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THEY ALSO SERVE . . .

THE back page of 'The Ringing World' may be said to resemble in some respects the front door of the house in which we dwell. For the front door is the first object to catch our eye as we return home, and the back page gives us our first glimpse of our journal as we take it from the postman on Thursday morning. And as our portal opens to present us with domestic comfort and refreshment, so the back page leads us to the experiences and reflections of the columns of the paper. And to carry the analogy a little further, it may be reasonable to suggest that the back page becomes as familiar to us as the front door, so that unless some startling change takes place or some novel feature is added, we may spend less time in the contemplation of this part of the structure than we do on the matter within.

Yet however little we may be urged to sit and gaze thoughtfully at our own front door, there are moments of reflection when, perhaps, we have exhausted the interior of our paper, and we find that the back page presents itself in a new way and with new trains of thought. Among such trains of thought there is one arising from the familiar list of ringing publications advertised week by week. These valuable works are, as we all fully realise, gifts provided for us by devoted and unselfish lovers of the art, and the public presentation and distribution of these books and pamphlets must be carried out by another unseen and even less rewarded band of workers. Among these one cannot fail to notice the ladies.

Three distinct sets of ringing publications present themselves on the back page of 'The Ringing World.' These are the Central Council publications, 'The Ringers' Handbook' and the Snowdon series; and each of these groups serves to remind us of the arduous labours and consistent devotion of a number of talented ladies, some of whom do not appear in the forefront of the Exercise's weekly pageant. It is impossible to look down the list of Council publications without some thought of the difficult and delicate task of providing a beginner's handbook, and of the part played by Miss Marie Cross in the completion of the job. Here, too, although there is no hint of it on the page, is a silent tribute to the monumental labours of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Who can compute her hours of typing, of checking, of proof reading, of collating, that have attached to her unseen work on publications and the business of the Council? Innumerable folk might bear witness to the many fields in which her help has been sought, but per-

haps only Mr. George Fletcher could adequately estimate the immense value of the services his wife has rendered to the Exercise.

The name of Mrs. E. S. Powell and the notice of 'The Ringers' Handbook' turn our minds to this accomplished lady ringer and to her husband and his valuable work on the Central Council. And surely his text book, a reflection of his own integrity and good sense, is among the most attractive of all our rich store of writings. Its matter is sound, its progression logical, and there is a brightness about its setting, both in words and figures, that makes one eager to turn the pages.

The Snowdon books have for long been associated with our lady friends. From the time of her husband's death in 1915 until 1941, Mrs. Laura Snowdon kept alive the publication of the famous works of her brother-in-law Jasper, and her daughter, Miss Margaret Snowdon, has from 1941 until recently not only guaranteed continuity of the existing books but has also published revised editions of 'Stedman' and 'Grandsire.' In a letter to a correspondent in January, 1956, Miss Snowdon paid affectionate tribute to the memory of her Uncle Jasper, whom she was just too young to remember. The kindly nature of this gracious lady is reflected in the intimate short preface she wrote for 'Grandsire'; from her to Armiger Trollope's great friend and colleague, Ernest Turner, is a natural transition, and the remembrance of the genius of Ernest Turner is continually before us through the name of his wife, who holds the Snowdon publications in her care.

These random thoughts, arising from the contemplation of the back page, serve to remind us of that great cloud of unseen witnesses behind the activities of the Exercise. The flame that Edith Parker kindled at Cubitt Town in 1912 has become a great glowing light, in which our ladies of the ringing family shine both before the public eye in their practical deeds and in the back-stage green rooms and workrooms, where at times they may seem only to stand and wait.

E. C. S.

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Deals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, on Feb. 19th, 1960

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble *IAN H. ORAM .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2 †DENNIS BERESFORD .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3 †PETER BERESFORD .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4 FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 75th peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. Treble PETER BERESFORD .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2 *ANTHONY AGER .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3 FRANK C. PRICE .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 4 DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*KEITH WARD (King's) .. Treble JOHN THORLEY (King's) .. 5
C. J. HERBERT (St. John's) 2 BRUCE PIPER (St. John's) .. 6
*JAMES SCOTT (King's) .. 3 NICHOLAS WEBB (King's) .. 7
*DENNIS ELLISON (King's) 4 BRYAN PATTISON (Bede) .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
JOHN K. SMITH .. Treble GRAHAM T. BALL .. 5
DEREK P. JONES .. 2 KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3 JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4 JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor
Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble *ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2 BARRIE HENDRY .. 6
IVOR JENKINS .. 3 DEREK TAYLOR .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4 DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERTHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.
*JOHN OULTRAM .. Treble FRED JACKSON .. 5
JOHN R. BIBBY .. 2 OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. 6
JOHN F. BIBBY .. 3 CYRIL VALENTINI .. 7
WILLIAM G. BIBBY .. 4 FRANCIS BIBBY .. Tenor
Composed by T. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.
ERIC J. HITCHINS .. Treble PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 5
*NORMAN KNEE .. 2 FREDERICK ROSS .. 6
ROGER KEELEY .. 3 FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 4 LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.
Rung also for the engagement of Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
*KENNETH COTTERELL .. Treble ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. 2 FRANK W. LEWIS .. 6
†RONALD K. RUSS .. 3 RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
MAURICE J. THERMOTT .. 4 NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor
Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 35½ cwt.
HOWARD SCOTT .. Treble DAVID CUBITT .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2 *GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 6
*PETER WOODWARD .. 3 *KENNETH PARK .. 7
*PETER F. WINDLEY .. 4 WILFRED F. MORETON .. Tenor
Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Triples on this eight.
Also rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.
JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD Treble WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2 ROBIN G. LEALE .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 3 PETER BORDER .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4 PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor
Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, containing 1,280 each of Rutland and London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2 PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3 PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
PETER BORDER .. 4 WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor
Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. Treble JOHN BAGNALL .. 5
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2 PETER CROOK .. 6
JAMES E. BURLS .. 3 STANLEY ANDERTON .. 7
*LAWRENCE CLEMENT .. 4 *ALAN CAPSTICK .. Tenor
Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five different callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*SUSAN RAWLINGS .. Treble †CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 4
CHRISTINE M. HARBOIT .. 2 †REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 5
†JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 3 FRANK OAKSHOTT .. Tenor
Conducted by FRANK OAKSHOTT.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor, and on six bells.

ROYAL PEALS—Continued

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*DEREK G. TAYLOR Treble	C. REA WALLER.. .. 4
MICHAEL J. TESTER.. .. 2	ROGER J. PALMER 5
R. OLIVER FYSON 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER J. PALMER.

* First peal.

SWAFFHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYRIAC AND JULETTA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

J. YORK PARKER Treble	CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 4
*MICHAEL J. LAWRENCE .. 2	ROGER J. PALMER 5
*DEREK G. TAYLOR 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

DEREK G. TAYLOR Treble	ALBERT G. FULLER 4
CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. 5
MICHAEL J. TESTER 3	ROGER J. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

RUTH BLACKSHAW Treble	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
*JOHN HIGGS 2	JOHN MEREDITH 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal at first attempt.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

RONALD J. SMITH Treble	RAYMOND W. G. FENTON .. 4
*ANNE STEPHENS 2	BRUCE WAKEFIELD 5
*MICHAEL J. COOK 3	PETER WAKEFIELD Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

REGINALD C. JONES .. Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3
*PHILLIP SAUNDERS 2	REV. I. J. RICHARDS.. .. 4
GEORGE WARD Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.

* First peal 'inside.'

Also rung to mark the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

ASH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*CHARLES J. HARWOOD .. Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL .. 4
AUDREY E. GOODCHILD.. 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG 5
PETER G. SHERWOOD .. 3	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's.

JANET REAL Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS 4
WILLIAM SPARKES 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
FRANCIS PARR 3	THOMAS CLOUSTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Also rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 and two 2,160's, composed of C.C.C. Nos. 28, 34 and 35.

JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS .. Treble	GORDON T. BROWN 4
MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

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

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	KEITH GOLDTHORPE 4
DAVID S. JOHNSON 2	A. H. HAWCROFT 5
JOHN S. RANK 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

OTHER PEALS—

TWELVE BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt.

*JANE K. A. COOK Treble	*D. JOHN HUNT 7
LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS .. 2	†PATRICK J. BIRD 8
†MARY H. HALL 3	ROGER KEELEY 9
†ERIC J. HITCHINS 4	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 10
ALBERT M. TYLER 5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 11
†ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 6	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques.

Arranged and rung in memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 9
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	JOHN F. CRAMPION .. 10
STEWART F. KIMBER 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

In memoriam William Pye, who died March 8th, 1935.

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TEN BELL PEAL

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 20 cwt. in E.
*JOHN O. WELLER Treble	*DORIS E. COLGATE 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	*STANLEY JENNER 7
*IAN H. ORAM 3	*JOHN R. COOPER 8
JOAN BERESFORD 4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.. 9
RALPH BIRD 5	*PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of London Royal. First of London Royal in the county, and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.	
*JOHN W. HALL Treble	VICTOR A. PERRY 5
PERCY AMOS 2	*ROBERT S. ROBERTS.. .. 6
*TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 3	ERIC BILLINGS 7
B. ERIC FROST 4	GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells for the band, and for the Guild.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 2,080 Bristol, 1,920 London, 384 Cambridge, 384 Yorkshire and 288 Superlative, with 118 changes of method.
 Tenor 25½ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 5
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 6
*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
ALEX. R. WOODLEY Treble	*A. ROY WOOD 5
HENRY L. BISHOP 2	†CLAUDE CORDEROY 6
JAMES P. BLOND 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 4	DOUGLAS R. BOSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal on the bells.
 Rung to celebrate the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*ROY FOSTER Treble	*JOHN RYDER 5
*MRS. D. LOWE 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 6
*MICHAEL THOMPSON .. 3	*DOUGLAS LOWE 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 4	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the sixth, the father of ringer of the fourth, and to Kenneth Parker, or Northwich.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*CHRISTOPHER REDWOOD.. Treble	†ALEC W. FRY 5
*RAYMOND HAINES 2	MICHAEL J. BEST 6
†ANN ABRAHAMS 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 4	†JAMES LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal. † First of Stedman.
 A compliment to Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones on their engagement.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkston variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
THOMAS BARKER Treble	FRANK STEAD 5
LAWRENCE WALMESLEY .. 2	*ARTHUR RIGBY 6
*JOHN JACKSON 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE 4	STANLEY WALMESLEY .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal in this variation.
 Rung to mark the induction of the Ven. C. H. Lambert, M.A. (Arch-deacon of Lancaster), as Vicar of Lytham.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
DAWN V. ELSON Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 2	PERCY STONE 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.. 7
*ROGER HARRIS 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal in the method.
 To mark the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.	
*JEAN HOY Treble	*MICHAEL E. STRACEY .. 5
BRIAN BUSWELL 2	J. DAVID CLARKE 6
†PAMELA CLARKE 3	JOHN MEREDITH 7
J. FREDK. HUBBARD .. 4	RONALD J. HILL Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal on eight. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
 A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Hoy.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
DONALD F. MURFET 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

A wedding compliment to John Shepperson and Ann Woodward, married this day at Swavesey.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.	
ROBERT C. HEAZEL Treble	STANLEY CLARK 5
JOHN H. SITCH 2	*LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 6
*REGINALD H. G. HAYDEN 3	BERTRAM C. HINES .. 7
H. WALTER SMITH 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by A. F. LEWRY.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Double Norwich.
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. H. Sitch, on reaching his 70th birthday.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.	
TESSA P. KEMP Treble	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 5
MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
JOHN R. KENNETT 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.	
LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
JACK PILGRIM 3	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 3).

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung for Evensong. A tribute to the Rev. W. C. Harding, on his retirement after 40 years in the Ministry.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers.)

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM L. EXTON... Treble | FREDERICK G. HOOPER... 4

*JAMES W. RAITHEY... 2 | †F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER... 5

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS... 3 | ‡BERNARD J. PLUMMER... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † 125th peal (all for Southwell Diocesan Guild).

‡ First peal, first attempt. First as conductor in the method.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOAN GILBERT... Treble | JOSEPH W. BAILEY... 4

LESLIE H. TAYLOR... 2 | †ALBERT H. WILLIS... 5

JOHN P. MORRIS... 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS... Treble | *ALMA M. GREAVES... 4

*MARTIN D. FELLOWS... 2 | MAURICE C. HUGHES... 5

LINDA M. HUGHES... 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

SWEPTSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MARPLE DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 95 to 101).

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD... Treble | ARTHUR E. ROWLEY... 4

RICHARD J. CLIFTON... 2 | JOSEPH W. COTTON... 5

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... 3 | DEREK P. JONES... Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 11).

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Reverse Canterbury and 16 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM LOVELL... Treble | MARJORIE LEGG... 4

*MARTIN WORRELL... 2 | *RONALD BALLAM... 5

†GEORGE PRESCOTT... 3 | *WILFRED KINGSBURY... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in three methods. † 150th peal for the Association.

Rung for Mr. and Mrs. W. Ballam, parents of Ronald, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE... Treble | FRANK PEARSON... 4

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD... 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT... 5

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... 3 | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO... Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the opening of the bells after rehanging.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DENIS MADDOCK... Treble | CECIL RADDOCK... 4

*JOHN HAYES... 2 | HAROLD WORRALL... 5

JOHN RYDER... 3 | WALTER ALLMAN... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First in three methods as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS... Treble | FRANK TAYLOR... 4

JOHN G. AMES... 2 | C. HAROLD WHITTON... 5

FRED BRIGHTMAN... 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY... Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Countess Mountbatten.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PAULINE ADCOCK... Treble | LEONARD J. MINNS... 4

E. AUSTIN HEAD... 2 | ERNEST WHITING... 5

ANTHONY H. ROBERTS... 3 | HARRY B. FULLER... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

CHRISTINE M. HARBOIT... Treble | CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER... 4

*MARILYN J. A. GIBBS... 2 | MARTYN W. HARBOIT... 5

GERALD PENNEY... 3 | ALAN E. BAGWORTH... Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung in honour of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's Kent Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT... Treble | THOMAS F. METCALÉE... 4

DONALD LAWSON... 2 | JAMES DICKINSON... 5

WILLIAM G. WILSON... 3 | GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

A birthday compliment to Alex. Edgar, chief ringer at the above church.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RALPH BIRD... Treble | *IAN H. ORAM... 4

*TREVOR A. CROSS... 2 | *CRAWFORD T. HILLIS... 5

*ANDREW M. MACVE... 3 | †THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First of Surprise on the bells.

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RINGWOULD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Annable's London, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First of Surprise, and in seven methods on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Hamer,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SYLVIA LORD Treble	†GEOFFREY DYSON 4
*MARGARET A. BUCKLEY .. 2	JAMES TAYLOR 5
MARJORIE HANSON 3	KEITH ABBOTT Tenor

Conducted by KEITH ABBOTT.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Lord.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*ROGER G. HAVARD Treble	*ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 4
*EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY.. 2	*BRYNLEY TAYLOR 5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 3	*ANTHONY M. COOMBS .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Edmunds, grandmother of the ringers of 2nd and 4th bells.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bamborough, Warkworth, Surfleet, Wells, Durham, York and London. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
ERIC N. HARRISON 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

HANDBELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 240's (396 singles and 66 bobs). Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

*ALMA M. GREAVES .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. .. 3—4
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*ROGER J. GAY 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1960, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ALAN SHEPPARD 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
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KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5—6

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 14 in D.

*VIVIEN BARNES 1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5—6
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†MRS. J. THOMAS 3—4	†WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 7—8
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MRS. P. HARRIS 9—10

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters away from the tenor. † 600th peal. ‡ First 'in hand' and first of Caters.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

Quarter peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, born Feb. 19th, 1960

HALF PEAL

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lapworth (first attempt) 1, J. Wilson 2, J. Parish 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Horsington 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss Temlett 3, G. Lewis 4, P. Saunders 5, R. Jones 6, N. Ward 7, M. Roberts 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Rev. Canterbury, 600 Plain Bob): Margaret Roberts (first quarter) 1, Rosalind Hicks, 2, D. C. Lawson 3, J. E. Camp (cond.) 4, A. K. Fortin 5, R. I. Rothwell 6.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, R. Foreman 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, A. Foreman 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

BRAFELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Y. A. Tilley 1, C. Longland 2, F. J. Attewell 3, R. Jones 4, P. Jones 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. B. Conlon 1, Rev. P. Arnold 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, Rev. P. Dowling 5, W. G. Lavers 6. First quarter of Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 5, who belong to the Abbey community. Rung on the back 6 of the front octave.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hughes 1, P. Pickering 2, Maureen Boden 3, B. Mozley 4, D. R. Boden (first as cond.) 5, H. Turner 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4, and 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Evans (first quarter) 1, Susan J. Beresford 2, G. C. Rix 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Firkins 6. First in method for all except 3 and 5.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Alderman 1, Miss L. Badcock 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, E. J. Briden 6. Conducted by 4 and 5.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): D. Eames (14) 1, Joan Cotton 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, J. W. Cotton 4, P. W. Grice 5.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Feb. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford Bob): Rachael Newstead 1, D. W. Whent 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. J. Brunt 4, G. W. Barnes 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

COMPTON ABBAS, DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. O. B. Fanner 1, Lottie Rideout 2, Ivy Fanner 3, T. Norris 4, D. Pike (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells by Sunday Service band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Taylor 1, R. H. Bullen 2, D. A. Mellor 3, M. H. Paulson 4, G. H. Paulson 5, D. S. Gregory 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. C. Leigh 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, D. E. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: H. A. Cashmore 1, A. W. Mansfield 2, C. Truman 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Priestley 1, C. Chinnery 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, J. King 5, E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe 6.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, D. Downing (age 12) (first in method) 2, Mrs. M. Layton 3, C. Peakman (first in method) 4, R. A. Peakman 5, C. F. Jakes 6, D. Layton (cond.) 7, F. E. Jakes 8. Also for engagement of Princess Margaret.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newman 1, A. Pendlebury 2, I. Homfray 3, L. Sheesby 4, W. Farmer (cond.) 5, C. Richings 6, T. Boreham 7, H. Harrison 8.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Florence Brown 1, Brenda L. Sheppard 2, Barbara J. Beeson 3, G. W. Pipe 4, C. H. Pearson 5, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 6, J. J. Roper 7, P. Carwardine 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Robson 1, J. E. Anderson 2, G. S. Deas 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. Hedley 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, E. P. Crowdy (cond.) 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Mawdesley 1, K. Edwards 2, D. Burgess 3, G. Lloyd 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, R. Lloyd 6. By Sunday Service band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Beebe 1, R. A. Bales 2, Miss K. Greenway 3, W. R. Beebe 4, T. E. Wilson (cond.) 5, M. J. Newcombe 6.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Bart's (Doubles): P. Negus (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, Miss S. Kimmings 6.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Whitlock 1, W. Richardson 2, Miss F. Curtis 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. Langton 1, Miss J. A. Harding 2, J. M. Lakin 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, G. Pratt 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, M. Taylor 8.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Selley 1, P. J. Hart 2, Helen Sharland 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, T. Furbear 5, J. Furbear (cond.) 6, W. E. Richards 7, F. Down 8.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—At St. Paul's, on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Thompson 1, D. K. Malloch 2, F. Howard (first of Triples) 3, D. F. C. Malloch 4, S. Hodgson 5, K. Hall 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. Clegg 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, J. Maple 2, Ann Dovey 3, Jean Horton 4, B. J. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 20th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Wright 1, Mrs. P. Minchin 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, C. G. Jones 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, P. Minchin 10.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Ann Broxton 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Nadine Price 3, J. Firkins 4, N. E. Sprackling 5, E. W. Penn 6, M. Hawkes (cond.) 7, E. Leach 8.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brown (first on treble) 1, Grace M. Beardow (first 'inside') 2, A. Carter 3, W. R. Reed 4, F. K. Williamson (first as cond.) 5, K. Goldthorpe 6. Also for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones. Rung by Leeds University Campanological Society.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. J. Chapman 1, D. Hawkins 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, H. Duncan 5, P. Laws 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, T. Pearson 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 April Day (4 callings): Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. D. Fellows 3, M. J. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. First of April Day by all.

For the Engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. G. Forrester 1, B. Schofield 2, D. Henshaw 3, F. Morton 4, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 5, R. Worrall 6.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Feb. 27th, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, P. Cattermole 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

BIRTHDAY TOUCH

DUNDRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 2,100 changes (720 Beverley S. Minor, 720 Mixed Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor, 120 Stedman Doubles): J. C. Baldwin 1, B. Shackleton 2, D. J. Hunt 3, R. G. Hooper 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, F. C. Mogford 6. First of Minor and Doubles by all. A 21st birthday compliment to Bryn Shackleton.

A DATE TOUCH

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,960 Doubles (360 Rev. St. Bartholemew, 480 Plain Bob, 1,120 Grandsire): T. Norbury 1, G. Forrester 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, N. Ryder 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Wood 1, J. H. Hayne 2, J. W. Rose 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. M. W. Ford (tower captain) and Mrs. P. J. Fussard.

ABBOTT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,320 Single Minor (600 Oxford Bob, 720 Court): R. G. Hooper 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, J. Brain 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. E. Cobb 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. No 'bobs.' Rung by six bachelors (average age 25).

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Webber 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Gilbert 1, Monica Horseman 2, T. G. Phillips 3, W. P. Blake 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Brain.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor: D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, H. Parsons 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins, and a welcome return to the Rectory of Mrs. Bingley after a very long indisposition.

LONDON.—At St. James's, Clerkenwell, on Feb. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. D. Prockson 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, June Richardson 2, P. Woodgry 3, D. Fowles 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For the wedding of Valerie Ann Williamson to Rex Francis.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gloria Lamonte 1, J. R. Smith (cond.) 2, E. C. Wilson 3, P. J. L. Purslow 4, R. W. Balls 5, W. H. Holdom 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. D. T. Dick, Vicar of Cromer, on his retirement.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Russell 1, Mrs. E. Bowen (cond.) 2, Miss M. Funnell 3, Miss L. Hughes 4, Miss S. Funnell 5, Mrs. M. Barron 6. Miss J. Morgan 7, Miss A. Greaves 8. Rung by West Midland District, Ladies' Guild.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Prestley (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6. For Evensong.

HUISH CHAMPEFLOWER, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Nurcombe 1, S. Smith 2, F. Casley 3, C. W. J. Tarr 4, G. Sparks 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 3. A compliment to the Rev. M. M. K. and Mrs. Warren on their wedding.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Pointer 1, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 2, Gladys D. Kitcher (first 'inside') 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, M. L. Northway 5, R. Buchanan 6.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. E. M. Peachey 1, H. Fuller 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, R. Rose 4, J. W. Paul (cond.) 5, G. Miller 6. Rung half muffled as a token of respect to Sir Charlton Briscoe, Bart., of Lakenheath Hall, who died on February 28th.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Wane (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Moir 2, Miss D. Crook 3, D. Lawson 4, Miss M. Ross 5, J. H. Owens 6, L. Walmsley 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WEST BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, J. Ford 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Webber 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

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Members of the Selby and District Society had an unusual experience when they went to Nunburnholme in the heart of the Yorkshire Wolds to ring a peal in honour of the Royal birth. Upon oiling the bells they found the stays on the treble and second broken and the electric light out of order. The bells were rung up in peal and immediately went into changes for the peal of Minor. Upon completion, the bells were at once lowered in peal and the word 'stand' was not used. Compliments to the ringers of the treble and second.

In ringing in the peal at Brant Broughton, Lincs, on January 23rd, Mr. W. L. Exton rang his 100th peal for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Frank Oakshott, who has been ringing for 50 years, has now conducted his first peal and rung his first peal on six bells (at Esher).

A recording was taken of part of the quarter peal rung at Quedgeley, Glos, on February 21st, to be taken by Mr. F. Winter, father of the treble ringer, when he sails for Australia.

In connection with the Mission to Radstock, Somerset, the bells are being broadcast from the Parish Church on Palm Sunday before the service at 7.45. Although there is a resident Surprise Minor company, the method to be broadcast will be Grandsire Doubles.

Change-ringing at Buckfast Abbey took another step forward when four of the monks took part in a quarter of Bob Minor to celebrate the Royal birth. It is hoped that the monks will be able to ring a full peal to celebrate the golden jubilee of the bells, which occurs in the autumn this year.

The band which rang the peal of Plain Bob Major at Lichfield Cathedral on the occasion of the recent Royal birth would like to associate Messrs. Edmund Malin and Francis A. Sedgwick with it. Having 'stood by' all the week, they were unable to make 'the night.' In contrast, Clive M. Smith apologises for their meeting one short through lack of news of the event until too late—'To think I missed 3½ hours of that Taylor masterpiece,' he writes.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. David J. Marshall, who was 14 last April, was the youngest conductor, according to records we have received, to call a peal for the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen. The peal was rung at Staverton by Daventry ringers.

The peal at South Cerney, Gloucestershire, on February 26th, was the first by a local band.

The peal rung at Dinton, Buckingham, on March 5th, which Mr. A. P. Cannon claims as a first on the bells, was on a left-handed ring with the back five dating from 1682. The treble was added in 1897.

Six single men rang a 'Leap Year Day' quarter at Abbot's Leigh, in which every call was a single. The tower, too, has celibate associations. There is uncertainty about a repeat performance in 1964.

Mr. Gerald C. Hemming's band had been practising Westminster Surprise Minor for several weeks with the leap year date in mind. By a happy coincidence they were able to ring this method at Middle Littleton on February 29th in honour of the Royal birth.

The peal at East Bridgford, Notts, on February 20th, had originally been fixed as a compliment to Mr. A. V. Dent, the local tower captain, upon his retirement from a lifetime of ringing. However, the arrival of the Royal baby the day before altered things, and it is hoped to ring a peal for Mr. Dent before long. Members of the band learnt with regret that Mr. Dent was ill in hospital at the time, and wished him a speedy recovery.

The peal at North Muskham, Notts, on February 13th, was rung by members of the Newark Parish Church Society, and was the first to be recorded by the Society, founded 1898. In this peal the Master of the Newark ringers (Mr. J. W. Raithby) rang his first peal of Doubles, and has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Another feature of this peal was that Mr. Bernard Plummer rang his first peal on the bell he helped to collect money towards when the bells were augmented to six in 1935. Mr. Plummer started ringing again in 1958 after a lapse of nearly 20 years.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY AT DINNER

On January 30th a cold, wintry day greeted the 56 members and guests who made their annual pilgrimage to London for the University of London Society's Dinner. During the afternoon, ringing was enjoyed at St. John's, Deptford, and at St. Mary's, Lewisham.

The dinner was held at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, and after proposing the loyal toast the President, Mr. Philip Gray, welcomed the guests, amongst whom were the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and of the Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol University Societies.

Mr. Roger Keeley took advantage of his last opportunity to propose 'The Church.' He welcomed the Rev. Maurice Dean, the new Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, congratulating the Bishop on his excellent choice.

Replying, the Rector confessed that this was his first after-dinner speech, but his experience in the pulpit seemed to stand him in good stead. He thanked the Society for ringing the bells of St. Olave's regularly, and recounted some amusing stories at the expense of various colleagues. In a more serious vein, he expressed his pleasure at the signs of revival in the Church of England, and indicated the part the Universities could play in this.

The Master of the Society, Mr. Michael Lakin, proposed the health of the guests. After a brief summary of the Society's activities during the year, he spoke about the smaller University Societies, which were, in his opinion, sadly neglected by the 'big four.' Although the Universities' Association could do a lot to remedy this, much could be gained by discussion at annual dinners, with representatives of the smaller societies attending.

The response was made by Mr. Jim Prior, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The toast 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. Peter Langton, Master of the Cambridge University Guild. He spoke about the important part played by the University Societies in training future leaders of the Exercise. Such societies should endeavour to give their members a sense of proportion between peals and Sunday Service ringing.

At this point Mr. Alan Thirst learnt that he was to respond, and so fortified by the greater part of a bottle of Beaujolais he thanked Mr. Langton for his good wishes and those who attended for their support.

The secretary, Mr. Marcus Barton, gave details of the Whitsun and summer tours (to be organised by Peter and Denis Layton respectively).

The company then adjourned to the lounge, where many happy memories were revived, to the background of the newly acquired set of handbells. Thanks go to the organisers, Messrs. Marcus Barton and Michael Rose, for a most enjoyable day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Leatherhead District

The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District on February 6th was the introduction to such a gathering of the new Vicar (the Rev. Kenneth Ball). He gave the address at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. Marshall.

Tea and business followed in St. Nicholas' Hall, Leatherhead, youth being well represented in a company of 60. Mr. F. Oakshot is the new Ringing Master in place of Mr. H. V. Young, now residing in Somerset, and Mr. D. May filled the vacancy on the general executive committee. Several new members were elected.

A suggestion was made that the Alf Pulling memorial should take the form of a bell or bells in the ring for the new Cathedral, and a collection for them realised £1 10s. 6d.

Speaking in reply to the usual votes of thanks, the Vicar said how much he had enjoyed his first meeting, and he hoped to be meeting the ringers again soon.

A. H. S.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 12



MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.,
Master of St. Martin's Guild.

The teaching profession has provided the Exercise with many brilliant minds, but none more so than that of Edgar Shepherd, of Solihull. His splendidly written articles in this journal have met with universal admiration, and he is held in high regard by ringers everywhere. Mr. Shepherd has made valuable contributions to every department of ringing. He is a first class ringer, and a reliable conductor. His compositions, especially of Grandsire Caters, are well known, and his literary work is outstanding.

Born in Birmingham in 1898, he was educated at Solihull School and Springfield Training College, Moseley. He served in the Cheshire Regiment in France during the 1914-1918 war, was twice wounded, received the Military Medal, and was discharged disabled in 1918. He learned to ring at Solihull in 1914 but his war injuries prevented him from taking part in tower-bell ringing until 1921. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles

on handbells in 1918, by a self-taught band. He moved on to advanced ringing under the late James E. Groves and Albert Walker and rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at the Bull Ring in 1923. He commenced teaching in that year at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, and joined the ringing band at Beeston, Notts, ringing in the first peal of London in the city of Nottingham, and the first in the county by a local band.

In 1926 he returned to teach in Birmingham, and in 1932 was appointed Headmaster of Shirley School. In 1935 he was appointed Headmaster of Sharman's Cross Junior School when it was opened, and has served in that capacity for 25 years. He has been actively connected with Solihull Parish Church for 53 years as a chorister and ringer. He was deputy ringing master for 20 years and ringing master for 7 years. Most of his peal-ringing has centred in and around Birmingham, his advent being at the time when there was tremendous handbell activity in that city. He took part in peals with many of the famous Birmingham men such as Tom Miller, Tom Russam, J. E. Groves, etc., and with some like Albert Walker, still living.

The end of World War II saw a great revival of peal ringing in Surprise Methods in Birmingham under the energetic leadership of George E. Fearn, and in this Mr. Shepherd played an active part, particularly in Surprise Royal and Maximus methods. One peal of which he is particularly proud was a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at Birmingham with the Lord Mayor (Alderman A. Paddon Smith) taking part. In all he has rung 546 peals, of which 170 have been on twelve bells. Mr. Shepherd has served the St. Martin's Guild in various capacities, being elected Master in 1949, Vice-President in 1951, Librarian in 1952 and Trustee in 1957. He was elected an Hon. Member of the Central Council in 1951 and was made Convener of the Literature and Press Committee in 1954.

In 1944 he married Frances Joyce Finley, a member of an old Solihull family, and they have one daughter Mary, who is at present reading English at Bedford College, London University. Amongst his many contributions to this journal are Grandsire Caters, history of the Method; Double Norwich Caters, proof; St. Martin's Youths; History of the Tower and Bells of Solihull; a handbook on Grandsire Caters, etc., etc. JAFUS.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Gorseinon on March 5th was one of the best for a long time, when there were over 40 present. Vitality in the District was shown by the election of four new members from Gorseinon, five from Porthcawl, four from Cadoxton and one from Sketty. Visitors included two from Gloucester and Roy Thorsby, of the R.A.F.

The Vicar and the ladies were thanked by Mr. Derek Astridge for providing such an excellent tea. The Vicar (Canon Sydney Morris, R.D.) not only gave the address but presided at the business meeting.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A fine, sunny day brought visitors from Lichfield and Wolverhampton to join the Society of Sherwood Youths at their meeting at Heanor Parish Church on February 27th. After a short address by the Vicar, ladies of the church prepared a very nice meat tea, which was much appreciated.

Among the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise and Cambridge Surprise Major spliced with Oxford T.B. Major. Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. Fred Salter, chairman of the Society.

'Caput Magnisimum' writes: 'If we must have Latin in "The Ringing World" please let us have it quoted correctly and not neuter plural nouns qualified by masculine singular adjectives.'

UNIVERSITY TOURS

Bristol.—Youth hostelling, June 18th to 23rd: Glos, Worcs and Warwick.

Cambridge.—August 20th to 27th, Cambridge-shire.

London.—June 3rd to 6th: Westerham, Kent; August 20th to 27th: Birmingham.

Manchester.—July 27th to August 9th: Norfolk Broads (one week afloat).

Oxford.—April 16th to 22nd: Heathfield, Sussex.

Reading and Southampton.—July 2nd to 9th: Kent (cycling).

Tips For Beginners—12

A common difficulty is to learn not to continue staring at the rope you have already 'found.' As soon as you have found the bell you have to strike over this time, start looking immediately for the one you have to strike next.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should like to make known a slight error in the composition of 5,088 Yorkshire S. Major, contributed by myself, which appeared on page 144. The second bob 'Before' should not be bracketed, but is included in both parts.—Yours faithfully,

I. M. HOLLAND.

Sheffield.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT DINNER

The Master's Optimistic Note

THE postponed annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held at Deacon's Restaurant, London, on March 5th, was a very successful function. The new Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, was a witty chairman and struck an optimistic note in his speech of the great opportunities in front of the Cumberlands today and the encouraging attendances at their practices. Mr. Frank Matthews was the secretary to the dinner committee.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. D. Beresford were the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. and Miss Barnett, Mr. J. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mrs. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. W. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. I. Oram, the Rev. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. H. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. M. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. W. and Miss M. Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Witherington, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mrs. and Miss J. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blewer.

Mesdames F. Collins, A. Mason, D. Sakah, E. B. Lewis, Misses D. Deverell, V. Hestor, A. Hull, J. Cox, H. Talbot, Nolan, P. Miller, A. George, I. Roe.

Messrs. A. Butler, P. N. Bond, P. Beresford, N. Steere, R. Ling, J. Cooper, A. Cutler, E. Furbank, J. Hawkins, I. Zass-Ogilvie, M. Lewis, B. Jeffery, C. Dennett, J. Warner, S. Jenner, B. Baker, R. Capron, D. Leach, B. Brockington and T. W. White.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church' proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who said he could never get enthusiastic about the sin of divided Christendom. The Rev. G. Blacktop, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, expressed the hope, to the enjoyment of the company, that Mr. Barnett would never get enthusiastic about any sin.

A CHURCH ACTIVITY

Mr. Blacktop said the most happy position about bellringing was that people rang bells not merely to practise their skill but as members of their church and it was one of the church's activities. While that remained there was no fear of the tools of their craft not being regarded as the accepted equipment of the Church to be provided and maintained by the Church. He thanked the ringers for their work in the life of the Church.

Mr. Ian H. Oram in proposing 'The Society' said the Society, like many others, had a chequered history in its early days. Before 1746 they were known as the London Scholars and Trollope, years later, expressed doubt that the bells of Shoreditch were rung to welcome the Duke of Cumberland as he did not enter London by that route. The 18th century was a period when the Cumberlands held the record lengths of Stedman Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus.

In 1872 the Society elected Henry Dains as secretary, a composer of great merit whose compositions were still popular today. One of the most popular of the members was Jack Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World'.

Dealing with recent times Mr. Oram mentioned that the Society's joint meetings with the Middlesex Association were very happy occasions. He hoped that it would not be long before they had a second meeting with the College Youths. The prospects of the Society in 1960 were very good. They had elected Mr. Dennis Beresford as Master; the



MR. DENNIS BERESFORD

Beresford family had been prominent ringers for many years and it was a great privilege to have one of them as Master.

The Master in reply said he had some diffidence in occupying the chair especially when one considered the calibre of previous Masters in the post-war period such as George Cross, Herbert Audsley, who had rung over 1,000 peals, Fred Cullum, with over 300 peals rung at Erith, and Peter Bond with his great height. It was perhaps appropriate that he as a graduate of London University should be Master of their Society which started as the London Scholars.

It was well to remember the achievements of the Society and to note the rivalry between the Cumberlands and College Youths. Such rivalry was an excellent thing provided it was not accompanied by personal animosity.

THEIR DEBT

Remembering their 200 years of existence and the famous names associated with the Cumberlands, he was sure they felt, as he did, that it was a great responsibility to maintain the traditions of the Society. People who had learned their ringing through the Society should remember what a debt of gratitude they owed to the Society. They should put back into the Society what they had learnt and in doing so their Society would flourish. He thought at the present time they had one of the best opportunities they had ever had for building up the Society as they would like to see it. They were having excellent attendances at their practices and if they had equally good attendances at their meetings he was sure they would succeed.

Proposing the toast of 'The Visitors' Mr. F. J. Cullum had a special word of welcome for the Master of the College Youths and also Mr. Hawkins. It was also a great delight to have with them year by year their friends from Newark.

Reminiscing, Mr. Cullum said when he started to ring he used to walk to Crayford to ring Grandsire Doubles and he was pleased to ring it! It was to those old ringers that they owed their success and he remembered in particular the late Mr. Barnett, the grandfather of the secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. J. G. Prior in reply said their dinner clashed with a meeting of the College Youths.

He had attended the start of the meeting but when he mentioned that he had been invited to the Cumberlands' dinner they said, 'Of course, you must go.' He thought it was a very good thing that the Master of the College Youths and the Cumberlands attended each other's dinners. It was not so many years ago when such a thing would not have been thought of. Their dinner would be on November 5th but he promised them that there would be no 'fireworks.' He brought from the College Youths best wishes for continued prosperity.

NEARLY A CUMBERLAND

He owed a debt to the Cumberlands. It was Frank Matthews' grandfather who made him ring his first touch of Stedman Cinques. It was with great trepidation that he stood in as previously he had only rung Stedman Doubles. With the many members of their Society that he knew in those days, it was a surprise that he did not become a Cumberland.

Mr. T. W. White also replied.

The concluding toast, that of 'The Master,' was proposed by Mr. Frank Hawthorne.

During the evening the beautiful singing of a quartette from St. Martin's Singers was much appreciated. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by E. A. Barnett 1-2, P. Beresford 3-4, D. Beresford 5-6, Miss Joan Beresford 7-8, and P. N. Bond 9-10.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY'S RECORD HANDBELL GIMMICK

The time was 7.55 a.m. on February 29th. A group of furtive figures could be seen in Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester. Placards were being erected. 'What's going on?' thought the citizens as, peacefully, they made their way to work. Some stopped to read the posters: 'World Record, 12 Hours Non-stop.' At last the mystery was solved. Three students from Manchester College of Science and Technology were about to embark upon a marathon handbell-ringing session with a view to facilitating the extraction of money, by their colleagues, from the innocent bystanders, thereby augmenting the University Rag collections for local charities.

At 8 a.m. the ringing started, the sun came out, and people stared. During the morning several extents of Bob Minor were rung and several were lost; then came the first great spectacle of the day. Not being professional ringing record-breakers, the three tintinnabulators had decided to partake of meals at the normal times, suitably assisted by their keepers, whilst still ringing rounds. This really drew the crowds, and there was a great increase in the activity of photographers.

The weather was less kind in the afternoon, and frequent trips to the shelter of the bus station (still ringing, of course) helped to relieve the monotony, as did short periods of rounds, call-changes and Grandsire. As darkness descended, so did more rain, and the choice between getting soaked or ringing in the bus station, where the bells could not be heard above the noise of engines, eventually resulted in an agreement to stop ringing after 11 hours instead of 12.

What were the rewards of this great performance? A world record (if anyone denies this we can probably restate the facts in such a way that it is!). six severe cases of 'Bell-ringers' Elbow,' and plenty of money in the boxes for Manchester charities.

The thanks of the organisers go to the ringers (C. J. Moretti 1-2, T. Taylor 3-4, J. Pilkington 5-6), their guardians and feeders (Alf, Barry, Vasil, Jean, Rosemary), Manchester Corporation, for the use of their garden, and the Police, for turning a blind eye.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOISE ABATEMENT BILL

Dear Sir.—Mr. William Parrott's letter is timely and very much to the point. Once before, in 1925, bellringing was similarly threatened by a society calling itself 'The Society for the Prevention of Public Nuisances,' who sought to introduce a Bill into Parliament having for its object the suppression of church bellringing. The then Editor of 'The Ringing World,' the late J. S. Goldsmith, in his leading article on October 30th, 1925, commented:

'The anti-this and anti-that people, even though they be few in numbers, can very easily make a big noise... and hope to persuade Members of Parliament that, in the case of their Society, the clamour of the few represents the views of the many. ... At the same time it is well that the Exercise should prepare for eventualities. There is always the risk that by backdoor methods, and without those chiefly concerned having any knowledge of what is happening until it is too late, some clause or Bill may be smuggled through Parliament which would jeopardise the right of the Church to the use of and control over its bells. Not only is it necessary, therefore, that the Central Council should, especially under the present threat, keep an extremely vigilant look out for any Parliamentary attempt to suppress the ringing of church bells, but should get into order and ready for immediate action an efficiently organised counter attack.'

Sound advice then, and equally so now, being well summed up in the title words over the article quoted from—**VIGILANCE AND ACTION NEEDED**.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Heaton, Bradford

NEW METHODS FOR ROYAL BIRTH

Dear Sir.—For the benefit of those who like to keep precise records, the peal of Edinburgh Delight Minor rung at Warsop, Nottinghamshire, for the Royal birth was not the first in the method. This was rung at Cuddington, Buckinghamshire, on May 4th, 1957.

Sandringham Surprise Major was first rung at Warfield, Berkshire, on May 27th, 1936, and so your leader is not correct in suggesting that the peal at Spalding was the first in this method.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY MEMORIAL

Dear Sir.—I shall be grateful if, through your columns I may draw the attention of ringers to the Charles W. Blakey Memorial Fund. Mr. Blakey will be remembered with affection by many ringers throughout the country, and the members of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, of which he was secretary until his death in October last, feel that there are many who would like to join with them in providing a lasting tribute to him.

The intention is to place in the belfry at Rishton, where Mr. Blakey learned to ring, either a marble plaque or a table bearing an inscribed brass plaque to his memory. Anyone wishing to join in this appreciation should send donations to me.

JOHN PILKINGTON,
(Blackburn Branch Secretary)

407, Whalley Road,
Clayton-le-Moors,
Accrington, Lanes.

THE ROTHWELL PEAL

Dear Sir.—It amazes me that Mr. Chapman should profess ignorance of the intended footnote to the Rothwell peal when the organiser informed me of the intention at least a month before the peal, and I was not in the least connected with it. If his principles are so high he should have stood down from the peal.

In looking back through the pages of 'The Ringing World' we see many 'secular' peals, including those commemorating Oliver Cromwell, Julius Caesar, and this week, the Royal Birth. If one of our fraternity, obviously of great literary knowledge, should wish to commemorate a great literary master by ringing a peal I see no reason why not when considering the other footnotes. In fact it is a lot better than peals rung merely to allow a man to 'circle a tower' 10 times, etc. Peals are by far the best way of practising a method and striking, and so the more we ring the better is our standard likely to become. The best of luck to everyone who attempts peals, whatever their reason.

The criticism Mr. Austin introduces is a parallel to the other correspondence we are reading concerning Evesham. The choice of band is entirely up to the conductor or organiser, and the permission for the bells is the incumbent's prerogative, so any conditions laid down by the local ringers are purely selfish.

Incidentally, one cannot connect Dostoyevski with the policy of atheism pursued by the U.S.S.R.—Sincerely,

R. J. JOHNSTON.

Manchester University.

RINGING AND COMPUTERS

Dear Sir.—About two years ago it fell to my lot to deal with a large switching circuit employing electro magnetic relays. Inevitably, I considered the application of such circuits to the composition of peals. Since there is no likelihood of the device being built, I confined myself to specifying the necessary behaviour in terms of Boolean algebra. At the rate of four multi-contact relays per calling position per course, composition of one-part peals in T.B. Major methods with tenors together would require 960 relays; auxiliary circuits for displaying the results, restricting the output to peals with desired qualities or of desired length, and so on, would increase the number to 1,200 or more. This estimate assumed that adjustments to cater for the order of leads, fourth or sixth place bob, and internal falseness, would be pre-set manually. I sketched another circuit for working out false course leads from the first-half lead of a method, the rows being fed into the device manually, a pair at a time.

There is no doubt that special computers can be readily devised to solve particular ringing problems. The difficulties mentioned in recent correspondence suggest that general purpose computers, though versatile, are inherently clumsy.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Harrow, Middlesex.

PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, TORQUAY

Dear Sir.—With further reference to Mr. Donald Roberts' inquiry, there is a memorial tablet in marble to Mr. W. W. Gifford in the ringing room at St. Martin's, Salisbury, recording his services to that belfry; if I remember rightly, it says that he died at Blackford in Somerset.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

FAULTS IN COMPETITION RINGING

Dear Sir.—Recently reference was made in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' to a peal being rung 'at about 40 faults per 720,' and much has appeared recently about making 'The Ringing World' appeal to the Sunday Service ringers.

Every ringer I have addressed hereabouts, many of considerable peal experience, about the scoring of faults in competition ringing have pleaded absolute ignorance. If you were to commission an article, or series of articles, on the scoring in competition, whilst it may not further the cause of competition ringing, would it not give peal ringers and service ringers alike a system of assessing the value of a touch or peal? Most of us, I am sure, are striving for better striking, and whilst I believe that the rules demand closed leads surely they must be adaptable to open-lead ringing.

If you feel an article would not command sufficient interest I, personally, would be grateful to be put in touch with someone who could explain the system to me.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON.

Willesborough, Kent.

POINTS ABOUT CHURCH FLAG AND MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir.—I read with interest the letter by C. D. Armitage concerning the correct flag to be flown from a church tower. I was informed many years ago on good authority that the St. George's Cross is the most correct to be flown from a church tower, and this I think is generally accepted. The Union Jack, however, is not incorrect, and particularly for State occasions, such as a Royal Birthday, Her Majesty's Accession, etc., this has been our practice here for many years.

At regards muffled ringing on Sundays, this I think is generally accepted as being very much out of place. The late Rev. H. Law James, at one time Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, expressed opinion on this subject and reminded us that every Sunday was a perpetual Commemoration of the Resurrection: therefore open bells on Sunday please!—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH STOKE

Dear Sir.—I regret having to bring news of what will be a disappointment to Mr. A. P. Cannon. I took part in the first peal at South Stoke, Oxon, in the early twenties. I have not kept a record of my peals so cannot give full particulars. I think it was my second peal and was Minor in three methods, my first peal having been on October 20th, 1920, five days after my 17th birthday.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild Peal Book should have the record. I well remember the local ringers looking at us with some amazement with their heads peeping round the curtains during the later part of the peal.—Yours faithfully,

W. SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

CAPTAIN'S IN CONTROL

Dear Sir.—The Evesham Hemmings need have no fear of being accused of being childish. We have a tower in this area where no peals are allowed unless the local captain conducts. It is a very rare tower where few peals are rung.

I only wish they would move to this district and bring their Evesham bells with them, we could do with ringers of their enthusiasm in these parts to add a little life to those already here.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHPORT MEETING, 1959

MINUTES of the third session of the twenty-third Council (62nd Annual Meeting), held in the Palace Hotel, Southport, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 9th, 1959.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. C. Martin, the Mayor of Southport, Councillor R. Wood, and the President of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith. The President read a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis thanking the Council on behalf of his wife and himself for a telegram of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding, on April 29th, 1959. Mr. Lewis then presented to the President a gavel for use at the Council's meetings. Mr. Sharpe thanked Mr. Lewis on behalf of the members.

PRESENT:—

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor and T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Wing Commander J. S. Mason, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. Hoare, H. J. Sanger and Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Foskett. Cambridge University Guild: Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. Allman, J. W. Clarke and A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould and W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Mr. J. L. S. Glanville and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. P. Border, J. G. Gipson, F. W. Lack and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, L. S. Woods and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston and F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, H. N. Pistow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. J. Lewis and W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and E. Edmondson.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody and Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. P. Crook, F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley and P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild: Mr. E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association: Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society: Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles and E. G. Orland.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. H. Hawkins.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. F. H. Bennett.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members	
		Present	Absent
Wholly represented ..	32	75	—
Partially represented ..	20	49	23
Not represented ..	5	—	6
	57	124	29
Life Members ..	—	6	1
Hon. Members ..	—	13	8
		143	38

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 55 Associations were affiliated to the Council, entitled to 153 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 184. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APPLICATIONS TO AFFILIATE

Application from the Cumberland and North Westmorland and the North Wales Association were agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ainsley, C. A. Bassett, J. Bray, W. Butler, S. G. Coles, G. H. Cross, F. J. Cullum, J. T. Dyke, N. Golden, F. W. Goodfellow, J. E. Hobbs, A. A. Hughes, J. R. Mayne, T. G. Myers, Dr. D. H. Niblett, R. Overy, W. N. Park, Rev. A. S. Roberts, C. W. Roberts, Miss M. E. Snowden, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, L. Stilwell, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, W. C. West, J. Willis and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. J. W. Blythe (Suffolk Guild), J. L. S. Glanville (Devon Guild), C. H. Hawkins (St. David's Guild), D. Hoare (Bath and Wells), G. McKay (Cum-

berland and North Westmorland), D. H. B. Millward (North Wales), H. Windsor (Coventry Guild, and L. S. Woods (Essex Association).

ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mrs. O. D. Barnett and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman. Mr. H. L. Roper was elected on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett on behalf of the Standing Committee, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr. H. N. Pistow was elected to the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. F. W. Perrens as Librarian, on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and former members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. W. Bedwell (Kent), E. J. Butler (Essex), H. Dew (Chester), Rev. J. B. Frith (N. Staffs), S. J. Hughes (Dudley and District), P. J. Johnson (Leeds and District, and Yorkshire), H. Knight (Stafford Archdeaconry), J. L. Morris (Royal Cumberland Youths), H. H. Palaret and A. Smith (Salisbury) and R. Stredwick (Sussex).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Butler, Dew, Johnson, Knight and Morris and the Rev. J. B. Frith.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, 1959, and circulated to members were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(May 29th, 1959, page 350)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(May 29th, 1959, page 351)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. W. F. Oatway. It was agreed that the Librarian be given power to dispose of copies in excess of two of books in the Library printed since 1850. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed for their work during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 5th, 1959, page 368)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(May 29th, 1959, page 350)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(Report on Co-option)

(May 29th, 1959, page 352)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, pages 367-8)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(May 29th, 1959, page 351)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. Authority was given for the expenditure of £15 on a cover to contain completed biographical sheets. Tribute was paid to the work of Mr. J. Willis in writing up biographies.

BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 369)

After an amendment proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, that the committee remain in being to revise the book as necessary had been lost, the report was adopted on the proposition of Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, and the disbandment of the committee agreed to.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING COMMITTEE

(June 12th, 1959, pages 385-8)

Section I.—General. Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Section II.—Theological Colleges. Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Section III.—Suggestions for possible future lines of action by the Committee.

- (1) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, that an edited version of the report be printed and circulated to church authorities.
- (2) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. J. H. Crampion, that a draft leaflet be prepared embodying information and ideas included in the Survey.
- (3) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, that continuous contact be maintained with Theological Colleges through Associations and Guilds.
- (4) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. J. H. Crampion, that the Committee consider and make further suggestions in 1960 on ways to bring about an improvement.
- (5) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, that guidance regarding Sunday Service ringing be given on request.
- (6) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin, to investigate means of getting more propaganda into Church publications.
- (7) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, that the Committee facilitate the carrying out of suggestions from Associations arising from their study of the report, which should be submitted by Council representatives to each affiliated association's general meeting for discussion.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. P. M. J. Gray, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, to add Mr. W. F. Moreton and Dr. D. N. Layton to the Committee. A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers, seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. Dunkerley.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 370)

Adopted, subject to deletion of the reference to a peal of Double Grandsire Doubles, on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles. It was agreed that a peal in which the clappers were tied and the sound came from electrically-operated handbells should not be accepted. Mr. H. L. Roper was added to the Committee.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 368)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. The terms of reference of the Committee were amended to extend its activities to 1881 on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. B. G. Key.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. It



'Well, it is caused either by young Hemming trying to raise the tenor "right" or that fast peal they talk so much about.'

[With apologies to Evesham bell tower.]

was agreed that the collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques should be proceeded with that Mr. C. W. Roberts be asked to forward such compositions as he has collected to Mr. Critchley.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. Mr. J. H. Crampion paid tribute to the work of the Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES

On the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by M. A. D. Baker, Rule 11(i) was amended by deleting all after the words 'Honorary Secretary' in line 9 and substituting 'by not later than 31st March before the meeting.'

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. H. Miles:—

'That this Council considers the organisation of courses which would cater, possibly by means of simultaneous lectures, for the needs both of more experienced and less experienced ringers, and if in favour of such courses, begins to hold them as soon as possible.'

An amendment proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. G. McKay, to delete all after 'begins' and substitute 'to organise such courses as soon as possible, provided no expense to the Council is incurred,' was carried. The motion as amended, was carried and it was agreed that the matter be left to the Sunday Service Committee.

(b) Proposed by Mr. A. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. G. I. Lewis, and carried:—

'That although true six-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles cannot be obtained without calls when the treble is behind as well as when it is on the front, in view of the fact that twelve-scores on the same principle as Pitman's twelve-scores of Grandsire Doubles have been obtained, Double Grandsire Doubles consisting of such twelve-scores shall be recognised by the Council.'

(c) Proposed by Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. A. J. Martin:—

'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other

building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

The motion, as amended, was carried.

An amendment proposed by Mr. F. Dunkerley, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, to insert the words 'on tower bells' after 'record attempt' and delete all after the word 'contained' was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the North Staffordshire and Kent County Associations. The latter was accepted, the venue to be as decided by the Association.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Southport, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool and the President of the Lancashire Association for their welcome; to the Vicar of Christ Church, Southport, for the use of his church for Holy Communion and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. F. Dunkerley and other members of the Lancashire Association for local arrangements; to the Lancashire Association for its hospitality and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the Mayor and Corporation of Southport at tea.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The fine weather on February 27th brought an attendance of 66 members to the annual meeting of the Llandaff Branch, held at New-castle Church, Bridgend, where there is a fine ring of bells.

The Vicar (Rev. T. Jones) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union, who were thanked by Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

Mr. A. Hannington was elected Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. M. Roderick representative to the Central Council, and Mr. R. E. Coles hon. secretary and treasurer. Ten new members were elected and life membership conferred on Mr. Royston Crosby. The next meeting will be at Aberavon.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halse, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5923

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5898

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Black Notley. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Braintree bells (8) also available from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. only. 5860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4914

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, March 19th. Arrangements: Ringing at St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Further ringing at All Hallows', 6.30 to 8 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 5933

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Winthorpe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5861

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, March 21st, 7.45 p.m., St. Mary's, Battersea. Special Method: Yorkshire Surprise Major. Please note tower change. Everyone welcome.—Rogers. 5945

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent, Saturday, March 26th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5955

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Misson, Saturday, March 26th. Bell (6) 3 p.m. Please bring own food.—R. J. Sanderson. 5952

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting March 26th, 3.15 p.m. Darlington (St. John). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to Mr. F. W. Cooke, 10, Limehurst Road, Darlington. 5961

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting on Saturday, March 26th, at South Normanton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Doughty, Downing Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5953

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 2.5th.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5957

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Ambrose (8), Bristol, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea, and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 5958

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Badgeworth (6), March 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 22nd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5957

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting (Nomination) will be at Hunslet Parish Church (8) on Saturday, March 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before March 23rd, to Miss I. Green, 33, Arthington Place, Leeds 10. 5936

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., Service 4.30, Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford. Mr. Hinckley, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5939

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Somerby, Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. at Somerby Vicarage. Names for tea please by Wednesday, March 23rd to Mr. Cyril Tyler, No. 1, West View, Somerby, Leicestershire. 5941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—West Wycombe, March 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 21st.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5949

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Farnsfield, Saturday, March 26th (note change of venue). Bells (5) 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Thursday, March 24th, Miss I. Roe, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield, Newark.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 5855

SUFFOLK GUILD.—W.C. District.—Evening meeting, Walsham-le-Willows (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. 5943

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Ewell, Saturday, March 26th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special method. Ashted.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5944

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Rye on March 26th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing possibly at Iden after tea. Tea notifications to F. Beeney (secretary), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 5940

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4 p.m. Advance Notice. Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Full details of ringing and luncheon arrangements later. The 323rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, 1960.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 5946

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Penshurst on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d.). Names for tea, with cash please, by Tuesday, March 29th to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5926

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Saturday, April 2nd, Norton-in-the-Moors. Bells 3 p.m., Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th, to Mr. C. S. Ryles, Four Winds, Lancaster Drive, Norton.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5959

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting at Bungay (8), On Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please order tea by sending names by the previous Wednesday to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5942

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea.—G. Davies. 5956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m., Bell Hotel (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Kevcol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications, and nominations for Central Council representatives, 1960-3, by April 12th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 5905

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Morecambe, April 30th, 1960. 5948

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Elloe Deaneries Branch elected new officers at their annual meeting at Spalding on February 27th. The Rev. R. W. H. Nind, who conducted the service, is leaving after Easter to take up a mission post in Jamaica, and in his place the Rev. G. Jakeman was elected president. Mr. M. Bennett asked to be relieved of his post as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. B. B. Tyrell was elected to fill the position. The accounts showed that the Branch was in a healthy position. Quarterly meetings were arranged for Crowland, Quadding, Lutton and Donington.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

WYCHBOLD

At the beginning of 1959 the St. Mary-de-Wyche, Wychbold, company was practically non-existent, there being only five regular members for six bells. In February and March 14 youngsters were taught to handle a bell, and ten are still in the company.

Under the captaincy of Mr. Arthur D. Cook, steady progress has been made. On September 27th two of the beginners rang in a local quarter for harvest festival. Since that date eight local quarters have been rung and five beginners have scored their 'first'. Members of the choir (which includes ten ringers) have also rung a quarter. By invitation, a quarter has been rung at St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich Spa, the first on the bells for several years.

Two of the young ringers rang their first peal on November 14th, and on December 16th, to mark the 70th anniversary of the casting of Wychbold bells, a peal of Grandsire was rung by a band of an average age of 15½ years, which included four local ringers. The target for 1960 is a peal of Minor by a local band.

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MR. WILLIAM C. LAMPARD

In the death of Mr. William C. Lampard on February 21st, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild lost one of its oldest and most faithful members. Mr. Lampard, who was aged 85, was one of the members of the first change-ringing band to ring regularly at Winchester Cathedral under the late Mr. W. H. George. At the time of his death, Mr. Lampard was captain of the ringers, and in his 70th year of service as a ringer at Winchester Cathedral. Under his able tuition, many of the boys attending Winchester College learnt their early ringing. Mr. Lampard was also for a time, the honorary secretary of the Winchester District of the Guild.

The funeral service, held in Winchester Cathedral on February 25th, was attended by many civic dignitaries of the city of Winchester, including the Mayor. Prior to the service the bells of the Cathedral were rung half muffled by a representative band of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. At the graveside handbells were rung by members of the Cathedral band.

A memorial quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung by members of the Guild on March 2nd at the Cathedral.—R. R. S.

APPRECIATIONS

Winchester Cathedral has lost a very dear friend in Mr. William Charles Lampard, captain of the ringers, and associated with them for 69 years. He died at the age of 85 on February 21st as a result of a fall.

On the previous Sunday he was hale and vigorous; his rospight was keen and his mental alertness was unimpaired as he called the changes. His innate dignity and courtesy, blending with a natural instinct for service and kindness, made him a beloved leader and a delightful companion. As a boy from 1884 to 1890 he was educated with the Quiristers at Winchester College. He excelled in his youth at cricket, football, and swimming; and his love of healthy exercise strengthened his fondness for change-ringing, in which he instructed countless newcomers with patience and cheery encouragement.

He was a first-rate creative craftsman as a woodcarver; and many churches were adorned with screens and stalls, which he had made. His regularity and punctuality were of the highest standard; and the 119 worn steps leading to the ringers' chamber in the 12th century Norman tower bear the impress of his long years of faithful service.

Among the many ringers who have learnt with sorrow of the recent death of Mr. Lampard are those Wykehamists who learnt to ring at Winchester Cathedral while the College bells were out of action. During the years when Wilfred Andrews was in charge at the Cathedral, Mr. Lampard, then his deputy, was always ready with help and advice to us learners; and latterly during his own term of office he had taught many more himself.

In his young days he had been a 'Quirister,' or College choirboy, and fortunately for us remembered that time with great pleasure. He rang on the College bells on the few occasions that they were rung this century before their recent rehanging, and had helped frequently since then; and the recent peal there would have been impossible without his teaching and encouragement.

Unfortunately, most of us learnt of his death too late to do more than send flowers to his funeral; but we shall all feel that we have lost a very good friend. B. D. T. and D. J. R.

MR. J. HURRELL

We record with regret the death of Mr. Jim Hurrell, of Eltham, Kent, at the age of 82. For many months past he had been in indifferent health, and had just recently been admitted to Farnborough Hospital.

Jim Hurrell commenced ringing on the old six at Eltham, and helped maintain the band when the bells were increased to eight in 1924. He was very keen on ringing quarter peals for services, and always gave a warm welcome to visitors at practices or on Sundays. His son,

Frederick J. Hurrell, soon acquired his father's interest in ringing, and has held the position of captain for several years past.

Though primarily a Sunday service ringer, Jim had rung some 56 peals, all in the Lewisham district. His first was Holt's Original at Deptford in May, 1913, and the last—the same composition—at Eltham in January of last year. The list includes Grandsire (which makes up half the total), Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob. Over 20 of his peals were rung on Eltham bells.

The funeral was held on February 18th at the Eltham Crematorium and was attended by relatives, friends and ringers from several neighbouring towers. A half-muffled quarter peal was unfortunately unsuccessful. Sympathy is extended to his wife, daughter, and son Frederick.

May he rest in peace.

THE VEN. ELLIS NORMAN GOWING AN APPRECIATION

The Vicar of Prittlewell made a very rich contribution to the work of God in Essex. He was a native of Australia, where he was ordained, and came to the 'Old Country,' as he called us, in 1909 or 1910, and served for some time as curate at St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green. When the vicar of that church (John Edwin Watts-Ditchfield) became the first Bishop of Chelmsford in 1914, he became the Bishop's chaplain, and in 1917 became the Vicar of Prittlewell. Remaining so until his death on March 2nd, he served the Church in Essex as Canon, Rural Dean and Archdeacon of Southend, and undoubtedly his influence was felt in every department of Church work in Essex and did much to establish the new-formed diocese of Chelmsford.

He took an active interest in bell-ringers and the belfry. He was elected an honorary member of the Essex Association in 1920; later vice-president and life vice-president. When in 1929 the ringing at Prittlewell fell to a low state, he led the new recruits by learning to ring himself, and was very proud of his one and only performance, that of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, rung on March 14th, 1929, at Prittlewell. Many ringers will remember his words of wisdom when asked to preach at annual meetings, his interest in the ringers and the belfry on his visitations as Archdeacon and visits as Rural Dean. The belfry to him was an important part of the church.

He was a man of simple faith, a friend to every man and woman with whom he came in contact, a man of great tenacity, perseverance, sometimes impatient of procrastination and bureaucracy in high places, and yet listening to the advice of the humblest man in whatever council he found himself.

He leaves a memorial in the Parish Church of Prittlewell, which he has been instrumental in restoring wholly, including the tower and belfry and the furnishing thereof, the church schools adjoining, and the daughter churches of Southend and District, which he founded.

Sadness fills our hearts in not having his earthly presence, but gladness and thanksgiving to God for his friendship and all his work for the Church in Essex. May we try to follow his example. F. B. L.

MR. ALLAN LUKE TOWNEND

Allan Townend passed away at his home suddenly on Sunday, February 28th, after ringing for morning service at his own beloved Parish Church of St. Michael, Mottram. The funeral service and burial took place on March 3rd and was attended by a large congregation. His bells, which he loved so dearly, were rung half-muffled before the service by the local band and friends, under the leadership of Mr. John Heap, who had been a particular friend of Allan's. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Dorothy M. Heap 1-2, Frank Osbaldiston 3-4, Trevor Taylor 5-6, John Heap 7-8.

It was fitting that in the afternoon a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung by a band consisting mainly of students of the University of Manchester, where Allan himself graduated

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Bowles 1, F. W. E. Carter (first 'inside') 2, H. N. Evans 3, P. E. Parry 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, I. Buckland 6. First quarter by pupils and staff of Bristol Cathedral School.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, New Cambridge and Superlative): L. Hughes 1, J. I. Dear 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8. First of Spliced by all except the conductor and by a Sunday Service band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, R. Simpson 4, J. Jeffery 5, G. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Harriet Crick, mother of the Master of the Sussex Association, Reg. V. Johnson.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: V. Griffin 1, P. Wakefield 2, C. G. Jones 3, E. Sutton 4, A. T. Collins 5, W. H. Trueman 6, A. R. Peake 7, B. Bladen (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by all the band except the conductor. A welcome to Paul Trueman, grandson of the 6th ringer.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Jan. 31st at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,272 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford, 552 Kent): Audrey E. Peters 1, J. H. Fryer 2, W. D. Watson 3, Robert J. Klima 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First of Kent and Oxford for 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rung half muffled in memoriam Tom Howell (77) member of N.S.W. Association since its inception and a ringer for 55 years.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Diggins (first Triples) 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, P. D. Chapman 4, F. W. Sykes 5, D. A. Hewitt 6, T. Hawkings (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Vowles 1, Mrs. G. Bishop (first 'inside') 2, A. H. T. Parker 3, P. H. Marshall 4, R. Brice 5, C. Bishop 6, H. Knight (cond.) 7, T. Baker (first of Triples) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Judith Price and Dr. D. I. D. Hodge. Also the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Winsor, sister of the ringer of the 3rd, and godmother of the bride.

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