRANK OVERTON
*BRIAN HAWCOTT	ALFRED NORMAN
*ERIC DAVIES	*JOHN FORDHAM

Conducted by ALFRED NORMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band since 1922. Rung on the second anniversary of the formation of the band.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*BRIAN MABBUTT	WILLIAM G. CALLIS
†MAUREEN MABBUTT	JOHN KING
MRS. G. E. WATSON	GEOFFREY E. WATSON

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' A birthday compliment to ringers of treble and second.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GWENDOLINE ROBINSON Treble	KENNETH W. DUFFY
BETTINA A. DUFFY	FRANK TAYLOR
*MAURICE BENNETT	FRED BRIGHTMAN

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal in five methods.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD G. BECK	E. JOHN TARGETT
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	FREDERICK TARGETT
*DONALD E. LEE	†DAVID HOARE

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the conductor's grandmother.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HONOR JONES	FREDERICK ROBERTS
MARY DREW	†CHARLES WATTS
HORACE ROBINSON	LESLIE BARRY

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

W. GEORGE TURNER	ALBERT W. BOND
GORDON TURNER	NORMAN BENNETT
JOHN PEARSON	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY

Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

First peal of Minor for all except 3rd.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstone, Sandal, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIO STAINROD	ARTHUR CHAMPION
CYRIL RUSBY	HERMAN RUSBY
HAROLD CHANT	DANIEL SMITH

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung in honour of the engagement of the Vicar of Felkirk, the Rev. Donald Moxon, M.C., to Miss Elizabeth Ann Sait, of Seaton First, Northumberland.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 13 cwt 9 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	LOUIS WILDERS
MARGARET A. SWANN	ROBERT W. PARKER
OWEN A. NEEDHAM	JOHN E. COOK

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. A compliment to Mr. Joseph North, who has been a ringer at Leadenham for 50 years.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4
PAMELA A. WARREN ... 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 5
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

First peal in three Minor methods by all except 4th and on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GRAHAM T. HOLMES ... Treble	THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 4
PETER NEWING ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
*FREDK. R. WELLER ... 3	EDWARD J. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Bob Minor and completing Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. A birthday compliment to Richard J. Weller.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*R. F. BOYKETT ... Treble	G. SAUNDERS ... 4
*A. LITTLE ... 2	*W. LITTLE ... 5
G. SCHLUETER ... 3	W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. To celebrate the 65th birthday of the ringer of the fifth.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DONALD PERCY ... Treble	EDWARD J. FRY ... 4
WALTER STARR ... 2	HARRY C. NEWMAN ... 5
BRENDA A. YOUNG ... 3	*EDWARD E. ELKISS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER STARR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the engagement of the ringers of 3 and 4.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Treble	H. GEORGE HART ... 4
*PETER MARRIOTT ... 2	ALAN FOSTER ... 5
ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. GRICE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the Guild.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH SAXTON ... Treble	DONALD CHADWICK ... 4
*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
*GEORGE CHALLANS ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung in honour of the 74th birthday of Mr. Walter Allwood, of Chesterfield.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three different extents of St. Clement's and four different extents of Plain Bob. No bobs used. 180 singles. Only three 65's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JACK LATHAM ... Treble	*A. GORDON CHAMBERS ... 4
ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 5
ROBERT C. BUNNING ... 3	SIDNEY MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method. First peal to be rung in more than one method by a local band. A birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Freezer (local ringer), who celebrated his 86th birthday on this day.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 7440 CHANGES;

Being 50 extents of Grandsire, ten different callings, and 12 extents of Plain Bob, four different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

GORDON M. MACLURE ... 1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 3-4
LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 5-6	

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

Longest peal for all the band.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

*JULIAN MORGAN ... 1-2	*LEONARD JONES ... 3-4
*ARTHUR HOARE ... 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.

Witnessed by MISS COOPER, L. PELGER and A. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal of Minor 'in hand' for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

First handbell peal as conductor, and first peal of Triples as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

IN G1, WESTCOTT HOUSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

BETTY SPICE (Oxford) ... 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS (Cam.) ... 5-6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Cam.) ... 3-4	PETER T. ROBBINS (Oxf.) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

EGGINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT 13, PEVRIIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, four callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BARRY COPE ... 1-2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6	

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all and for the Association.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris's Variation of Parker's. Tenor size 13 in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4	I. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the
year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

Two stalwart Rochester ringers, Charlie Norris and Bill Knight, wished to mark several years' membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths by ringing their first peal for the Society. At their invitation a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Rochester Cathedral on February 25th, believed to be the first peal there by the Ancient Society. The peal proved to be a suitable 55th birthday compliment to Mr. Knight and a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Corby.

Eight Lincolnshire farmers have rung a peal. Mr. George E. Feirn asks what other trades have been able to raise a band of peal ringers.

Congratulations to Miss Doris G. Dobbie on ringing her 100th peal. Two other members of the family participated, brother Walter 'calling the bobs.'

Next week we hope to publish the first of a series of articles on change ringing machines by Mr. Brian D. Price. It should prove a valuable contribution to ringing literature.

The 62nd Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner last Saturday was a great success, the speeches being of a high order. Birmingham, apart from acting as hosts, can produce after-dinner speakers of a high order. St. Martin's is certainly a guild of all talents.

A misprint over the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major last December at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral caused the Editor much heart-burning at Birmingham. Mr. George E. Feirn received congratulations on having assumed the role of a seer.

Ald. A. Paddon Smith will not be the first Birmingham ringer to be Lord Mayor. The office has been held by Ald. Theodore Pritchett, and it was his privilege to propose Ald. Paddon Smith as Lord Mayor. Ald. Pritchett still rings and attends practices at St. Martin's.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Oldest Norfolk ringer with continuous service is Mr. Robert Freezer, of Gressenhall, who celebrated his 86th birthday on February 21st. He first entered the tower in 1879 and learnt change ringing on handbells, while the bells in the tower were being rehung. In 1880 the latter were handed back by Day's, of Eye, and he has been a member of the local company ever since.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Caythorpe, Lincs, on Feb. 18th, was arranged for the 47th anniversary of the first peal of Mr. John Cragg and Mr. F. W. Stokes.

Among the peals rung during the Birmingham festival was a fathers' and daughters' peal at Selly Oak. Concerned were the Davis, Whitehead, Beamish and Cartwright families. The method was Grandsire Triples.

Grayshott (Hants) ringers held a very successful social evening on February 25th, visitors attending from Haslemere and Godalming. Organisation was in the hands of Mr. Ronald Beech and catering was supervised by Miss Betty Gill, the only resident lady ringer.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon spent his half-term holiday in Northamptonshire and came away with three peals in the bag. At Maidwell the band was entertained by Mr. Dixon, captain of the ringers and churchwarden, a thoughtful act in a village without refreshment facilities.

An unusual experience took place during a peal attempt at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, where new ropes were provided last July. After half an hour's ringing the tenor rope 'opened up' underneath the sally, three strands becoming untwisted. The bells were brought round at half-way when it was found that the rope underneath the sally was completely 'open' for more than 2ft. The general opinion was that the rope left the makers with an invisible flaw.

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LORD MAYOR DESIGNATE OF BIRMINGHAM BRINGS HONOUR TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MR. HAROLD POOLE ON A RINGER'S DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES DR. JAMES SIMPSON URGES FURTHER ADVANCES IN RINGING

BIRMINGHAM was the Mecca of the Exercise last Saturday, when the 62nd Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner was held. It was a happy occasion, with special felicities being offered to Alderman A. Paddon Smith on being selected as the next Lord Mayor of Birmingham. Owing to restrictions on seating, the company was limited to 180; nevertheless, it was very representative of English ringing, ringers coming from long distances to participate in this happy reunion.

The Archdeacon of Birmingham (the Ven. S. Harvie Clark) was an admirable chairman, handling a long toast list with skill and dexterity. The secretarial arrangements were most efficiently carried out by Mr. George E. Fearn. Birmingham gave its visitors a royal welcome with a full programme of ringing.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' thanked the organisers for the privilege of proposing the toast at the most popular function in the ringing Exercise. As far as the Church was concerned he was a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral, and as to the State, a police inspector—a unique combination in respect of the toast. In order to remove any misapprehension, he would say that the police were not State controlled; they had not been nationalised and did not make any profit in their business (laughter).

Bellringers had certain responsibilities and duties in respect of the Church. It was clearly their duty to see that their bells were rung properly for Sunday services, and to the credit of the ringers that duty was undertaken regularly and conscientiously. It was also their duty to see that the bells were rung for special occasions, such as church festivals, and it was also a good thing that they should ring the bells for landmarks in the life of the incumbent. They had also responsibilities for the care of bells. Generally speaking, their clergy had no knowledge of bells, and it was their duty to see that these costly things were maintained. Bells, like all other sorts of machinery, would tend to rust out rather than to wear out, and the campanological doctor would tell them that they were best preserved by being rung regularly.

CLERGY'S RIGHT.

What were their rights and privileges as bellringers? Actually they had no rights, as the right to say who should ring the bells rested with the clergy. That fact must not be overlooked. So far as their privileges were concerned, they received permission to ring the bells for their own entertainment and amusement, and they should see that that privilege was not abused.

As to their rewards, no one would suggest that they received any financial benefit. It was true that there were some nominal payments on occasions, but ringers for the love of bells went far and wide and disregarded any financial consideration. Another reward

they received was fellowship such as they shared that night. The fellowship of bellringing was the finest in the world; it extended to all corners of the country; they were constantly meeting old faces and making new acquaintances.

As far as the State was concerned it was their duty to ring for national occasions,

could only pray that it would never come to pass in this country.

The Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, Rector of Birmingham, who replied, commented on the choice of the song between the proposing of the toast and his reply—'Two Beggars.' It was most appropriate for both the Church and State. He welcomed the idea of marking landmarks in the life of the incumbent. When his silver wedding took place in two years' time he would expect four hours' ringing because he understood it was the minimum time to do anything worth while.

The Church was extremely grateful to the ringers for the service they rendered, and it was important that ringers should ring proper bells for Church and State occasions. They were living in a mechanical age; some churches were putting in loud speakers and playing records of St. Margaret's, Westminster. It was wrong; bells should be rung properly.

To-day only one person in ten went to church and many of those for important occasions in life, 'hatching, matching and dispatching.' Unless the men of the country rallied round the Church it would be a poor look out for the country, and he implored them when they rang the bells not to forget that the service took place afterwards.

The toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who said the name of Henry Johnson was one that came to his mind as one of the famous ringers of the 19th century for which Birmingham was noted, and which, perhaps, it had more than its fair share. For about 40 years from roughly 1845 to 1885 Henry Johnson was the leader of ringing in Birmingham—a man held in national esteem and honour. Not only was he a man of excellent moral character and sincerity, but in ringing he was a good striker and he imagined he could ring Stedman Cinques very well.

Mr. Haynes said he had only lived in Birmingham 20 years and there was a time when he expressed doubts as to the wisdom of continuing the association of the name of Henry Johnson with that dinner, but he must confess now that he was quite converted and they did right to honour his memory. The first dinner was a banquet given in his honour by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood. At that gathering Stedman Cinques was rung 'in hand' to a touch of five courses, with Henry Johnson ringing the tenors. To the majority of the company it was the first time they had heard Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand.'

'CHOP SUEY.'

That morning he had the honour of ringing a peal at Sutton Coldfield of Spliced Surprise—which had been referred to as 'Chop Suey.' One gentleman commented that he preferred a joint and two vegetables to this chop suey, implying that he preferred a peal of Stedman.

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Ald. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Lord Mayor Designate of Birmingham, with his daughter-in-law, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel Donald Paddon Smith, who will act as Lady Mayoress during his term of office.

[By courtesy of 'Birmingham Post and Mail.'

whether for rejoicing or mourning, and the enthusiastic bellringer would not be lacking in his duty in that respect. There was also a responsibility to the public to see that there was no unnecessary annoyance to them from bells. 'Don't forget that people must listen to bells whether they want to or not, and it is our duty to make suggestions to the Church authorities as to means of reducing that noise if necessary.'

The sound of the bells reached the hearts and souls of the people, many of whom never came to church. The bells to them was something to distinguish Sundays from weekdays and make them realise that it was a day set apart. The bells also reminded people that the Church was still there. They had seen from time to time what had happened when the State disregarded the Church, and they

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Henry Johnson Dinner, cont.

Cinques. In ringing as other things customs and manners changed; things did not stand still. There were, nevertheless, many who preferred the old style ringing, while the younger enjoyed the new—the two had to be reconciled and that was what they tried to do in Birmingham.

The toast was drunk in silence. In the company were two who had rung with Henry Johnson—G. T. Mitchison and C. Williams. They stood up at the chairman's request and were honoured by the company.

Mr. Albert Walker (Master) proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' In a welcome to the new Rector, Mr. Walker assured him that when his silver wedding came or there was any 'hatching or matching' in his family, the ringers would be there and they would ring a four-hour peal. 'We may have a practice at one or two before then,' he added to the merriment of the company.

Their Rector in the time he had been with them had taken a great interest in the restoration of St. Martin's Church, which was badly blitzed. A considerable sum of money had been spent on the church. They hoped that before long the tower would be put in good order, as before the war it was one of the finest in the country.

This year the Guild had lost four old members. Ernest Mansell, who died in July, was a ringer at St. Martin's Church for practically 40 years. Many of them would remember that he brought his handbell ringers to these dinners. Another severe loss was Harry Withers, who died on Christmas Day. He would never be replaced. No one could tap changes like him; he had tapped London and Scientific Triples. On January 5th, Tom Miller, one of their oldest members, passed away in St. Joseph's Home, Harborne. Unfortunately, they were not informed at the time of his death. He was a remarkable man—a ready wit and a superb ringer. Recently they lost Samuel Grove, a member of the Guild for 40 years, who rang at Harborne.

As a mark of sympathy the company stood in silence.

During the year, continued Mr. Walker, the Guild had prospered. The main purpose of the Guild was to see that there were sufficient ringers to ring the bells and to see that young ringers were coming forward. He was very glad to say that they had some good youngsters. As regards peals, it was not a record year—they did not equal the Leicester year—but they did congratulate them on their achievement. Their rivalry with Leicester was of the friendliest.

A number of restorations were either in hand or were needed. Mr. Walker mentioned in particular Yardley, where the six bells were to be recast and two more added to make eight. The ringers had helped by taking out the bells and frame from the tower. He thought their chairman had some scheme in hand for Handsworth.

Another pleasing duty was to record that a member of the Sunday service band at St. Martin's for many years had been elected as the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. It was a great honour to the Guild and he wished Ald. Paddon Smith a very successful and happy year of office (applause). They also extended their good wishes to his daughter-in-law. With them that evening was Ald. Theodore Pritchett, who was Lord Mayor in 1939-40. Ald. Pritchett came up for ringing practice regularly on Tuesdays.

At the annual meeting there was a change in the Ringing Master. Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who had been Master for the past 12 months, found that his duties would not permit him to continue in office. They had elected Mr. Critchley as the new Ringing Master.

Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary, thanked Mr. Walker for proposing the toast. Among the apologies for non-attendance were

those from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Lord Mayor, Canon Guy Rogers (who wrote recalling his happy memories of 23 years in Birmingham), Mr. James Shepherd and Mr. Frank Yates (who was making progress), Messrs. Don Meers, Jack Millhouse, Roland Brand, Miss Marie Cross and others.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd proposed 'The Visitors' in felicitous terms. He mentioned a number of the guests by name. He congratulated Mr. Harold Poole on his 143 peals last year and also Mrs. Marshall on being the first woman to ring 100 peals in a year. Some of them could recall what the old Editor of 'The Bells News' said about Miss Alice White when as a girl of 13 she rang her first peal. Mr. D. Matkin, his old friend, had rung 123 peals last year. He was a Solihull man, and he would recollect 32 years ago when he witnessed his first handbell peal and consumed at the same time a very large pork pie. To their visitors he would say in the words of Dick Swiveller, 'May the wing of friendship never moult.'

PEAL RINGING.

Dr. James Simpson (Chester Diocesan Guild) replied and said his only excuse for being chosen was that his name appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' He would like to say a few words on peal ringing and its value to the Exercise. It was a two-sided question. Some people thought that peal ringers were the salt of the earth and others the scum of the earth. Probably neither was correct. Whatever one's private view might be, all would agree that since the war there had been a great increase in peal ringing—an increase both in the number rung and the complexity of methods. He thought that many ringers were thinking that they had now reached the zenith of achievement and that there was no reason to aim any higher. Such thoughts, he felt, would be a disservice to the Exercise.

Three things had contributed to the advance of peal ringing. The first was that there were many more rings of bells; secondly, the bells were very much easier to get, and, thirdly, they had inherited a vastly greater fund of knowledge and experience than existed 50 or 100 years ago. To peal ringers he would say, 'Continue aiming high; try and make your peals non-exclusive and try and bring in extra recruits.'

Mr. George Cecil also replied, representing ringers from the South of England.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. S. O'C. Holloway, and replied to by the Editor.

Ald. A. Paddon Smith was called upon by the chairman for a speech. He recalled the fact that he was secretary of the Guild for 20 years before Mr. Reeves held office for a similar period. In reminiscent vein he mentioned the masterly speeches at those distant dinners by the late Ald. Pritchett and that the present Ald. Pritchett was his nephew. In congratulating the Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, the new Rector, on his appointment, he reminded him of some of his distinguished predecessors. Their new Rector had made one mistake. He said that the Church and the State were both beggars. The Church might be a beggar, but he assured him the State was not—it was a thief (laughter).

It was an honour to be chosen as Lord Mayor and he hoped that the Guild would feel that it was also an honour to them.

Ald. Theodore Pritchett was also added to the toast list. He spoke of the very happy feelings and friendships among ringers, and said he found it was not an easy thing to go back to the belfry again and try to recall what he had forgotten. One of his masters was Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who was apt at quotation. He reminded him one day of the inscription on the bell he was ringing: 'I will sing a new song unto the Lord,' and, having heard the Alderman ring, Mr. Shepherd assured

him that his bell was singing quite a new song which he had never heard before!

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, who said that older ringers would recall that 30 years ago it was their custom to have a distinguished ringer in the chair, and he mentioned such names as Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Charles Hattersley and Mr. F. E. Dawe. Later on they decided to have Birmingham people. There had been Canon Willick and Canon Guy Rogers, who for 23 years was their beloved Rector. That evening their choice was the Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Ven. S. Harvie Clark, who was also Vicar of Harborne and in charge of the Cathedral Church pending the appointment of a new Provost. They had all been very happy under his chairmanship and he trusted that he enjoyed his office.

The Chairman, in his acknowledgment, said he came to the dinner last year for the first time and was amazed at the gathering and its friendliness and that people had come there from all over the country. The fellowship through ringing was of real significance—not only for themselves, but for all churchpeople. The bells at Harborne were seriously in need of attention. If anyone would care to send a contribution for their restoration and also for the musical nerves of himself and his family he would be only too pleased to acknowledge the same.

The entertainment included a course of Stedman Cinques by E. C. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, F. E. Haynes 7-8, F. E. Pervin 9-10, G. E. Fearn 11-12. Duets were sung by Mr. Albert F. Barley and Mr. David Gee, tunes on handbells by ringers of Edgbaston Parish Church with the assistance of Mr. Harold Poole, and a monologue by Miss Russell. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist.

THE COMPANY.

The company included T. W. Abbotts, Miss Addison, E. T. Allaway, Rev. R. E. T. Allen, W. Allman, B. C. Ashford, Miss J. Askew, W. H. Barber, A. E. Barley, J. Bass, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. A. Bennett, J. E. Bibby, P. N. Bond, Miss J. Brittain, L. H. Bywaters, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, G. W. Cecil, S. G. Chaplin, W. G. Chaplin, J. Chilcott, W. A. Clark, Rev. and Mrs. G. Codrington, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, A. D. Cook, C. W. Cooper, G. W. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dale, J. Daniels, R. Davies, A. V. Davis, Miss M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, A. Diserens, N. J. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, A. S. Downes, W. T. Elson, Miss J. England.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn, Miss Fiddell, E. Fletcher, Miss Fletcher, T. G. Fox, T. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Freemantle, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Froggatt, D. Gee, Miss Graham, Miss Griffiths.

T. R. Hampton, C. H. Harding, J. F. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haynes, S. O'C. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hughes, T. E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, J. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, N. D. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd, L. Lunn, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mrs. Marshall, D. T. Matkin, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, G. T. Mitchison, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, M. J. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newman, R. C. Noon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ongley, D. Parsons, R. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Pearson, O. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, Miss Pett, J. Pigott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinfold, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Miss J. Poole, Miss N. Price, Ald. T. B. Pritchett.

W. Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. E. Razzell, Miss Reay, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reeves, Miss Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg, F. W. Rishworth, C. Rouse, T. Russell, Miss Russell, J. Scott, (Continued next page)

Mr. A. V. Pearson's 200 Peals

Doubles.—One method 2; three methods 3 (conducted 1); six methods 1.

Minor.—one method 6; three methods 3; five methods 1.

Grandsire.—Triples 13; Caters 3.
Stedman.—Triples 11; Caters 21; Cinques 24.
Plain Bob.—Major 8; Royal 2; Maximus 1.
Kent Treble Bob Major 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1.

Double Norwich Major 20; Duffield Major 1; Little Bob Major 1; Little Bob Royal 2; Little Bob Maximus 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 17 (2); New Cambridge 1 (1); Superlative 8; Yorkshire 12; London 1; Bristol 1; Painswick 1 (1); Pudsey 1; Lincolnshire 1; Belgrave 2; Ashted 1 (1); Norfolk 3; Aldenham 2 (1); Radnor 1 (1); Whitminster 1 (1).

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 3; New Cambridge 1 (1); Yorkshire 1; Prittlewell 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 2; Yorkshire 1; Lindsey 1; Prittlewell 1; Albanian 1.

Total 200 (conducted 10).

BARWELL SOCIETY

A year of progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Barwell (Leics.) Society, when the following officers were elected: Captain, C. R. Belton; vice-captain, G. P. Garner; secretary, T. C. Belton; treasurer, Miss B. Colver; towerkeepers, J. Armstrong and R. Coleman.

The secretary reported that for Sunday ringing and practices 1,450 attendances out of a possible of 1,670 had been made by the 12 members. First peals of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung by an entire Barwell band. In 1946 it was difficult to raise a Grandsire Triples band, and credit for the progress was particularly due to Mr. W. P. Whitehead. Two new members were elected.

Peal statistics were: First peal in a method 22; first in method as conductor 3; new conductors 2; first peals 3.

The Rector, who presided, said he was pleased to notice that all ringers were observing his suggestion of attending at least one service every Sunday.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fifty members were present, with visitors from Barrow-in-Furness and Lincoln Cathedral, at the meeting of the Society at Hull on February 11th. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary's, Lowgate, and in the evening at Holy Trinity.

The Rev. L. O. Kenyon conducted the service in Holy Trinity Church, taking as his text the ringing terms, 'Tone, Tune and Time.'

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the business meeting, when votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Mr. A. H. Fox (organist) and the local ringers. Learners showed much improvement and there were good touches of Caters in the evening.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER. cont.

T. Setter, R. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd, A. Short, J. C. E. Simpson, B. F. Sims, A. C. Sinfield, J. Skerritt, J. F. Smallwood, H. C. Spencer, P. J. Staniforth, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stevenson, P. Taylor, L. Tuffrey, H. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson, R. V. Webb, Miss Westoby, T. M. White, T. W. White, E. E. Whitmore, C. Williams, G. H. Williams, P. K. Williamson, E. J. Woodhall, H. Wooding, J. Worth, W. Yates, W. Young

Mr. H. Cook, of St. Mary's, Chipping Norton, has celebrated his 79th birthday. He has a record of 60 years' service at St. Mary's, attending regularly twice on Sundays.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held on February 18th at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, an excellent attendance being recorded, with representatives from almost every tower in the district.

Ringings under the supervision of the Master and Deputy Master ranged from rounds to London, and the striking of the higher methods reached an unusually high standard for meetings.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home), who is also a ringer, was well attended. Tea, arranged by Mr. F. Corke, Master at St. Andrew's, was taken at the Regal, an excellent meal being provided.

The business meeting, held in St. Andrew's Hall, with the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, in the chair, proved that the family spirit which has always been a feature in the district is as strong as ever, and the interest displayed in the business and the number of nominations for office speak well for the future.

The district secretary, in presenting his report, spoke of a very successful year in every aspect; the attendances at meetings averaged 44, compared with 40 for the previous year. Peals recorded were a record for the district. Quarter peals for service, although not so numerous as last year, ranged from Bob Minor to Spliced Surprise Major, with many new names sharing the conducting. One quarter worthy of note was that of Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. A. Harding, of St. Mary's, Ealing, who, with 50 years of loyal service at this tower, called his first quarter. Membership was on the increase, and the statement of accounts showed a record balance.

The officers elected were: District secretary, Mr. F. A. Finch; assistant secretary, Mr. T. G. Bannister; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Price; Deputy Master, Mr. G. M. Kilby; Central Committee, Messrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, H. W. Impey and W. W. Webb; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner. The chairman congratulated the meeting on their choice of officers, with a special word for Mr. G. M. Kilby, that prince of ringers, on taking up office once again.

New members elected were Mr. B. M. Turk (Ruislip), Mr. P. M. Branch (South Harrow), Miss O. M. Green (Sunbury), Mr. F. T. Blagrove (Stanwell), Mr. A. R. Turley (St. Mary's, Ealing), and Mr. E. Preston (Slough) as a non-resident life member.

The Chairman accorded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. F. Corke and all those who helped to make the meeting such a success.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The North and East District annual meeting took place at All Hallows', Tottenham, on February 18th, and was attended by a representative gathering. Ringing, which also took place at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, was under the guidance of Messrs. C. W. Roberts and A. Cutler, Ringing Masters.

At the business meeting, over which Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, presided, the hon. secretary's annual report and statement of accounts were adopted. The former indicated that the average attendance at district meetings was 42; that two successful joint meetings had been held; that one honorary life, six non-resident life and 20 ringing members had been elected; and that St. Mary's, Hornsey, was now affiliated. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £29 18s. 3d., slightly less than last year, although comparison supplied the reason.

Elections of new members included G. W. Slack (Waltham Abbey), D. Harman (Holloway), G. A. Hill and D. H. Kingston (Hornsey), R. Stoddard and the Misses M. Russell and A. Triscott (Kingsbury) and Miss M. Richards (Monken Hadley). The district officers

and committee representatives were all re-elected. It was voted that the next district annual meeting be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Thanks were accorded to the Revs. A. F. W. Clarke and F. Finch for permission to ring the bells and to Messrs. A. E. Hoare and H. Howson, local tower leaders.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

RECORD GATHERING AT WEST KIRBY.

The spring-like weather enticed a record gathering of 84 ringers and friends to the annual meeting of the Wirral Branch, held at St. Bridget's, West Kirby, on February 18th. Twelve Wirral towers were represented and there was a welcome contingent of visitors. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector (Canon S. J. Marston), assisted by the Rev. J. F. Southworth. Later the company was entertained to an excellent tea.

At the ensuing business meeting a favourable balance sheet was adopted. The hon. secretary's report showed a membership increase of 22, bringing the total to 159. Monthly meetings had been held as customary and there was an average attendance of 61—three meetings having topped the 70 mark.

During 1949 branch ringers rang 23 peals, including the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild by a band composed of resident members of one branch. Eleven ringers scored their first peal, whilst three others had joined the 'bob calling' brigade.

Social activities were well supported—83 attended the first annual branch dinner, entertainment and dance; two coaches were required for the summer outing; over 230 ringers and friends attended the third annual social, the year's outstanding function.

Attention was drawn to the far from satisfactory state of service ringing in certain towers, and members were urged to devote thought to the solution of certain problems necessary to the improvement of same. The officers were re-elected, although there were changes in representatives on the Guild Committee.

Bromborough was selected as the venue for the 1951 annual.

F. W. BRINKLOW'S 100 PEALS ON HANDBELLS

Mr. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, Watford, has a very fine list in his 100 peals 'in hand,' completed on February 8th with one in six Surprise methods.

Triples.—Grandsire 4; Stedman 15 (conducted 2).

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (1); Double Norwich 4; Avalon Court 1; Cambridge Court 1; Richmond Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 1; Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise.—Superlative 6 (1); Cambridge 5 (1); New Cambridge 1; London 11 (2); Bristol 7 (1); Yorkshire 4; Jersey 2; Felstead 1.

Spliced Surprise.—Two methods 2 (a); three methods 1; four methods 9; five methods 2 (b); six methods 3 (c).

Caters.—Stedman 9 (d) (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Total 100 (conducted 9).

(a) One each London and Cambridge and Cambridge and Superlative. (b) One each 4 Standard and Ealing and 4 Standard and Wembley. (c) Two Standard and Ealing and Rutland, one Standard and Wembley and Rutland. (d) Including 6.591.

WIGAN, LANCs. — On Feb. 18th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: S. Major 1, W. O. Farri-mond 2, E. Darbyshire 3, J. Burns 4, F. Brown 5, C. Blackburn 6, S. Clough 7, Peter Crook, sen. (cond.) 8, Peter Crook, jun. 9, G. Arrow-smith 10.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. E. MORRIS

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Ernest Morris on achieving another milestone in his honorable ringing career. Although I deplore the ambition of ringers whose foremost object is to amass a great number of peals, the willingness and help which Ernest has always offered in assisting raw learners in five and six-bell towers, in addition to higher numbers, makes one feel that here is one man who has contributed his peal ringing to the promotion of campanology right from the bottom rung.

I know of one typical case when one of Leicester's youths searched diligently among his 'betters' for a conductor in his first peal, which was on six bells. In despair he turned to Mr. Morris, who obliged, simply because, as his analysis shows, the method was of secondary consideration to the purpose of the peal.

I also was privileged to be invited to ring in Ernest's 1,001st tower-bell peal, conducted by one of Barwell's young conductors, and I look forward to many more pleasant hours in this great ringer's company.—Yours faithfully,

TOM C. BELTON.

Barwell, Leics.

FIRST OF STEDMAN AT STONE

Dear Sir,—In the February 17th issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Stone St. Michael's on Saturday, January 24th, 1950, is stated to be the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

This, sir, is not correct. I took part in the first Stedman on the bells on Saturday, Oct. 16th, 1936. The band who scored the peal in October, 1936, was C. Templeton 1, H. Hodson 2, H. Thacker 3, A. Thompson 4, C. Page 5, A. Rowley 6, A. Crawley 7, W. Buckley 8.—Yours sincerely,

H. HODSON, Ringing Master,
Stone St. Michael's.

CHRISTENING OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—We hope to reopen St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, bells on Saturday, May 20th, next. On Saturday, May 6th, we hope to revive the old custom of christening them inside the church at a special service. The main reason for doing this is that it will give the general public a chance to see the bells, a thing they rarely do. This should lead to a more intelligent interest on their part. The service must be arranged very soon, and I should be most grateful for any copies of hymns, tunes and prayers suitable. They will, of course, be duly returned when finished with.—Yours sincerely,

A. G. G. THURLOW.

3, Colegate, Norwich.

SALOP CRITIC RECEIVES INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—Might I crave your indulgence to answer as briefly as possible Mr. Farmer's letter of February 24th? I have learned from several sources that the tower in question was Market Drayton.

As regards lack of enthusiasm, I would like to point out that if my letter implied criticism of the Salop Guild, perhaps I was guilty of an exaggeration about the six keen ringers, but I think Mr. Farmer will agree that there are many bands hereabouts that are capable of more advanced ringing than Grandsire of Plain Bob, but whose leaders are quite satisfied to remain in the old groove year after year, because it is too much trouble to use a pencil and paper at home. It is this attitude that I am attacking and will continue to do so.

I might add, in conclusion, that we will soon have a Cambridge Minor band in this area.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Broseley, Salop.

MOST MUSICAL METHOD

Dear Sir,—As I go around to meetings, etc., I hear people say that so and so method is very pretty or another sounds good and so on, and I wondered if this is a subject upon which a little discussion might be interesting.

Most people will agree that those rows which have the lighter bells in the front and the heavier ones at the back are the most musical. As, for instance, the Queen change, Doh, Lah, Fah, Ray, Te, Soh, Me, Doh, which is, in effect, two rows, with a certain reflexive action. This probably explains why Triples with a covering bell are high in the list of tuneful methods.

I very much like the touches of Oxford and Kent, where the heavier bells are kept away from the front. When listening to this I have the impression of looking at a coin or picture or what you will, turning it over and finding it totally different on the other side. With a Surprise method the picture is not quite so different, accounted for by the fact that each bell remains in adjacent places for a longer time.

The Stedman impression is that it is more surprising and that you cannot imagine what you are going to see, or hear, on the other side. This may account for a great deal of its popularity, but the build-up of the method being so different from others, Stedman may appeal more to the mathematical side of one's nature.

I expect I shall be told that a well-struck touch of Plain Bob is very nice and, of course, I agree. Undoubtedly the striking is the prime factor in the music-making.

In conclusion, this is the view of a ringer of not many years' standing who is trying to use his ears and I hope your readers will be patient with me in my ignorance.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

'CAN IT BE COUNTED TWICE?'

Dear Sir,—With reference to above query by my friend, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, published on page 124 of your issue of February 24th. This would be a rather novel idea of 'snatching' a tower to make the number up, but I don't think it will work out quite right. In my list of towers I count this as one only.

I have had the pleasure of taking part in two peals on St. Andrew's bells, one of Stedman Triples, rung half-muffled, on November 11th, 1927, when the church stood in Wells Street (off Oxford Street), W.C., and one of Cambridge Major on August 24th, 1935, since its removal to Kingsbury, Middlesex, ringing the 6th on both occasions.

I'm open to correction, but I feel sure the last mentioned is the only one rung on these bells at Kingsbury. Very few (possibly about five) have been privileged to take part in a peal at this church, standing on both sites.

Go ahead, Fred. You can surely 'snatch' one more to make your total round figures!

Yours truly and sincerely, J. BENNETT.

Beckenham, Kent.

EARLY PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—In 'The History of Grandsire Triples,' by J. W. Snowden, it is stated that on January 17th, 1689 or 1690, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate by members of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' the source of this information being obscure.

In 'The College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, reference is made to a peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Sepulchre's on January 7th, 1690, and that this information came from Oxford many years later.

Is anyone able to throw any greater light on this Oxford source?—Yours, etc.,

J. C. BIRD.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Stedman's Superiority

Dear Sir,—It seems that we are to assume from last week's issue that we may live to see Steadfast rung from Minor to Maximus in our time: also we are assured that this method is Stedman's Principle on even numbers of bells.

I venture to suggest that, as Stedman's Principle rung as it is at present with the tenor behind, is superior in musical qualities to any even bell ringing, it will continue to be so rung long after Steadfast has lapsed into the oblivion from which it seems reluctant to be dragged.

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I should like to say that I must agree with Mr. E. T. P. Field in his letter on 'Encouragement of Youth.' I, too, am sure that many more young recruits would stay on after a few months' ringing if a more friendly attitude to them was adopted by all ringers.

The ringers in Devon seem to be particularly friendly. Last Easter, after ringing at Highweek on their practice night, I, as given a car ride back to Torquay by one of the ringers. This made me feel that I was really welcome. Would any young ringer travel about in foreign country looking for ringing if he thought that he would not be wanted? If he did it would only be once! Whether at a practice or a meeting all young ringers need to really sense that they are welcome. Too often have I seen young ringers being offered only rounds when they are capable of much more.

All efficient young change ringers should be given the opportunity to conduct a few touches instead of being sometimes discouraged; then we would have younger and, perhaps, more capable conductors.—Yours sincerely,

P. NEWING.

Littlebourne, Kent.

5,056 SPICED MAJOR IN 12 METHODS

ARRANGED BY G. E. FEIRN.

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	St. C. C. DO. St.
43526	—	—	St. C. C. DO. DO.
54326	—	—	St. C. C. DO. DO.
35426	—	—	DN. C. St. St.
42356	—	—	DO. C. C. St. DO.
63254	—	—	DO. C. C. St. DO.
26354	—	—	St. C. C. DO. DO.
32654	—	—	DN. C. St. St.
46253	—	—	DO. H. C. St. St.
25463	—	—	St. H. C. St. St.
42563	—	—	St. Pe. C. St. St.
35264	—	—	St. Pe. C. St. St.
23564	—	—	DN. C. St. DO.

Twice repeated with S for — at end gives —

32456	W	M	H
64325	—	—	—
36425	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—
46235	—	—	—
24635	—	—	—
63245	—	—	—
26345	—	—	—
32645	—	—	—

Each course is called
W.R. DB. G. L. PB.Twice repeated with S for — at end gives —
23456Omit 3 consecutive bobs at H in 2 parts of
2nd half.

DO., Double Oxford. Pe., Pershore. H., Hereward. DN., Double Norwich. St., St. Clement's. C., Crayford College. DB., Double Bob. R., Reverse Bob. G., Gainsborough. Little Bob. W., Wellington Little Court. L., Little Bob. PB., Plain Bob.

University of London Society

REUNION DINNER.

The annual dinner of the University of London Society was held on February 18th at the Prince's Head, Westminster. During the day the Society rang at the churches of St. John at Hackney, St. Mary, Walthamstow, and St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, and attended evensong at the last-named church. Ringing ranged from rounds for learners, of whom the Society has a gratifyingly large number, to Spliced Surprise.

After the toast of 'Church and King' had been given by the Master, who was in the chair, the secretary read apologies from those unable to come, referring particularly to the president (Dr. J. C. E. Simpson), the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the Master of the Oxford University Society.

Mr. Philip Gray then proposed the health of the visitors in a thorough manner. He welcomed Mr. Tom Bevan, Mr. Hardy and other local ringers, whose help at the Society's practices was greatly appreciated, and referred, in passing, to the relative merits of the two great ringing societies. He was also pleased to see wives present, and mentioned that his attended in her own right. The Bristol University Society was represented by Mr. Barwick and Miss Bliss, and the Cambridge University Guild by Mr. Threlfall (the Master) and Mr. Speed.

After a brief discussion of the relative ringing—and non-ringing—achievements of the various universities, the speaker referred to the services of Miss Cross, to whom the Society was especially indebted for her help during last summer's tour. He then finished with a few general remarks as a Past Master of the Society and an experienced visitor to other people's dinners.

Mr. Brian Threlfall replied, thanking Mr. Gray for his more or less kind remarks and congratulating the Society on its flourishing condition. Mr. Tom Fox (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) also spoke briefly and conveyed the good wishes of the College Youths to the ringers of London University.

NOT A ROYAL ACADEMY BANQUET.

Mr. Peter Foote, silently singing, no doubt, 'Memory, hither come, And tune your merry notes,'

proposed the health of the Society in a scholarly speech with frequent reference to English and Icelandic literature, and ably maintained his thesis against those who queried either his quotations or the opinion of women contained in them. He stressed particularly the social side of ringing.

The Master, Mr. Denis Layton, replied. After sharply reminding some of his hearers that they were not at the Royal Academy banquet, he obtained as good discipline as a speaker as he had done as a conductor, and was even more successful in keeping people awake. He reviewed the progress of the Society and said that it now had 60 paid-up members as well as some learners who had not yet suffered the financial misfortune of meeting the secretary.

The formal business being completed, the summer tour for 1950 was discussed, and Mr. Geoffrey Carter (in a speech substituted for a loudly requested song) pointed out that unless a few more women applied there would be difficulties in accommodation on the two launches in which it was proposed to travel from Bedford to Ely.

The meeting broke up shortly before closing time.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 1, A. Botterell 2, Miss J. Cotterell (age 14) 3, E. T. Smith 4, J. Cotterell 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, G. W. Hughes 8, H. Howell 9, A. Elsmore 10. First quarter of Caters for 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Canon Jenkins) and the conductor.

OBITUARIES AND APPRECIATIONS

MR. STEPHEN BINFIELD

Captain of the ringers at Folkestone Parish Church for 55 years, Mr. Stephen Thomas Binfield died on February 18th, aged 84 years.

Born in Folkestone—records of the Parish Church show that there were Binfields in the town in 1650—he was apprenticed to a builder in Exeter, where a branch of the family was then living. He spent a considerable part of that time working on repairs to Exeter Cathedral.

On his return to Folkestone Mr. Binfield was, before establishing his own business, a foreman builder. For many years he was steeplekeeper at the Parish Church. In 1903 he conducted the first peal rung during the present century by a local company. Mr. Binfield gave up ringing in 1945 owing to failing health.

Mr. and Mrs. Binfield celebrated their golden wedding in 1936 and three years later Mrs. Binfield died.

In memoriam 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on February 26th by A. Kedwell 1, F. Orris 2, P. Crook 3, A. Binfield (son of the deceased) 4, J. Willis 5, T. Anderson (conductor and one of his pupils) 6, T. Farley 7, W. Evers 8.

Cremation took place on March 2nd. It was deceased's wish that his ashes should be scattered in the churchyard of Folkestone Parish Church as near to the tower as possible.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Charles Turner, of Dover, writes: I am proud of the honour to pay a small tribute to Stephen T. Binfield, who passed away on February 18th in hospital at the age of 84 years. He commenced his ringing career when quite a young man at Exeter while engaged on restoration work at the Cathedral.

For many years he was a prominent ringer in the various towers in East Kent. He was for some time captain of the Folkestone ringers and his great ambition was to get two more bells added to the beautiful ring of eight now in the tower. To my knowledge he was almost successful.

An admirer of 'Holt's Original' peal of Grandsire Triples, he made a special study of the calling, which he accomplished. He was a lover of the bells and also a critic. In business he was well known as a builder, and the many houses on the Dover road now stand as an example of his fine work.

MR. D. H. ELLIOTT

The news of his death on March 1st at Groton, Suffolk, in his 75th year, of Mr. David Harold Elliott was received with much regret by all who knew him, particularly at Sudbury, where he was, until his health failed him a year ago, captain of the Sudbury company for over 30 years.

Wonderfully fit for his age, he had by dint of many years' hard work risen from a small-holder to a well-known and successful agriculturist with a large acreage at his farms, and his huge mansion was the annual setting for a real old English dinner for his brother ringers on his birthday, the last on January 14th this year, when he summoned sufficient strength to ring a pair to a touch of Double Norwich.

Unfortunately, he had not kept an up-to-date account of his peals during the last 25 years. His peal book contains over a hundred entries, mainly Double Norwich and Surprise peals, most of which he conducted in his thorough manner from the box. He was widely travelled and had rung in very many towers throughout the country. It was nothing to him even in recent years to walk the five miles to Sudbury and back to ring for service, and to Hadleigh also. He learnt to ring as soon as he could reach a rope and has left behind him 60 years of ringing, and woe betide those who ever got out of course. He leaves a widow, a daughter and four sons.

The funeral on March 4th was marked by a full church of sympathisers, including a very large number of ringers from a wide area. It was much regretted that owing to a misunderstanding no handbells were available to ring at the graveside.

At St. Peter's, Sudbury, in the evening, 1,284 Plain Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect with muffled clappers by G. Dixon 1, A. A. Fitch 2, W. Scott 3, C. W. Clarke 4, L. Mills 5, L. Johnson 6, T. Bird 7, A. J. Haynes (cond.) 8; and at Hadleigh a peal was commenced immediately after the interment.

A. A. F.

MR. TOM MILLER

APPRECIATIONS.

Mr. W. E. Box, towerkeeper, St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, writes:—

Whilst congratulating you upon your admirable obituary notice of the late Tom Miller, may I intrude upon your valuable space for the purpose of making one or two corrections and additions?

Tom's last peal on July 6th, 1938, was rung on the old bells at St. Chad's Cathedral and was also the last one rung on them. Thus he took part in both the first and last peals on the old ring, which were opened as a ring of eight bells on Easter Sunday, 1877, the original five being rung for the first time on August 2nd, 1849, by William Chattell and his band from St. Philip's Church. Although Tom did not actually ring a peal on the new Taylor bells, he did hear them on one occasion either in 1942 or 1943, and his comment was that 'the old 'uns are scalded'.

I understand that Mr. R. H. McDonald, of Sydney, Australia, is now the only survivor of the 1878 peal, but in this I stand open to correction. In speaking of this peal I recall Tom Miller saying that Samuel Jarman, who rang the 4th, 'looked like Christ at the Last Supper,' whilst another member of the band 'had a face like the first Sunday after Epiphany.'

In speaking of other peals in which he took part I note that you do not mention the last peal at St. Michael's, Coventry, on June 9th, 1883, in which he rang the 6th. In 1927 he formed one of the deputation of ringers which opposed the granting of a faculty to recast the Coventry bells.

With his passing a great link with the past, not only of ringing, but of Birmingham and the Midlands generally, has been severed.

Mr. Clem Glenn writes: Tom Miller's passing on brings back a happy memory of him after the peal at Sheffield in 1907. We Sheffield and Rotherham ringers, with the Birmingham band, enjoyed a dinner and social evening, when Tom sang the two songs mentioned in his obituary notice.

Some time ago Mr. Albert Walker, in response to my request, was kind enough to visit Tom and obtain the words of the songs for me. 'Bob Major' went to the tune of 'In the Sweet Bye and Bye,' and the chorus of 'Stedman' goes like this:—

Stedman, Stedman, that is what we ring,
Stedman is the method, it's just the very thing:
On 8, 10 or 12 bells, don't you think it's grand
Is a well-struck touch of Stedman by a competent band,

the chorus of the last verse finishing with:—
Is a well-struck touch of Stedman when it's bobbed round at hand.

Higher Walton belfry. Lancs, announce the retirement of two of their old stalwarts. Mr. C. Clarke (the late captain) has completed 54 years' service and Mr. M. Livesy (conductor) 48 years at this church. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on February 18th was the Preston Branch's tribute to their esteem.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ford 1, F. Precey 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, R. H. Duke 4, J. H. Hayne (cond.) 5, W. Ford (first quarter) 6. Rung to welcome the Right Rev. W. Anderson, Bishop of Salisbury, on his first visit to Abbotsbury.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, F. Skinner (cond.) 2, F. Sandy 3, W. Cavill 4, E. Skinner 5, F. Cave (first quarter) 6.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Evans (first quarter) 1, S. Romans 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, G. Case 5, T. Boreham 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8.

BROWNEDGE, BAMBER BRIDGE, LANCs.—At St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. Jackson 1, J. Jackson (first quarter) 2, J. Jackson, sen. 3, H. Hardacre 4, J. Harrison (first quarter) 5, J. Livesey 6, C. Hardacre 7, F. McCarthy (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Rev. Fr. Byrne, O.S.B.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Heywood's): C. S. Jarrett 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, Miss K. Jarrett 3, R. Skinner (first quarter Stedman) 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, E. D. Sills 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. Rung on the conductor's 55th birthday.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, C. Taplin 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. W. Tompkins 8. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Cook, ringer of the 2nd.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Look 1, Miss W. Scutts 2, Mrs. J. A. Lintern 3, E. Elliott 4, H. C. Lintern (first as cond.) 5, J. T. Dyke 6, J. A. Lintern 7, A. J. Lintern 8. A tribute to the memory of the composer, A. P. Wakley, who died February 18th, 1919.

EASTHAM, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Pickthall 1, P. C. Holmes (first 'inside') 2, J. Amer (first quarter) 3, A. J. H. Scott 4, A. L. Shepherd (cond.) 5, T. W. Wood 6. First quarter on bells by a local band. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Pickthall, mother of treble ringer.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,244 Grandsire Caters: F. Kaye 1, Mrs. L. Rowntree 2, Miss W. Wilkinson 3, W. Coates 4, J. Segar 5, K. Beardsall (cond.) 6, C. Cook 7, H. Denman 8, J. Bartram 9, H. Willows 10.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. S. Langdon 2, R. Mackrill 3, J. Allsop 4, H. Belcher 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6, A. Jones 7, Dr. B. Hollis (first of Stedman Caters) 8, A. Appleton 9, J. W. Stevenson 10.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sumner (first quarter) 1, G. D. Burroughs (first 'inside') 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, D. Cornford 5.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, Miss S. Booth (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. W. Osborne 3, H. Perry (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. W. Roome 6. To welcome home the conductor from H.M. Forces.

HIGH BARNET, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles 1, F. A. Barker 2, R. Charge 3, J. Bennett (cond.) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, C. W. Ward 7, W. J. Langley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the eldest son of the ringer of the 6th.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, B. Morley 2, W. Cross 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, L. Clifton 6, R. Taplin 7, C. Tompkins 8. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung.

QUARTER PEALS

900 Plain Bob): H. Gilbert 1, R. Freeman (first quarter in two methods) 2, M. Stephens 3, W. Izzard 4, L. Turner 5, C. Izzard (first as cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Margaret's, 1,025 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Morris 1, J. Morris 2, Miss J. M. Ward 3, J. Bramley 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, Miss M. Whitehead 6, E. Cattell 7, G. A. Olliffe 8, J. Drewery 9, E. Clements 10. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the war memorial.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. R. Smith (first quarter in the method) 1, T. G. Fox 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, Mrs. F. W. Housden 4, C. A. Hughes 5, L. E. Last 6, G. Dawson 7, F. W. Housden (cond.) 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's Church on Feb. 17th, 1,500 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman and 540 Grandsire): G. E. Oliver (cond.) 1, Joan Beresford 2, W. J. Cope 3, A. F. Sedgwick 4, D. Beresford 5, L. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to A. Bowler, who was interred at St. Michael's earlier in the day.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Steel 1, G. F. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, E. Lines 4, C. Hinton (first Surprise 'inside') 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the branch president, the Rev. E. V. Fenn.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Simonite (first quarter) 1, C. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Hart (first as cond.) 3, C. Pocock 4, R. S. Hunt 5, L. Fogg 6. For the wedding of Miss P. Hobday and Mr. J. Powell.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 5th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Despond (first quarter) 1, W. R. Hammons 2, Miss R. Parker 3, G. F. Roome 4, F. Burgess (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6, E. G. Bennett 7, A. E. Sibley 8. Rung for the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 4th.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, G. Richardson 4, A. R. Chapman 5, S. J. Penfold 6. First in method 1 and 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church on Feb. 18th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Bould 1, J. P. Sims (longest length of Grandsire 'inside') 2, H. H. Thomas 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, W. G. Lavers 5, R. A. Southwood 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. Owen (longest length) 8. Longest length of Grandsire by 1 and 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. W. Roome 6. Rung for Confirmation.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. King 1, H. Gorrings 2, E. Avery 3, J. Harris 4, W. Gorrings 5, A. Hoad 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoad (first quarter) 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Latham 1, B. Latham 2, T. Price 3, Miss D. Sheppard (first quarter 'inside') 4, R. Thain 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. Terry 1, C. Whistance 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, C. Davis 4, J. Chamberlain 5, C. Jones 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss J. Haynes (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Flint (cond.) 6.

WESTBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Colley 1, G. Lewis (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Owen 3, E. W. Colley 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, C. B. Golding (first quarter) 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob and

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MISCELLANEOUS

RINGERS' OUTINGS FROM OXFORD AND DISTRICT.—35-seater coaches available. Write, giving number of passengers, date, time, place of pick-up and intended route, to Robert Benstead, 175, Ifley Road, Oxford. 6656

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—The practice meetings on Saturdays have been cancelled.—A. Greenhalgh. 6693

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelope Road, East Grinstead. — C. A. Bassett. 6604

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chatham, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Codicote on March 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Vicarage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6640

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Margaret's, Barking, March 11th. Tea 4. Service 4.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec., 58, Grove Hill, E.18. Wanstead 1575. 6645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Shore on Saturday, Mar. 11th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—V. W. Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6700

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Lodgers, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 6629

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6658

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6634

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway (8), March 11th, 3 to 4.30. Evensong (and tea) 4.30. Bells 6 to 8.—V. J. Benning, Hon. Sec. 6672

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Oswestry (8), March 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Chacombe (6), March 18th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Saturday, 11th, A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6630

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Ewhurst, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names by 14th to Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6637

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 18th, 3 p.m. No meeting at Southwark Cathedral March 16th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6659

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Joseph W. Parker commemoration meeting to be held at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, on Saturday, March 18th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, not later than March 16th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 6631

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield (5), Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Buses from Nottingham, Newark, Mansfield, Retford.—P. N. White, Dis. Sec. 6628

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 18th. Bells 3 and after meeting. Service 5, followed by tea. Names to Mr. W. Clayton, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, not later than Wednesday, March 15th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 6648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m., rededication Wateringbury bells by Bishop Tonks. All ringers cordially invited. Names for tea by March 15th to D. Driver, Old Road, Wateringbury, Kent. 6642

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Scothern (6), March 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 6690

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by March 14th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 6653

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting, St. Annes, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Cups of tea. Visitors welcome.—R. Benson. 6691

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Measham (8), March 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify J. W. Cotton, Overseal, by March 16th. 6692

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton (8), March 18th, 2.30. Names for tea 15th latest, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6694

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before March 13th to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 6695

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, March 18th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6696

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by 15th, please, to Mr. F. Lambert, Glebe Cottage, Burwash. 6664

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Eynsbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6667

LADIES' GUILD AND COVENTRY GUILD (Coventry District).—A joint meeting at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names or numbers for tea by March 15th to F. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 6666

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Thakeham, March 18th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by 15th, to F. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6669

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Giles', Camberwell, 4.30 to 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, March 14th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 6659

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—The ninth annual supper and social at the Church Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 18th, 6 p.m. Bells from 3.30. Tickets (8s. 6d.) from tower secretaries and F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 6688

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, March 18th. St. Clement's (6), St. Lawrence's (5), 3 to 9; St. Matthew's (6), 6 to 8. Tea 5, Plough Inn, Old Cattle Market. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich, by 16th. Tel. 78926. 6686

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—March (6), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6685

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Husbome Crawley on March 18th. Bells (8) at 3. Names for tea by Tuesday.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6683

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Dore (8), March 18th, 3. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6679

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Church Rooms. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, or phone LEIC. 84643 by Wednesday, March 18th. 6678

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, March 18th, 6.30 to 8.30. Committee meeting, St. Mary's tower, 3 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 6676

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Gilmorton, March 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 14th to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 6675

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Denary.—Meeting, Barrow Gurney, March 18th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6673

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting, March 18th, Stoke, Coventry. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. M. Griffiths, 16, Watery Lane, Keresley, near Coventry. 6698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting, Ladies' Guild, South-Eastern District. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6668

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting with Maidstone District of K.C.A. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6680

BURFORD, OXFORD.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by Lord Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, March 25th, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church House, 4.30 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea not later than March 20th to B. S. Nichols, c/o 85, The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford. 6673

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6) on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 21st, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 6677

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, Mar. 21st. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6681

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Biddenden, Mar. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6682

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Sherbourne on Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Cup of tea provided; those requiring same please communicate with me not later than Monday, March 20th. Really good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec., Shottery Grange, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6689

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—The two new trebles (augmenting the ring to eight) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 for those who notify me by Wednesday, 22nd. Ringing afterwards.—P. Harding, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6697

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Elland, Saturday, April 1st. For teas notify F. Lainfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, by Saturday, March 18th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6627

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday. Cathedral service, followed by lunch and meeting in Corn Exchange. Further details later.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 6684

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—Annual general meeting at Whittlesey on Easter Monday. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 6687

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 15th. Particulars later. Names for tea to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 6685

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Preliminary notice.—Summer meeting, Claverley, July 22nd.—H. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 6663

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