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CONDUCTING STEDMAN

ALTHOUGH there are in existence complicated touches and peals of Stedman of various types, the conductor of average ability is normally content with those that follow the customary pattern, apart from a few different lengths that he may know by heart. In Triples, Thurstans' Four-part or one of its variations is by far the most popular peal; while in Caters and Cinques peals with the first part in the Tittums and the second part in the Hand-stroke, with the seconds and fifths place bells fixed in addition to the back bells, far outnumber the rest.

An excellent analysis of Thurstans' Four-part with some valuable hints on its calling can be found in Mr. Trollope's 'Stedman.' A simple formula that can be very helpful is this: Rounds and Rounds Reversed, Queen's and Queen's Reversed; or, if we are calling Heywood's, Queen's and Queen's Reversed, Rounds Reversed and Rounds. This gives a ready reminder of the order of the 'part' bells and of the cyclical changes that come up a whole pull before the part-end. The Queen's changes (13524, 35241, etc.) and Queen's Reversed (42531, 53142, etc.) occur in the half-peal between the singles, the Rounds (12345, 23451, etc.) and Rounds Reversed (54321, 43215, etc.) in the other half. Furthermore, the Queen's changes occur between the extra bobs at 7/8, and the Rounds Reversed changes between the omits.

Thus in Heywood's Variation the single puts us into the Queen's Reversed position, and since our initial sixths place bell is the 5th we know that the next will be the 3rd and that the previous part bell would have been the 2nd. This knowledge will make it easy for us to remember the bells dodging behind at the various calling positions, e.g., 2 and 6 at the 4-bob set, 2 and 5 at 12/13, etc.; we also know that our cyclical part-end will be 31425. The second part-end should be 14253, but the calling of the extras puts us into the Queen's section with the 4th as the part bell so that the cyclical part-end is 13524, followed by 35241, 52413, 24135, 41352. Then the second extras put us back into Queen's Reversed and we have the part-end previously postponed, 14253, followed by 42531, 25314, 53142. The second single restores the Rounds position, but as the omits immediately follow we go into the Rounds Reversed section starting with 54321, followed by 43215, 32154, 21543 and 15432. Then the second omits restore the Rounds position and we end with the familiar quarter peal commencing with 23451 and finishing with 12345.

The easiest peals of Caters and Cinques are those with the treble in seconds place and the fifth or the sixth in fifths place and their calling should present little difficulty after a few touches constructed on the same plan. As most Stedman ringers know, all that it is necessary to learn is the order of the trebles place bells, a starting course and a turning course. Then the following formula or some slight variation of it will produce a peal containing all or most of the best courses (cf. Carter's Broadsheet). In a 'half-and-half' peal call a starting course putting the sixth into fifths place then a block of eleven courses with bobs at 16 plus bobs at 5 when needed to change the trebles place bell; call a single and repeat; then call a turning course, which need contain but two or three calls, and then repeat the first half-peal.

If, as many conductors do, we prefer a peal of Caters with two-thirds in the Tittums it is usual to start with the fifth at home during the first part, which will then contain the course-ends with 5 and 6 at home. Next the sixth is made trebles place bell by an appropriate bob at 5 and is then shifted into fifths place by a bob at 4 (which it makes) in the next course or the one after. Then we ring the Tittums portion again with the 65 course ends, call a turning course and then, we might almost say, 'rounds as usual.'

Orthodox peals of Cinques are, if anything, even easier to call since we do not need to have the fifth in trebles place so much, while with two thirds in the Tittums we do not need it there at all. In fact, in the latter case the fifth or sixth becomes a 'half-hunt' bell when not in fifths place being alternately fourths and sixths place bell at the course-end, and makes the bob at all the calls at 6 after dodging with the fifths place bell. So after the starting course all we have to do is to call a bob at every 19 and a bob at 6 every other course when we see the sixth in position to make it. At this point also the new trebles place will be seen dodging down in 11/10 with the old one. After 2, 3 and 4 have all been trebles place for 2 courses each we call a single instead of a bob at 6 and repeat. We then allow the sixth to become thirds place bell with an extra 19, put it into trebles place with a bob at 6 in the next course and then into fifths with a bob at 5. Then the twelve courses with calls at 6 in alternate ones are repeated producing the 65 Tittums course-ends; a turning course follows, very often the simple one with a bob at 2 and singles at 13 and 15; and finally a block of courses in the Hand-stroke on the same simple plan. [Contd. next page]

An experienced conductor will naturally transpose the course-ends as he proceeds and will be able to tell at almost every six whether all is well. For instance, he will know in the Tittums that in the ninth six when the tenth is coming out slow the trebles and fifths place bells will be dodging in 4/5, the treble itself with the eleventh in 8/9. Or again two sixes later when 11 and 8 are behind the treble will be in 4/5 with the trebles place bell and 9 and 10 together in 6/7 as the seventh comes out slow. Such familiarity with the positions of the fixed bells at various points in the course will enable a trip to be quickly righted while the greatest danger to any peal of Stedman, that someone will force his way to the front in the wrong way and 'swop' the sixes, may be averted.

More ambitious conductors may choose with four, eight or even more turning courses, or with the seconds place and fifths place bells frequently changed (by calls at 5 and 18). But they will find that some of the beauty of the music will be lost, although there may be an increase in the 'interest' of the ringing. Certainly peals of the type outlined above should satisfy the average conductor and all but the most expert of bands.

F. E. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
*RONALD H. DOVE 2	HARRY G. WAYNE 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN HILL 9
†BRIAN AUSTIN 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.. 5	LEONARD TREVOR 11
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
 * First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Trevor on the birth of a son.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*J. B. GUY Treble	†S. R. G. TURNER 6
MISS K. HIGGINS 2	P. PRESTON 7
*†O. M. SLANEY 3	M. E. H. BARROW 8
††MISS D. M. PANTING.. 4	F. P. WRIGHT 9
††MISS S. M. BROWN .. 5	P. BORDER Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by J. B. GUY.
 * First peal on ten tower bells and of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman. †† First peal on ten bells. § First peal on tower bells. First peal on ten bells and of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells rung for the Society by a resident band.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5151 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

HOWELL HOWELL Treble	SAMUEL BIRCH 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY 2	*GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
 * First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal. Rung on the eve of the Ringers' Festival (Holy Trinity).

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	*JOHN J. OLIVER 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 2	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 8
*ENID M. ROBERTS 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT 9
*MOLLY P. FLYNN 5	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal on ten bells.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RALPH BIRD Treble	FRANK C. MAY 6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	†JOHN E. CANNELL 7
PHILIP A. SADLER 3	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	GERALD FROST 9
†MICHAEL FULLER 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN E. CANNELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

*MARTIN WEBB Treble	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 6
AUDREY M. BAILEY 2	FREDK. J. SPICER 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 8
HERBERT G. MASON 4	GEORGE W. DFBENHAM .. 9
HAROLD V. FROST 5	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

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

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble	FRANK A. PENN 6
WALTER H. TRUEMAN 2	ROGER O. FRY 7
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
GEORGE J. HAWKINS 5	WILLIAM R. BAXTER .. Tenor

Composed by E. GUISE.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

Rung half-muffled. In memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	HARRY PYE 7
*ROGER B. MORRIS 3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.. 8
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY 9
JOHN W. BEST 5	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (37).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5
ANNE B. STOCKDALE 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
*ANTHONY AGER 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	JOHN HILL 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY Treble	*BERNARD G. MOORE .. 5
JAMES H. LILLEY 2	JAMES W. JEFFERY .. 6
GEORGE APPS 3	RAYMOND OVERY .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal on eight bells.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY PARKER Treble	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN .. 5
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2	*HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
ERIC HORNEY 3	DENNIS MADDOCK .. 7
CECIL RADDON 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Oxford. Birthday compliments to H. W. Howard and Kenneth Parker.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN HARRIS (Man.) .. Treble	PHILIP P. CARTER (Man.).. 5
*A. R. POCKLINGTON (Not.) 2	ERIC NIXON (Man.) .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON (Liv.).. 3	W. L. ROBINSON (Man.).. 7
PETER E. PARRY (Man.).. 4	DEREK OGDEN (Man.) .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Major in the method. Rung to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. G. W. Parkinson, the local tower captain.

KINGSWINFORM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	TREVOR REYNOLDS .. 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 2	*GEORGE PAGE 6
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 3	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

PETER N. BOND Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL 2	JOHN W. MEADE .. 6
ERNEST TREAGUS 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	†BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 2	WALTER G. SOAR .. 6
SIDNEY H. JONES .. 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 4	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First Surprise peal. † 250th peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. John Underwood, of the Whitwick band, and Miss Jean Collett, who were married this day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

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

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 5
JAMES BULLOCK 2	JOHN H. LOTT 6
*SHEILA BOOTH 3	JOHN W. WARD 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	HARRY F. PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

* First peal in the method. Engagement compliment to Sheila. Booth and Leonard Bullock. Also birthday compliment to Miss Lorraine Stella.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN.. 5
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 6
THOMAS W. CROWE 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
MARGARET FIDELL 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the newly restored bells. A compliment to Miss Joyce Lewis, formerly of Newcastle, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Geoffrey Dodds.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. Treble	JOHN BRAMLEY 5
*F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 2	†ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 6
*GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3	†DAVID S. HARRIS .. 7
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Jean A. Brooks, of this tower, who was unable to stand in through illness.



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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	..Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY	.. 5
LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS	.. 2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	.. 6
DONALD E. LEE	.. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST	.. 7
GRAHAM R. EYLES	.. 4	SIDNEY G. GRANT	.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

A compliment to Mr. J. Harding, for 54 years a ringer at this church.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Transposition.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
BLANCHE M. BALL	..Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH	.. 5
JOHN W. MEADE	.. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT	.. 6
ERNEST TREAGUS	.. 3	JOHN H. HUNT	.. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	.. 4	PETER N. BOND	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*REGINALD BULLOCK	..Treble	LESLIE EVANS	.. 5
JOHN BOURNE	.. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	.. 6
WILFRID F. MORETON	.. 3	REGINALD T. JONES	.. 7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	.. 4	†WILFRED STOKES	.. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal away from the tenor and on eight bells. † First peal. Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ARTHUR MASON	..Treble	RALPH BIRD	.. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	.. 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM	.. 6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	.. 3	GEORGE BUTCHER	.. 7
FRANK WALKER	.. 4	JAMES BENNETT	.. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	..Treble
ROLAND BENISTON	.. 2
*RICHARD E. MANTON	.. 3
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	.. 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON	.. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL	.. 6
ERNEST MORRIS	.. 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	.. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A wedding compliment to John A. Underwood.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
PAUL L. TAYLOR	..Treble
HAROLD J. POOLE	.. 2
MRS. H. J. POOLE	.. 3
ERNEST W. RAWSON	.. 4
JOHN E. UNDERWOOD	.. 5
ALFRED BALLARD	.. 6
DONALD PRICE	.. 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	.. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to John E. Underwood and Jean Collett, of Whitwick.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.	
HAROLD WALKER	..Treble
*HERBERT P. CLIFF	.. 2
†WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	.. 3
THOMAS W. CROWE	.. 4
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	.. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR	.. 6
ERIC N. HARRISON	.. 7
DENIS A. BAYLES	.. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † 50th peal for this Association. In memoriam Ernest Wallace.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
PHILIP A. CORBY	..Treble
WILLIAM ROGERS	.. 2
THOMAS J. LOCK	.. 3
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	.. 4
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	.. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	.. 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS	.. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN	.. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS (C.C.C. 8). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.	
CHARLES H. MOORE	..Treble
STANLEY W. COPLING	.. 2
CEDRIC CURSON	.. 3
ERNEST G. SHORTING	.. 4
GEORGE SAYER	.. 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	.. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN	.. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	.. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Andrew James Corrigan.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*EDWARD LANKESTER	..Treble
*DAVID W. BEARD	.. 2
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE	.. 3
*WILFRED WILLIAMS	.. 4
*CHARLES H. KIPPIN	.. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	.. 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	.. 7
*FRANK E. DARBY	.. Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.	
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	..Treble
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	.. 2
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	.. 3
EDMUND E. PEARSON	.. 4
FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	.. 5
GEORGE F. BURTON	.. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH	.. 7
ALAN R. PINK	.. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the Feast of St. David.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.	
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	..Treble
ERNEST STITCH	.. 2
*GEORGE PAGE	.. 3
†ALFRED C. BOXLEY	.. 4
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	.. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY	.. 6
HOWARD HOWELL	.. 7
MAURICE G. TURNER	.. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a working bell.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLESBeing ten extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure,
April Day and Grandsire, and one of Morris' 240.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

ALBERT KELVIE Treble	DOUGLAS F. DRIVER .. 4
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 2	MAVIS COOMBER .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	*STAN MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS F. DRIVER.

*First peal. First peal as conductor and first peal in four Doubles methods by all the band.

KIRK-ELLA, EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*NORINA BOND Treble	*IAN A. COWPERTHWAIT 4
*VERA G. ALLEN 2	G. RICHARD HESSEY .. 5
*HARRY B. NICHOLSON .. 3	*TREVOR PEAT Tenor

Conducted by G. RICHARD HESSEY.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local service ringers. Rung half-muffled in memoriam King George VI.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*W. LESLIE WELLER .. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. 4
*BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	*JOHN W. MEADE .. 5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

*First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled, in memoriam to Ben Foster, of Coates, for many years a ringer at Fittleworth.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL .. Treble	BRIAN H. WOOD .. 4
JAMES TAYLOR 2	KENNETH HARTLEY .. 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

Rung fully muffled in memory of the late Mr. J. T. Howarth, churchwarden, and for 30 years headmaster of the parish school.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE PRESCOTT .. Treble	ROY COLEMAN .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	*DENNIS HAWKINS .. 5
SAM WHITE 3	*JOHN BAKER Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

*First peal. The treble ringer has now circled the tower.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT .. Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	JOHN D. ROCK 5
REV. BERNARD AP IVOR .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First peal on six bells.



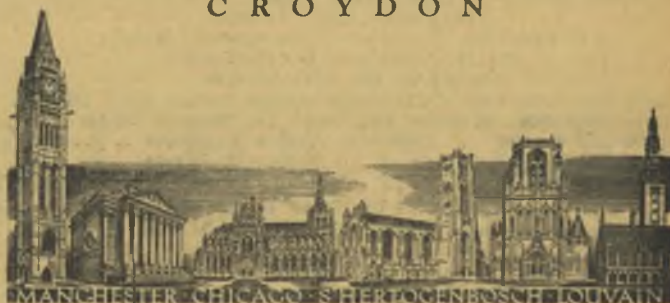
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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

*FREDK. W. SWEET Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 4
*CECIL T. CLARKE 2	*RONALD D. SHORT 5
GORDON WALFORD 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in more than one Minor method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHARDSTOCK, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' Arrangement.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT .. Treble	*NORMAN MALLETT 4
ROGER KEELEY 2	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
*ARTHUR J. SCOTT 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

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

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's differently called.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	GEORGE PICKERING 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HAROLD L. WYKES 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS,

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Thirty extents of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS R. GRAY (Newn) .. Treble	R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 4
P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. 2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 5
E. W. TAYLOR (Emma) 3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Conducted by F. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except conductor.

BRACEBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: Sixteen of Grandsire, ten of Plain Bob, six of St. Simon's, three each of Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Old Doubles and April Day, and one of Hurdibras. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT SCOTT Treble	RAYMOND WADE 3
CECIL WADE 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
BERNARD WADE Tenor	

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. R. Towers, Rector of Braceborough since April, 1951.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

HENRY T. WILSON .. Treble	ARTHUR J. BRYANT 4
ROBIN N. PITTMAN 2	HERMON J. OLIVER 5
LAWRENCE H. TURNER .. 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. L. Kirk. Mr. Kirk has been a churchwarden of Downham since 1929, and when residing at Shenfield 40 years ago gave the new tenor to make the present ring of six at that church.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Guilsborough Branch.)

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MICHAEL F. AMOS .. Treble	*ALBERT COOPER 3
ARTHUR MILLWARD 2	STEPHEN J. SUMMERS .. 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day (three callings), Plain Bob (four callings), and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*DAVID W. BARR .. Treble	†DENNIS BERESFORD .. 4
*CLIVE M. SMITH 2	†PETER BERESFORD 5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 3	†BRYAN E. CARSON Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. † First peal of Doubles in three methods on tower bells. ‡ First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Fulbeck, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 4
*C. WILLIAM NUTT 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in ten methods.

COWLEY, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. Treble	CHARLES COLES 4
*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GORDON R. WHEWELL .. Treble	BRIAN H. WOOD 4
KENNETH HARTLEY 2	PETER CROOK 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

First in the method for all and on the bells.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

WILLIAM J. VANN .. Treble	*A. JAMES STUART 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 5
*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST 4
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

A memorial peal to Mr. S. J. Hector.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford.

HARRY HARRINGTON .. Treble	*GORDON D. WHITEHEAD 4
*BERNARD W. PANKHURST 2	*BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 5
LUTHER J. HONESS .. 3	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSEY.

*First peal in three methods. A birthday compliment to Miss Randerson and Mr. Caves, also to Mrs. Pankhurst.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT SYRRAH, BUCKMINSTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN BRAMLEY 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
JOHN J. MORRIS 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A wedding compliment to Gordon A. Olliffe and Jean M. Ward, ringers of St. Margaret's and All Saints', Leicester, respectively.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED ROYAL

In seven methods, comprising 1,440 Plain Bob; 1,152 Little Bob; 720 each of Reverse and St. Clement's Bob; 432 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, and 288 Crayford Little Bob, with 395 changes of method.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10	

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

The most methods yet rung to a peal of Royal. A compliment to Mr. Arthur G. Janes on his 76th birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALAN A. POTTS 1-2	JOHN WORTH 5-6
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 3-4	GERALD FARRER 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The conductor's 600th peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 26 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Little Oxford, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow and Kent Little Court; 352 changes of method.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

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At St. Mary's, South-
ampton, on March 9th, for
morning service, 1,260
Grandsire Triples was rung non-conducted and
silent. No word was spoken. After three
whole pulls of rounds the band went into
changes and ended with another three whole
pulls of rounds.

The Editor will be pleased to consider for
submission to the Editorial Committee articles
of appropriate interest for the front page of
'The Ringing World.'

Miss Doris H. Sheppard, the popular chair-
man of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester
and Bristol Diocesan Association, is the first
lady member of the Branch to ring 25 peals.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth,
thanks her many ringing friends who have in-
quired after her well-being since her recent
operation.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick writes pointing out
that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung
at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday, Feb-
ruary 23rd (see page 166), was on the front
eight. The weight of the tenor should, there-
fore, read 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Mr. P. L. Taylor gave a lecture to the Rother-
ham Engineering Society on bellfounding on
February 29th. Prior to the lecture Mr. Taylor
joined in about 40 minutes' ringing at Rother-
ham Parish Church specially arranged to wel-
come him. The ringers also attended the lecture,
which proved most instructive.

Miss Barbara Hamilton Baynes who, on
March 2nd rang her first quarter peal at Edg-
baston Old Church, only commenced learning
to handle a bell at this church in May, 1951.
She is a grand-daughter of the late Bishop
Hamilton Baynes, a former popular Provost
of Birmingham Cathedral, and Assistant Bishop
of the Diocese. She is to be congratulated on
her progress.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Among the footnotes
deleted this week was one
of 'Last peal of Doubles.'
We know that some ringers find Doubles ring-
ing tedious, but an expression of this character
at the completion of a peal is not an appro-
priate footnote. Many have made a mental
'chalk' mark in their memory to such effect,
but we have no intention of compiling such a
list.

Sapcote, Leics, Sunday service band rang their
first peal on the bells on which they were taught
to ring, on March 1st.

There was a raw 'deal' at Birmingham on
Saturday night when a nightcap of orangeade
was brought to a well-known London ringer.

Now that spring is definitely in the air there
is talk of taking the high road to Inveraray for
another peal attempt—probably in May.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Syston
on February 23rd was the first peal in this
method on the bells since 1909.

Mr. Michael Freeman, younger son of Mr.
J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan
Guild, is to be ordained at Gainsborough
Parish Church on March 23rd.

Mr. James Turner, a ringer at Birmingham
Cathedral, is in hospital suffering from pneu-
monia. At the Henry Johnson dinner, at the
request of the Master, the secretary was in-
structed to convey to him the good wishes of
the company for his speedy recovery.

The advice of Mr. Rodney Meadows 'that a
hat makes all the difference' we were confiden-
tially told at Birmingham is to be tried next year
by a young lady from London who did not re-
ceive an invitation for a peal attempt this year.
Her first peal, incidentally, was one of London
rung with the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and
other national personalities from the Chester
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THE 'Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner, held last Saturday at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, was another of those happy reunions. In many respects it was a brilliant gathering—wit and epigram were intermingled in the speeches, and the Master, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, with his vast lore of Birmingham civic and ringing history to draw on and his genial personality, made an ideal chairman for such a gathering.

The Master was supported by the Very Rev. Michael Clarke (Provost of Birmingham) and Mrs. Clarke, Canon Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, the Rev. W. G. Griffin (Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church), Alderman T. B. Pritchett, Lt.-Col. D. Paddon Smith and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary), and Mrs. Fearn, Mr. E. C. Shepherd (librarian) and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. G. W. Critchley (Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole (Leicester), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs (Reigate), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bibby (Frodsham), Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newman (Herts), Mr. and Mrs. W. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens (Reading), Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis (London), Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baker (Chester).

Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet), Miss M. Fidell, Miss R. Joyce Pett, Miss A. Diserens, Miss M. Jackson and Miss R. Phillips.

Messrs. P. L. Taylor, H. M. Howard, A. Patrick Cannon, Rodney B. Meadows (Penarth), E. Edmondson (Liverpool), T. J. Southam (St. Albans), F. Dunkerley (Rochdale), J. Worth (Macclesfield), W. Allman (Runcorn), L. W. G. Morris (Bradford), W. T. Elson (London), F. Matthews (London), N. J. Diserens (Reading), H. C. Spencer (Truro), F. Matthews (London), E. Buck and J. E. Dear (Herts), G. E. Large and G. J. Lewis (Worcester), C. Parks (Croydon), C. C. Mayne (Middlesex), H. Walker, J. Davis, R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), B. Ashford (Stourbridge).

Apologies were received from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Canon Bryan S. W. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Matthews, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. and Mrs. K. Croft, Mr. D. T. Matkin, Mr. Tony Cleaver (Bristol), Miss M. E. Cross and Mr. J. Turner.

TAKE TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED

Mr. Harold J. Poole, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' said the toast gave ringers an opportunity of reflecting on the duties they owed to both the Church and State. The toast gave them an opportunity of considering the privileges they received at the hands of the Church and those responsible for the governing of the Church. 'We ringers often take a lot for granted: we are given the privilege of ringing for our own entertainment—I was going to say amusement, but I can assure you that many of the peals are far from an amusement—and the toast gives us an opportunity of expressing our very grateful thanks for this privilege.'

Birmingham was very active from a ringing point of view but it could not be without the facilities granted by the Church Authorities. In these days they were apt to value things by what they cost. It might be, as far as ringing was concerned, it had been made too cheap; certainly in regard to ringing the facilities were

made cheap—far more cheaply than they should be. Whatever circumstances might be attached to their ringing, whether the bells were rung for their entertainment or the services of the Church, the fact must never be lost sight of that they were rung for the glory of God.

It was essential that the Church and State should go hand in hand and they had seen disastrous results to the State where that had not been the case. In their thoughts to-day was the grievous loss the Church and State had recently experienced by the death of their beloved Monarch, King George VI. They were fortunate in having as their young Queen one who was following the strict path of duty as her illustrious father, and they knew by her upbringing she would carry out those duties to her satisfaction, which would be their satisfaction.

'A SILENT SATURDAY NIGHT'

The Very Rev. Michael Clarke, the new Provost of Birmingham, who replied, said it was a great privilege to be among them on the one silent Saturday night in Birmingham during the year (laughter). The toast of 'Church and State' had been honoured at that dinner for 64 years and it had been honoured for many years before, and it would be interesting to picture how it had been honoured in the City 100 and 200 years ago. In 1750 there were only four churches standing in the confines of the City of Birmingham. He could imagine an irascible old clergyman then saying that there was no future for the country as they had increased the fares on the stage coach from Birmingham to Lichfield from 9d. to 11d. One hundred years ago there were protests against the new tax—an income tax of 9d. in the £, a thing that all right-minded Englishmen then felt should never have been imposed. In Birmingham the relationship of Church and State had been a happy one and it was their wish that that association would be both a prosperous and happy one.

The chairman announced that he had been informed by the Vicar of Aston that the tombstone to Henry Johnson, erected by the ringers of England in Aston Churchyard, was one of the two stones now standing on the south side of the church. It was preserved and left standing by the goodwill of the Vicar, in whose charge were left Henry Johnson's mortal remains which were interred beneath the shadow of the tower where he spent so many happy hours of his life.

The toast 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who said the time was rapidly coming when it would be impossible to find anyone who rang with or knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. Henry Johnson, in one sense, might be looked upon as the founder—not of St. Martin's Guild—but of that function, as it originated as a birthday party given in his honour when he was 70 years old by Sir Arthur Heywood. After his death it was decided to hold that dinner as his memorial on the first Saturday in March, the Saturday nearest his birthday, which was February 28th. Unfortunately this year they were not able to keep to that Saturday.

A COLOSSUS

Previous proposers of that toast had referred to Henry Johnson's character, his peal performances and his work as a composer. Henry Johnson was indeed a colossus of the ringing fraternity of their city. Their chairman had mentioned his grave in Aston Churchyard. Three weeks ago he was standing by that stone erected to his memory and he was reminded of a passage from Ruskin when he wrote about the

pine trees, making comparisons with them and the oak and elm, whose rounded outlines seemed to be in accordance with the contours of the earth while the pine rose in uprightness and the spirit of independence. It struck him that Henry Johnson was like the pine, a man who was a leader and stood upright.

The toast was drunk in silence; then, at the request of the chairman, Mr. Charles Williams stood up in response to those present who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. A silent bob course of Stedman Cinques was then rung by C. E. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, F. Pervin 9-10, F. E. Haynes 11-12.

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, secretary of the Lancashire Association, submitted the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' He recalled that the Guild was formed in 1755 and likened it to Guilds of craftsmen on the Continent. He was himself a member of two or three Guilds in Switzerland and there, if a craftsman did not do his job properly, he was brought before a Guild to answer why. It would not be a bad idea in ringing. There were some good ringers, others medium and some bad. The bad ones they hoped would improve their craftsmanship.

They were there to pay homage to one of the Guild's most illustrious sons, but the toast he was submitting to them did not lie with the past but the future—it was the continued prosperity of the Guild. They could look back on noted names such as Bastable, Goddard, J. Carter, Bill Short and Groves. He was told that the last-named could lower six quarts—well they had one in Cheshire who could beat him. He would not tell them his capacity—it was a challenge to Birmingham.

SECRET OF PROSPERITY

Their Guild was very fortunate in the remarkable list of its performances. Particularly impressive was the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand,' where the pairs of bells were drawn for by the ringers. They were also very fortunate in being able to welcome to the city so many young ringers of experience and with the extraordinary good ringers they had in the city, it helped towards establishing the Guild's popularity throughout the country. But it was no use relying on past personalities. They had among them many who had given the Guild their best for many years—that great little man, Albert Walker, who had been the corner stone of the Guild for 50 years, and their hard-working secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Guilds and Associations had some force about them that could not be defined. Everyone in the country knew if a Guild was virile, and the yardstick of a Guild's prosperity was good craftsmen and good ringers.

In days gone by there was much rivalry and jealousy between the different Guilds. They now got Associations and Guilds grouping together on ringing tours. His own Association regularly joined with the Yorkshire Association and Chester Guild in peal performances and they were delighted to see that the same fellowship existed among the younger people. Just look at St. Martin's Guild. If any ringer in these islands desired a peal he just wrote to their secretary and it was arranged. That would have been impossible 50 or 100 years ago when there was too much clannishness. He charged the younger ringers of St. Martin's to safeguard the future. 'The only thing we can wish you is Godspeed in your work.'

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Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

WAITED THREE MONTHS

Mr. Albert Walker, who responded, said he had been a member of the Guild since 1897. In his young days it was not so easy for young ringers to get on as to-day. He remembered that when he first went up St. Martin's tower he sat in that tower for three months before he was asked to have a pull. It was about 1902 that he called his first touch there—he remembered still the surprise of the Master when he called five courses of Stedman Caters. Since those days he had had most loyal support.

Throughout the years he had seen the Guild grow and prosper; to-day they had quite a lot of young ringers coming on and they were very fortunate in getting these young ringers of experience and in the fact that they could offer them a peal on any day of the week. This year there had been an innovation by starting eight-bell practices and they had borne fruit as some members were ringing Spliced Surprise Major in four, six and eight methods—in fact he took part in six methods on the treble (laughter).

The popular secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, was also called upon to reply and he said their younger ringers included Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, Mr. J. Martin Thornley and Mr. Brian Warwick who were at Salby Training College. They had some lady ringers in Miss Claudia Harding and Miss Shirley Rymer, and Mr. John R. Mayne, who was at Birmingham University. They had made a tremendous difference to their ringing—not that they had been short—but they had been able to get them on. One of the reasons for their prosperity was the very good fellowship between the ringers and the clergy. He did not think there were many cities in the country where conditions were so favourable as at Birmingham and it was because the ringers confined their ringing to one regular practice night during the week unless there was a special occasion.

FROM FAR AND WIDE

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd proposed 'The Visitors.' He said as long ago as 1786 the College Youths came to Birmingham and if they wanted entertainment the company should read what happened on that occasion. Since then they had entertained a lot. Charles Henry Hattersley and Sir Arthur Heywood delighted to come to Birmingham. It was their pleasure to have with them the Deputy Lady Mayoress and Lt.-Col. Donald Paddon Smith, and with them they recalled the hospitality of their Master when the Guild visited the Council House. Once again they had been honoured by many people from all parts of the country. From Bournemouth they had Mr. Arthur Davis, East Anglia was represented by Mrs. Richardson and from Cornwall, with that homing instinct, came Mr. Herbert Spencer. There were with them friends from Lancashire and Cheshire where the loss of that great ringer, Dr. Simpson, was keenly felt. They welcomed visitors from Liverpool, where the hospitality of the Dean was on the same massive scale as the tower. From the north came Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness and Miss M. Fidell. Their friends the bellfounders were with them and he also welcomed an old friend in Mr. Cecil Mayne.

Mr. Shepherd concluded his speech with delightful references to hospitality as presented by Charles Dickens, recalling such characters as Bob Sawyer and Sarah Gamp.

Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, secretary of the Yorkshire Association, deputised for Canon Bryan S. W. Green, who was indisposed, and thanked the St. Martin's Guild for their wonderful hospitality. He reminded the assembly that the Snowdon dinner had been resuscitated and that it would be held at York on October 25th, when they would do everything possible to entertain them in the same lavish way as St. Martin's Guild had that evening.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was submitted by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Ringers,

he said, were divided into four categories—those who took it on Fridays by post, which he hoped applied to all those present; those who took it through the newsagent; those who did not take 'The Ringing World' and did not read it; and those who read it and did not take it.

After wishing the Editorial Committee every success in their efforts to maintain the journal at 16 pages at its present price, Mr. Meadows proposed certain suggestions for increased revenue, stressing the importance of a contribution accompanying every peal and quarter peal. The proportion of advertisements to news in 'The Ringing World' was only 23 per cent, and compared very unfavourably with other journals. He suggested that above the 12-bell peal column should be a picture of a well-known ringer ringing eleven and twelve, with the caption 'He is twice the man on Worthington' (laughter). Above the eight-bell peals should be a picture of a forlorn damsel with such a quotation, 'Poor girl, no one asked her to stand in a peal until a hat made all the difference.' With the six-bell peals there should be one of those series of strip pictures, the first being the picture of missing a bob in the peal followed by the declaration of being a life's failure, the consultation with the doctor and the remedy for night starvation. The final picture would be one of 92 Surprise Major methods and 'Great show, old man. You know this is Horlicks' (laughter).

'PEAL CONTRIBUTIONS ESSENTIAL'

Mr. T. W. White, the Editor, replied. He emphasised that 'The Ringing World' would only be able to meet its obligations if those who rang peals and quarter peals sent a contribution with their reports. There was no other way the selling price of the journal could be kept at fourpence. To those who had already recognised this responsibility and sent contributions he expressed the sincere thanks of the Editorial Committee.

The health of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Alderman T. R. Pritchett, who quoted from 'Henry VIII': 'The force of his own merit makes his way.'

Acknowledging the toast, the chairman said Alderman Pritchett came from a ringing family, his father and six or seven of his uncles were all ringers at King's Norton—his Uncle John was also an alderman of the City of Birmingham and Master of this Guild. It gave him great pleasure to be Master of their Guild. He supposed that most of them, if they were not ringing, were listening to the broadcast last Christmas morning. He was exceedingly proud of the broadcast from St. Martin's: it was lovely. The half-muffled ringing of Stedman Cinques for the passing of the King was also most beautiful and he would like to congratulate those who took part. A friend of his told him the echo effect of the muffled bells sounded like a message from above.

Between the speeches, songs and duets were sung by Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mr. David Gee, accompanied by Mr. E. J. Woodhall, and there was also handbell ringing. The arrangements were made by Mr. G. E. Fearn and left nothing to be desired.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Annual Dinner at a Chinese Restaurant

An ecumenical flavour was imparted to the proceedings at the Society's annual dinner on February 23rd by the decision to hold it at a Chinese restaurant. Although the spectacle of well-known members of the Exercise endeavouring to use chopsticks was obviated by the supply of more conventional cutlery, the cautious approach of the uninitiated to the dishes before them was, as a source of amusement, only equalled by the appetites of the enthusiasts.

After ringing at Immanuel and St. Leonard's, Streatham, and St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, the service was conducted at the last-named church by the Vicar, who preached an instructive and interesting sermon. The dinner followed at Ley On's Chop Suey Restaurant, Wardour Street.

After the toast of 'Church and Queen,' the Master, who was in the chair, spoke of the loss the Society had sustained by the death of its president, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, and of the great help he had given to it and to University ringing generally.

The secretary, Miss Mary Martin, then proposed the toast of 'The Guests,' who included the Master of the College Youths, Mr. J. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan and Mr. Hardy. Representatives of other universities were unfortunately absent, though whether this was due to innate conservatism in the matter of diet or to other causes was not clear, since they had sent apologies rather than excuses.

Mr. James Prior replied on behalf of the guests, and in a very kind speech suggested membership of the Ancient Society to that part of those present who were eligible. (A warm invitation to the other sex to join the Cumberland was interjected by a member of that Society.)

Mr. Geoffrey Carter proposed the toast of 'The Society,' warning new members that the demands it made on their holidays and spare time would seem to leave little opportunity for other interests. In spite of his undoubted talent (and his impersonations later that evening class him at once as a serious rival to Miss Anna Neagle) it must be pointed out that not for many years will Mr. Carter's assumption of the role of ageing and wistful uncle to the members be anything other than a brilliant tour de force.

In replying on behalf of the Society, the Master, Mr. Denis Layton, briefly reviewed this session's activities, and mentioned that a half-muffled peal had been rung in memory of the late president, a learners' practice had been held in January and good progress was being made in teaching generally. Arrangements for the Whitsun and summer tours concluded the gathering.

P. R. L.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 6.—CALLS

On four bells plain course is th' extent,
On three a division was all we went.
But higher numbers need a CALL.
To get beyond plain course at all!

The BOB affects a number odd
Of bells that coursing-order plod.
This brings up courses more and more
Till, in some methods, PEALS you score.

In others, such their structure is
That half their change-rows you will miss
Without another call—the SINGLE.
(Hard to explain in this short jingle!)

Briefly, the single changes PHASE.
New name for 'Course—in/out,' these days—
So that all minus rows turn plus,
And plus turns minus. Even thus
The full row-complement is won.
(You'll get this clear before you've done!)

A. Y.B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONG LENGTHS OF MINOR

Dear Sir.—At Wath-upon-Deane, Yorks, on Shrove Tuesday, February 27th. 1816, 15,120 being 21 extents in 8 hours and 27 minutes:—Evening Delight, Evening Star, Cheapside, Cambridge, Symphony, Bob Royal, Morning Exercise, Morning Star, Morning Pleasure, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars, Oxford, St. Ann's Delight, Navigation Bob, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight and Rodney's Victory.

Christopher Taylor, Edward Myers.
Joseph Blackburn, Matthew Blackburn.
Joseph Myers, William Blackburn.

A 10.080 peal was rung at Wath on April 2nd. 1815: a 10.800 at Darton, Yorks. in 1815; a 10.080 at Gillingham, Suffolk, being 14 extents of 'Gransir Bob' on April 6th, 1822.

10.080 fourteen T.B. methods at Thornham Magna in 5 hours and 10 minutes on December 26th. 1912.

10.800 at Rickingham, Suffolk, on May 5th, 1928 (three methods).

10.800 at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, in 1920. A tablet at Whaplode, Lincs. records on February 27th, 1775, was rung 10.080 changes of 84 peals by Wm. Jackson, Richd. Harwood, Wm. Money, Stephn. Davis and Richd. Pollenger. Raised and settled the bells in 7 hours and 25 minutes.

We have always been given to think that the peal at Wath-upon-Deane, Yorks, is 21 720's, 15,120 changes and the record length on six bells.—Yours faithfully,

RONALD W. STEWARD.

Ipswich.

SUSTENANCE WHILE RINGING

Dear Sir.—The peal mentioned by Mr. E. Morris (at Wath-on-Deane) is recorded on a board in the tower of that church. A painting of the ringers 'in action' depicts a small child supplying the ringers with sustenance.

A peal of Surprise Minor (10,800) in 15 different methods was rung in six hours and ten minutes at Rotherham Parish Church (front six) on January 1st. 1931, conducted by the late Albert Nash. Three of the participants, Mr. C. T. Ryder (Rotherham), Mr. W. Green (Wath) and myself, are still going strong.—Yours faithfully,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

10.080 MINOR AT EMBERTON

Dear Sir.—With reference to the report of the peal of 10,080 of Minor rung at Emberton on June 23rd. 1923, it was rung in 14 methods, not 13 as reported. It was the treble ringer's first peal, and he stood in at short notice owing to one of the intended band being unable to be there.

The peal was attempted three weeks previous to that date but was lost after five hours owing to the breaking of the fifth rope.—Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE BAND.

Harrold, Beds.

A COLLECTION BY JASPER W. SNOWDON

Dear Sir.—On looking through some old copies of 'Bell News,' I came across a list of peals of 10,000 changes which had been collected by the late Mr Jasper W. Snowdon. The longest length of Minor that appears there is 15,120 in 21 six-bell methods (names are not given), rung at Wath, Yorkshire, on February 27th. 1816, in 8 hours 27 minutes. The conductor was William Blackburn. The issue of 'Bell News' was that of June 30th. 1883, by the way. If this is true I am sorry that it refutes my friend of the Clerical Guild.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S PEALS

Dear Sir.—While congratulating the band that recently rang a peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Oxford, I think their claim that it was the first peal on the bells by the University Society is not correct. No doubt some of the band that I believe rang the first peal by the University Society there will come forward. I always understood that a peal was rung either on the occasion of VE Day or VJ Day. Indeed, I believe a second attempt came to grief shortly before the end. The Rev. C. E. Wigg, our president, rang the tenor to both attempts, I think. Unfortunately the Society's peal book was lost before I became Master, so I have never seen the report in print but have always understood that such a peal was rung. It is just possible that the peal I am recalling was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but if it was someone will no doubt correct me.

However, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass of reminding the Cambridge University Guild that there is no doubt whatever that the Oxford University Society have rung a peal at their University Church. In spite of invitations from us, they have been unable to return the compliment; although, having turned the 28 cwt. tenor in to several quarter peals, I fully sympathise with the Cambridge band who on one occasion had to give up an attempt.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Middlesbrough.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S MISFORTUNES

Dear Sir.—I enclose details of a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters rung this evening, Feb 24th. This is the Society's first success of 1952! We attempted a half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples on the day of the late King's death but it broke down one lead from the end. An attempt of Grandsire Caters (also half-muffled) last Sunday evening also came to grief after 20 minutes.

Our worst luck occurred on the day of the late King's funeral; an attempt was made of a peal of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor at St. John's-on-the-Wall. We had completed two extents each of Oxford and Kent—well-struck, too—when over half-way through the first 720 of Plain Bob the conductor, who shall remain incognito, called a bob a lead too early through becoming over-confident, as he himself admitted!

Yesterday the Society's fourth attempt at Stedman Triples was stopped after about an hour by the conductor, due to indifferent striking. What with these failures and another of Double Court Bob Minor a few weeks ago, the Society had become somewhat disheartened until the success to-night, which has done much to restore our confidence.—Yours sincerely,

LANCE C. I. WATSON,

Hon. Sec., U.B.S.C.R.

OBSERVATION BELLS IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent who asked how many people other than W. H. Barber, Maurice Hibbert and Maurice Swinfield have called peals with absolutely no observation bell was obviously referring to seven-part peals of Stedman Triples. Speaking at a College Youths' dinner 60 years ago Sir Arthur Heywood said: '... there is nothing new to be had in the realm of composition except perhaps a seven-part peal of Stedman Triples in which every bell must be the observation bell in its turn.'—Yours, etc.

F. B.

CENTENARY OF FAMOUS FAMILY PEAL

Sir.—It was on March 27th. 1852, that the famous family peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Woolwich, by the Banister family.

The peal was conducted by Henry Banister, who rang the 7th and his sons were stationed on the bells according to the seniority of their ages, counting from the 'back-end' (William rang the 4th) while the tenor was rung by Edwin West, who was Henry's son-in-law.

The peal board recording this peal is a printed one and came into the possession of the tower only a few years ago. It bears a footnote: 'The only peal where a father and his six sons rang the changes... A performance never before achieved by one family.' That record still stands and it is doubtful if in these days of small families it will ever be equalled.

The 'Bailey Peal' was rung by eight brothers many years later.

Provisional arrangements to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the centenary of this peal were made, but permission for the use of the bells has been refused, so it is not possible to do this at Woolwich.

It is hoped, however, that the centenary will be observed in the appropriate way in another tower.—Yours sincerely,

A. GROVE, SEN.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

BELLS OF EAST BERGHOLT

Dear Sir.—During Whitson week, 1890, when the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows were in session at Ipswich, two of the delegates, one from Lancashire and one from Newcastle, wanted to try these bells at change-ringing.

Mr. J. Mobbs, Mr. W. Mobbs and myself, members of the St. Mary-le-Tower's band, Ipswich, in 1890, went with them to try the bells on the Thursday evening and after several lessons in handling them (by J. Mobbs), we rang a half extent of Grandsire Doubles (60 changes) which we found quite enough to ring at one time.

We were given to understand that a band from West Suffolk had rung a full 120 about ten years before that date.—Yours, etc.,

R. W. STANNARD.

Barking.

NO OBSERVATION BELL PEALS

Dear Sir.—Page 152: Belfry Gossip: No observation bell. A peal of this description is one composed while being rung. This I did at Whittlesey on November 20th, 1948, to 5.152 Plain Bob Major in three hours and two minutes. There are many peals with no observation bell, i.e., ringing plain courses only, but whatever peal it be, there are either full hunt, half hunt or quarter hunt bells and any bell can be made to these positions as circumstances permit. Looking at Mr. N. Golden's extension of Wath Minor, it would appear the music would be much better if rung in reverse, starting Apex, Tenor.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Clifton on March 8th which was attended by 45 ringers representing 20 towers in six different counties.

The bells were set going at 3 o'clock and ringing continued until 4.30 when the service was taken by the Vicar. A company of 40 sat down to tea at the Golden Lion. The business meeting followed and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Southill, if the bells were available. Methods rung during the meeting ranged from Plain Bob to Carlisle Surprise.

L. H. B.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

PRINTER, PHILANTHROPIST, BELLRINGER

Looking back through 350 years of bellringing history, it is noticeable that, since 1600, each century has produced a group of outstanding characters from the members of our Exercise. Long may that trend persist, and long may the passing commentator be able to say: 'There have been giants in our days.'

In the nineteenth century one such ringer undoubtedly stands out—viz., James Robert Haworth, who was born in the City of London, on April 21st, 1821, and died within its boundaries on Christmas Eve, 1910, in his 90th year. His whole business life was in the world of printing—as were those of his father, two brothers and other relatives. They were all, like himself, compositors. He was born, lived and died within sight and sound of Fleet Street, and that famous thoroughfare, so beloved by Dr. Johnson, was given as his address when, as an accomplished ringer he joined the 'College Youths' in 1839.

Thereafter bellringing was closely woven into the texture of his life, as was probably journalism, or perhaps both combined, for, at the age of about 55, he gave up his connection with printing, and shortly afterwards we find him writing for a weekly paper—'Church Bells'; he gave a page devoted to the Exercise and bells generally, and in so doing followed Jasper Snowdon. He is now said to have travelled much over all the country, taking part in opening ceremonies, etc., in connection with bellringing, even going across to Ireland. He probably often secured useful 'copy' for local and other papers.

Haworth, during his long life, had now reached a period in which many of his friends and contemporaries can yet recall him. (The writer rang in 'Scroof' with him 61 years ago.) They recall with pleasure his gifts as a ringer and also his benign and quaint personality. In appearance he was still erect and spare in figure, in height a little above the medium, his face was rather pale and wrinkled—with quick-glancing grey-blue eyes, and his head was crowned with brown hair which, with his side whiskers, gave no sign of white—indeed, his use of an oily pomade suggested a dye, and he was nicknamed "Uncle Treacle." But the writer has often thought that this name derived from his earlier dynamic years, when Haworth's blend of reticence and suavity, laced with a certain whimsicality, had enabled him to gain control of those, often 'difficult,' groups of paid ringers frequently met with in those days. He was a good organiser and his cleverness was in pushing around a small number of ringers to man a large number of ropes. Of course this was all before the great reduction in paid ringing, when the vestries and church rates were abolished in 1885.

'Bob' Haworth was by nature frugal and his love for ringing kept him in good health; he was apprenticed to a trade which always commanded good money; to this must be added the steady trickle of his fees for paid ringing. On the other hand he lived cheaply in a small flat up a court off the Old Bailey—there telling away his remaining years in quiet content, till he was nearly 90.

It was now that the great eye-opener occurred. To our astonishment, the late Mr. J. R. Haworth who had closed his life with the end of 1910, received a public funeral at his Parish Church, St. Sepulchre's, Newgate. At this, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London were present, as a mark of respect for his useful life. It was reported that he had left several thousand pounds in Charities. And so we found that, during many years, we had been entertaining a philanthropist unawares!



JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

[Photo supplied by Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P.]

The report of the Printers' Charitable Institution for 1910 contains this reference to Mr. Haworth, which we are permitted to publish by kind permission of the secretary:—

'He was an official bell-ringer at Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of Queen Victoria and took part in the ringing on the celebration of every subsequent birthday of Her Majesty, also on the occasions of her Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. Her Majesty caused her photograph to be sent to him. This portrait is now in the possession of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Mr. Haworth was a member for 71 years. Every birthday of His late Majesty King Edward VII. saw Mr. Haworth in the belfry at the Abbey. It was his ardent wish, unhappily not to be realised, that he might live to ring at the Coronation of King George V.

'Mr. Haworth began his interest in the Printers' Pension Corporation in the year 1846 by a contribution of two guineas, which he repeated in subsequent years, until in the year 1888 he gave £200 to form the nucleus of a Pension.

'The present secretary recalls the evening, within a few weeks of his appointment to the office, upon which an aged man came to Gray's Inn Chambers to make a gentle and kindly inquiry as to how he was progressing in his new duties. Work being pressing at the moment, Mr. Haworth was asked to stay a little while, the impression formed by the secretary being that the old gentleman was probably a candidate for a pension. The secretary's astonishment was considerable when, in reply to the question as to the nature of his business, the answer came in a few brief words that he only desired to leave "a little something as an encouragement." Slowly from his pocket was brought

what was thought to be a postal order, but in unfolding it there was the unmistakable rustle of a crisp bank note. Astonishment was yet to be increased when, not a £5 note but one for £100 was slowly and carefully smoothed out upon the table. Thus began an annual custom, broken only once or twice in thirteen years. Throughout that period Mr. Haworth was a familiar guest at the Anniversary Festivals of the Institution, down to that upon which His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, presided, when the Royal president honoured him by a separate audience and evinced a gracious interest in his career.

'As a mark of respect for his useful life, the Right Hon. Sir T. Vesey Strong (Lord Mayor) was present at the funeral service at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn, prior to his interment at Highgate.'

THE KING'S SYMPATHY

'On behalf of the Council, the secretary forwarded an intimation of Mr. Haworth's death to the Right Hon. Sir Arthur J. Bigge, His Majesty's Private Secretary, from whom the following reply was received:—

York Cottage, Sandringham.
14th January, 1911.

Dear Mr. Mortimer,

I have received and laid before the King your letter of the 11th instant. His Majesty heard with regret of the death of Mr. Haworth, who, during his long life, had done so much to benefit those engaged in the handicraft of printing.

The King well remembers, on the occasion of your Festival in 1909, meeting Mr. Haworth, and that he was known to be one of the oldest bell-ringers in the United Kingdom. His Majesty is touched at the wish of the old man—alas! not to be realised—to ring at Westminster Abbey at his Coronation.

Will you be good enough to convey to Mr. Haworth's family the expression of His Majesty's sympathy with them in their loss.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) ARTHUR BIGGE.'

Extract from the annual report for the year 1912:—

'The Institution has benefited by the Will of the late Mr. J. R. Haworth to the extent of £256 19s. To perpetuate the memory of so remarkable and generous a friend of the Institution, the Council have had placed over his grave in Highgate Cemetery a stone commemorating his long years of self-denying devotion to the cause of the aged printer.'

GIFT OF FURNITURE

Notes from Mr. Robert H. Lucas, Secretary of the 'Printers' Pension and Almshouse and Orphan Asylum Corporation, sent to Mr. E. A. Young:—

'The present secretary was informed by Mr. Mortimer that on one occasion Mr. Haworth visited the offices and complained that the furniture then existing was not dignified for so important an Institution. He then took Mr. Mortimer to one of the large furnishing stores (I forget which) and bought the present Board Room furniture. When he got back to the office with Mr. Mortimer he paid the bill in gold, and to celebrate the occasion he took Mr. Mortimer down to Henckys, a wine store, underneath the Corporation's offices, and ordered two short drinks. Just about this time there had been an increase in the price of whisky, and when the two drinks were bought he was charged a 1d. each for soda water. This broke the old man's heart, and in spite of his generosity in handing over to the secretary about £70 in gold he refused point-blank the publican!'

E. A. Y.

(To be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: M. Wills (first quarter) 1, H. Atwell 2, R. Beck 3, Miss P. Thorne (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. Robbins 5, J. Turner 6, V. Wills (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. A compliment to M. H. Atwell, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: E. A. Marsh 1, N. J. Smith 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss S. K. M. Knight 4, H. A. Nobes 5, J. W. Meade 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. A. Jurd 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 4.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers (first quarter) 1, J. Chambers 2, R. G. W. Soans 3, J. W. Lowe 4, F. K. Thompson 5, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to R. G. W. Soans.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 24th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: K. Medway 1, T. F. King 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, W. J. Prescott 5, W. H. Hurford 6, E. J. Fry 7, M. Helps 8, J. Hallett 9, H. Merrett, A. Read 10. Rung in honour of the Accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. Greenough 3, I. Gardner (first in method) 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

DOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Starling (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, Mrs. M. E. Moore (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Linsell 4, H. A. Pratt 5, C. Snowden 6, J. Warner 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam King George VI.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandshire Doubles: F. Goodyer (first quarter) 1, T. Walters 2, A. Lathall 3, E. Whitlock (cond.) 4, W. French 5, F. Watson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of King George VI.

BRISTOL.—On Feb. 24th, at Christ Church with St. Ewen, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Miss H. J. Tesson 1, Miss J. A. Rose 2, Miss M. I. Kennelly 3, Miss B. E. Lloyd Roberts 4, A. P. Cave 5, R. J. Stokes 6, L. C. I. Watson 7, I. H. Trueman 8, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 9, F. D. Mack 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2 and 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, C. Deem 2, S. Skinner 3, J. Carter 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. A. Smith 6, B. Pidgeon (cond.) 7, J. Quick 8.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: B. R. Millward 1, A. Lewis 2, J. Hayes 3, J. E. Usher 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, P. C. Roberts 8. A farewell to B. R. Millward, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 1st, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Miss J. Roberts (first quarter on ten) 1, J. Walter 2, Mrs. R. G. French 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, B. J. Luck 5, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 6, S. Walter 7, T. H. Holmes 8, H. R. French 9, R. G. French 10. Rung half-muffled after the dedication by His Grace the Archbishop of a 'Book of Life,' naming 115 people killed by bombs in the war, one of whom was G. G. Jenkins, a member of the Cathedral company.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss K. M. H. Branson 1, F. Howson 2, Miss L. M. R. Atkins (first quarter on 10) 3, J. H. Lott 4, C. M. Meyer 5, P. A. Carter 6, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 7, C. Nichols 8, C. W. Otley 9, W. W. Bailey 10. First quarter as conductor. A farewell to Preb. W. G. Arrowsmith on his retirement.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. J. Andrews 1, M. W. Harbott 2, F. G. Fairhead 3, D. Sleet 4, J. Crocker 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, T. Warden 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Warden, daughter of the tenor ringer.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss S. Booth 2, S. Meadows 3, R. Smith 4, J. Carrott 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, T. East 7, L. W. Bullock 8. First in method 2 and 3.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Doreen Maidment (first quarter) 1, G. Lucas (cond.) 2, Edith Kierman 3, A. Tyers 4, J. G. 5, T. Taffender 6, J. Tonkin 7, T. Tyers 8. First quarter on eight for 2, 3, 4 and 7 and 8.

COWLEY, OXFORD.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Holloway 1, C. Bennett 2, W. Fern 3, Janet Smart (first quarter) 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, L. Busby 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on Mar. 2nd, 1,341 Grandshire Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. P. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, B. Razzell 4, Miss P. Steere (first quarter of Cinques) 5, P. Humphries 6, C. Parks 7, G. H. Humphries 8, R. Abbott 9, W. Oatway 10, D. Cooper (cond.) 11, F. E. Collins 12.

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: M. Tomalin (first quarter) 1, June Hill (first 'inside') 2, B. Hill 3, R. Smith 4, V. A. Perry (cond.) 5.

EAGLE, Lincs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Minor (consisting of 360 each of Single Court and Single Oxford 720 Plain Bob): G. E. Smith 1, Miss S. Roe 2, Mrs. C. F. Butler 3, J. R. Phillips 4, Mrs. J. R. Phillips 5, C. F. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam King George VI.

EATON, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hubbard 1, Miss H. Shipman 2, N. Cooke 3, P. Turner 4, H. W. Shipman 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6. In memory of King George VI.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Parker 1, L. Allum (first quarter as cond.) 2, D. Mitson 3, F. Sterry 4, V. Lockwood 5.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Barbara E. Hamilton Baynes (first quarter) 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher 2, J. F. Atkins 3, S. G. Chaplin 4, Joan Ashton 5, A. Timmins 6, W. C. Dowling (cond.) 7, E. Lloyd 8.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 9th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, R.C., 1,260 Grandshire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss E. Barnes (first quarter) 1, J. McDonald (first as cond., aged 13 years) 2, P. J. Morton 3, M. G. Morton 4, A. Bailey (first quarter 'inside') 5, F. Blake (first quarter) 6, G. Williams 7, V. Morris (first quarter) 8. First on the recast bells by a band belonging to the church.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Langstone 1, S. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, J. Papworth 4, W. Arnold (cond.) 5, C. Burton 6, H. Nicholls 7, F. Fludder 8. A 70th birthday compliment to J. C. Newman, over 50 years steeple keeper, and to Mr. P. F. Marshall, for many years churchwarden.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ockendon (first quarter) 1, H. Kenyon 2, Mrs. B. Wiltshire (first quarter) 3, A. Reeve 4, Miss C. Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6, E. Smith 7, B. Gisbey 8. Rung with two covering bells.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell 1, H. Belcher 2, B. Lunn (first quarter away from the treble) 3, J. Stephenson 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, A. J. Phillips 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. Harland 1, J. A. Alexander 2, A. V. Coates 3, W. A. Breckon 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, T. N. Tindale 8. Rung half-muffled. A tribute to Matthew J. Cooper, for 35 years a ringer in this tower, whose death occurred on March 2nd.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Larter 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Whitby 3, L. Whitby 4, V. Tipton 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, S. Clark 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Annables Surprise: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, L. W. Fisher 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First by all except conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Fleetwood (first in method) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East (first in method as cond.) 7, G. Procter 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the engagement of Miss J. Fleetwood (Dagenham) and Mr. W. R. Barker (Peterborough).

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. B. Bull 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Bowell 1, C. K. Whittell 2, J. Munnings 3, C. Woodward 4, J. Cracknell 5, S. Arbon 6, E. Blomfield (cond.) 7, F. Kinsey 8. Rung fully muffled in memory of King George VI.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Felce (first quarter) 1, J. Payne 2, B. E. Frost (first quarter as cond.) 3, S. F. Earl 4, F. Benfield 5, D. Wright 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss J. Weddell 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. H. Wood 7, J. Bullock 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, N. Mallett 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung for the Eve of the Feast of St. Matthias.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, a quarter peal Stedman Caters: A. A. Potts 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, G. Farrer 4, Anne Worth 5, D. Pearson 6, W. Gaves 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, R. Booth 10. First quarter of Stedman by 6 and 10. Rung half-muffled.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: F. Darch 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, A. J. Dadds 5, R. G. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. A welcome home from Korea to the son of the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. White (first quarter in the method) 1, B. Madely (first 'inside' of Surprise) 2, R. Hazeldine 3, A. Hickman 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, S. Hughes 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung by local band as a birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: B. Davies 1, E. J. Boffey 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. Barnard 5, J. Thomas 6, F. Ollier 7, H. Stubbs 8. To celebrate the 79th birthday of F. Barnard (father of fifth ringer), 60th birthday of the 6th ringer, 73rd birthday of the 8th ringer, and silver wedding of the 7th ringer.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): R. J. Bowden 1, E. Sutton 2, F. C. Mogford 3, S. G. Riches 4, R. G. Hooper 5, W. F. Webb (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe's, on Feb. 24th, two 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Hill 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, C. Coles 3, F. Beaumont 4, F. A. H. Wilkins 5, W. C. Porter (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. M. A. P. Wood), who is leaving for Islington.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hall 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, R. Boardman 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Hough (jun.) 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss S. K. M. Knight 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, P. N. Bond 3, J. W. Meade 4, N. J. Smith 5, P. Page 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. First quarter of Surprise Major as conductor.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's, on Mar. 2nd, 1,040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: R. G. Burton 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Miss S. Harris 5, T. E. Davies 6, Mrs. P. Lewington 7, F. D. Bishop 8, W. Hibbert 9, C. T. Richards 10, D. J. Charney 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12. Longest length in the method by all except the ringer of the 9th.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, G. F. Gray (first on tower bells) 2, M. J. Martin (first 'inside') 3, S. Mowl 4, E. J. Walker 5, J. Soles 6.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. H. Small 1, Miss O. M. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, I. R. Cooper 4, R. Swift 5, C. A. Wratten (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: A. J. Collin (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, H. P. Collin 3, D. H. Mettam (first quarter) 4, J. H. Mussion 5, N. Whitney (first quarter) 6. Conducted by H. P. Collin and J. H. Mussion. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir L. Tollemeche, Bart., patron of the gift of the living.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Ann West 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, M. J. Butler 4, Joyce Cox 5, W. Glasspool 6, O. N. Curtis 7, E. Brown 8. Rung non-conducted and by local service band.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Wendy Cooper (first quarter, aged 14) 1, H. Kenyon 2, Joan Hills 3, A. Reeve 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6, P. Wright 8. Wedding anniversary compliments to Alec and Joan Hammond and Bert and Doris Kenyon.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, P. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, H. W. Pratt 5, L. W. Fisher 6, A. Clements 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, S. H. Green 2, F. Norrish 3, L. H. May 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, Miss J. Weddell 2, T. H. Taffender 3, J. Bullock (cond.) 4, F. Blewer 5, T. Coles 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. Rae 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss J. H. Friswell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, W. D. Prockson 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. W. G. Skinner 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Anne Holmes (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, W. A. Hughes 4, M. Fuller 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WITCHCOMBE, RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Roger 1, W. Clifton 2, F. Burnett 3, J. Skinner 4, C. Deem 5, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 6, J. Deem 7, F. Bastin 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. R. Hayman, a late member of this band, who was interred this day at Lymington.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Elesmore 1, Miss M. Walker 2, D. Tranter 3, J. N. Hadley 4, D. Frith 5, M. G. Turner (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 2, 3 and 4 and first as conductor.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
March 22nd, 1912

LONDON

The Ancient Society of College Youths
On Saturday, March 16th, 1912, in Three Hours
and Fifty Minutes

at the Church of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5,019 CHANGES

Tenor 41 cwt. in B.

Challis F. Winney	Treble
Samuel E. Joyce	2
Alfred B. Peck	3
George R. Fardon	4
Thomas H. Taffender	5
Charles S. Burden	6
Frederick J. Hardy	7
Francis E. Dawe	8
Alfred W. Grimes	9
Henry R. Newton	10
Herbert Langdon	11
Walter Prime	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Francis Edward Dawe.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 50th birthday.

[Learning to ring in an age when youth is said to have been unwelcome, Frank Dawe was something of a prodigy in his day. He conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters on his 20th birthday, and one of Stedman Cinques from the 11th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his 21st. Master of the College Youths five times in the six years 1888-1893, he created a record unequalled in peace-time, succeeding in that office the ringer of the 2nd in the above peal who, at less than 20 years of age, was (and still is) youngest ever to hold it. Mr. Dawe was also the first secretary of the Central Council. One of his ambitions was to ring a peal in every ancient cathedral of Great Britain possessing eight or more bells, and over a period of 50 years he came very near to accomplishing this. His death during the recent war passed almost unnoticed.]

50 YEARS AT ALMONDSBURY

Tributes to Mr. H. Atwell's Service

A very successful supper and a social evening were arranged by the local ringers on March 8th in the Old School Room at Almondsbury. Glos. to commemorate 50 years' ringing at the local tower by Mr. H. Atwell.

Mr. G. Harding (chairman, Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) presided over a party of 35 which included the Vicar (the Rev. Radcliffe Cox). After the loyal toast the chairman said it gave him very great pleasure to come with his wife to such a gathering. Fifty years' ringing at one tower was no mean achievement and was something to be proud of. Mr. Atwell had done nothing spectacular but he had been a regular Sunday service ringer and always punctual and reliable, and these requirements meant so much to the captain and other ringers of any tower. He (the chairman) hoped Mr. Atwell would be spared many more years to carry on the good work.

The Vicar, in his remarks, thanked Mr. Atwell for his splendid record of service and said how much he and the church appreciated the amount of work he had put in.

The captain, Mr. Wells, and also the tower secretary, Mr. H. Robins, spoke of Mr. Atwell's service.

Mr. Atwell suitably replied and especially mentioned the late Stephen Wood and George Capewell, both of whom had done so much for Almondsbury tower.

Songs, stories, and community singing brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

C. R. H.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at Ranmoor on March 1st when about 35 members and friends gathered together to ring on the light ring of ten. Most of the towers in the area were represented and it was a special pleasure to welcome an old friend from Nottingham and a lady ringer from Stockport. The attendance would no doubt have been greater had it not been for a counter attraction at Bolsover, Derbyshire, where a re-opening after rehanging was taking place. However, 'the faithful' were quickly in attendance as usual, and the bells were kept busy throughout the afternoon with rounds on ten for the less experienced, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, Little Bob Royal and a really well-struck tea-time touch of Stedman Caters.

In the Church Hall a magnificent repast was prepared by Capt. E. G. Dickens, M.C., and his helpers and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Vicar of Ranmoor, the Rev. J. H. Pain, who made a short speech of welcome to the Society before commencing on the rather lengthy agenda. The balance sheet for 1951 was presented by the chief auditor, Mr. F. B. Ditcher. A total of 31 peals for the Society was reported, including one of Stedman Cinques, the leading conductor being the Ringing Master, Mr. N. Chaddock. The president, treasurer, Ringing Master and auditors were all re-elected to office and J. E. T. was called upon once again to 'sail the ship.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Shirley, Birmingham, on March 1st. Mr. V. A. Hemming welcomed the members and friends and an hour's ringing was enjoyed before tea, which was taken at the High Stool, Stratford Road.

The business meeting followed, the president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, taking the chair. The secretary, Miss M. Beamish, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were signed, and apologies were read from Mrs. Carpenter (Alesley), the Misses J. Knight, F. Warden and R. Ashley (Bulkington).

New members, proposed by Miss M. Bailey and seconded by Miss A. Timms, were Pamela Coles, June Kent, Wendy Stokes, Barbara Bayliss, Barbara Wilson, Pat Hickmott, Jocelyn Bland and Margaret Gough, all of the Shirley band.

Leamington was decided upon as the place of the next meeting. The members were asked to bear in mind the date of the 40th Anniversary Dinner to be held in Leicester on October 25th. Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham) was warmly welcomed.

Methods rung during the meeting ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Western Division's Encouraging Report

Ringers, wives and friends, numbering 119, gathered at Arundel during the afternoon for the postponed annual meeting and dinner of the Western Division on March 8th.

The bells were ringing shortly after two o'clock and continued in methods up to Cambridge Major until the business meeting at 4.30. A course of London Major was rung after.

It was a pleasure to have the Master of the Association (Mr. G. W. Cecil) in the chair for the second time in succession, supported by Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. general secretary). The Bishop and Archdeacon of Chichester sent their best wishes to the members and regretted their inability to be present. A satisfactory report and balance sheet was approved and adopted by the meeting.

One alteration was made in the election of officers, that of auditor changing from Mr. F. S. Smithers to Miss E. W. Keys. A suggestion to form a library was accepted. One of the young girls from Thakeham received congratulations on ringing her first peal, an achievement which reflects great credit on the leader at Thakeham (Mr. B. W. Farhall). The admirable bell-handling of the young persons from this tower has frequently been commented upon. The business meeting concluded with several expressions of thanks to the many contributors to the day's programme and the Divisional Ringing Master (Mr. R. P. Wood) outlined his policy to encourage further the many young ringers in the Division.

Yet, with so much accent on youth, it was pleasing to hear the expression: 'It's nice to see old John Netley here to-day.' Indeed, it is more pleasing to know of the high esteem in which this grand old gentleman is held at his own tower of Lymminster. It is helpful at times to pause awhile and recall the amount of tad ringing these old veterans must have tolerated to encourage the present day Surprise ringer!

TWENTY-ONE YEARS IN OFFICE

The most notable performance in the Division's recent history is unknown to many. The minutes of a meeting held at Heene on February 29th, 1936, records: 'Mr. Butcher proposed and Mr. Walter Charman seconded a vote of, thanks to the retiring secretary, which was received with acclamation. Mr. Groves replied thanking Mr. Butcher and Mr. Charman for their kind words and praise; also all the members, who had supported him during the 21 years he had held office without once being absent from a meeting.' Is any ringing performance quite equal to such an achievement? The 'Father' of the Division (Mr. A. W. Groves), it is sad to report, is in very poor health. What of progress if ringers fail to recognise the work and example of these old Masters of our art?

Evensong followed, conducted by the Vicar of Arundel (the Rev. H. A. King) whose address on the various expressions of bells was helpful. A collection was taken for the local Bells Fund.

The company then adjourned to a nearby hall for a dinner and social evening. It will be gratifying to the many helpers, from the typing of tickets and arranging of tables and trestles to the talented vocalists, to know how much their efforts were appreciated. The whole-hearted co-operation of so many could not fail to produce the desired result. Thank you for a grand time.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Atyeo 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, W. H. Poole 3, P. H. Hull 4, D. V. Gare 5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. G. Field 8.

STONHAM-ASPAL, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Allum 1, Miss P. Clarke 2, R. E. Lester 3, R. Parker 4, R. W. Steward 5, W. J. Button 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—The new treble bell at Sandon will be dedicated on Saturday, March 22nd. 3 p.m. Bells available for ringing after service. Those requiring tea notify A. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 432

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Deal, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 391

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The clock installed in Canterbury Cathedral, to the memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, will be dedicated by the Dean of Canterbury following Evensong on Saturday, March 29th, approximately 4 p.m. Bells will be available after service and during evening. No tea arranged; plenty of tea shops.—B. J. Luck. 430

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 14th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission only by ticket, which must be ordered, enclosing remittance, 4s. each, before Saturday, April 5th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available: Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and after business meeting; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. George Colegate (6) after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon; preacher, the Rev. F. E. Vokes, Rector of Fornett. Remittance for lunch, before April 5th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 3, Colegate, Norwich. 448

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