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END OF A CHAPTER

THE grandeur of the Cathedral high on the great hill, the narrow cobbled ways leading down to the busy streets below, the trains clattering over crossings right in the city's shopping thoroughfare, these were the distinctive impressions of Lincoln itself.

Quite naturally too, it seemed, the focal point for the Central Council was the Cathedral: the bells being rung on four successive days; its superb beauty being vividly illuminated by the words of the Dean as guide; its Choir where we joined in Corporate Communion; and its historic Chapter House where, like Kings and Parliaments of old, we deliberated.

Early in proceedings came the election of a successor to Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who, as secretary, has for 21 years governed the affairs of the Council. The two contestants needed no introduction and the ballot papers were quickly marked and collected. Soon we knew that Mr. E. A. Barnett had been chosen, and so had ended another chapter in the Council's annals.

Impressions of the Lincoln meeting are thus merged with recollections of the Council's work since the end of the war. We recall the courageous acquisition of 'The Ringing World' as its official journal, and the task of placing it on a sound financial footing, aggravated latterly by the inflationary tendencies in our national economy. We observe with some satisfaction that the Council has been putting its own house in order. There were the rules which had to be overhauled, a task completed in 1950. Then came the revision of its Decisions, to which all affiliated guilds and associations are pledged to abide, and the revised form was approved in 1951 at Chester.

But new Decisions have also to be made, and in recent years attention has centred on the works of the Methods

Committee. Among its assignments have been the determination of the special requirements of Doubles methods (its recommendations have just been accepted) and the analysis of the underlying principles of method extension. That the Council has been reluctant to make definite decisions about extension perhaps points to the need for a full presentation of the problem by the committee which would enable many more members of the Council to form their own judgment. It also shows that the Council is alive to the basic importance of method construction, and that it is prepared to make new Decisions about it however difficult it may be.

The Council has now come to a review of its own budget and must face up to the task of ensuring an income commensurate with its work. The only source of income is from the affiliated guilds and associations, who pay five shillings for each representative, a figure which has remained static from the early days. In 1951 this brought in £37, hardly sufficient to prepare for the annual meeting, and the loss on the year of £46 is not a true measure of deficit, for members engaged in the work of the Council often charge no expenses. The obvious course is to increase the affiliation fee, and in giving notice of this at Lincoln the Standing Committee will enable the Council to enter the new chapter of its career free of financial embarrassment.

And so thoughts revert once more to the very happy days at Lincoln, and to the warmth of the hospitality received from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, from the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, from the Bishop of the Diocese, and from the Mayor and Corporation of the city. There was a sense of natural dignity about it all, and a feeling that we as a Council were being accepted for what we aspire to be.

E. S. J. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN WALDEN 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	WALTER ALLMAN 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

PETER N. BOND Treble	LESLIE H. PASK 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH 9
WALTER ALLMAN 5	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	PATRICK HARRIS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	PETER BAKER 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN 3	LESLIE BARRY 8
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY 9
RALPH HARRIS 5	THOMAS BOREHAM .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. P. Baker, wife of the 7th ringers.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	*JAMES BLACKBURN 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	ERNEST J. GOWER 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	ARTHUR HATCH 8
THOMAS BARKER 4	VICTOR J. WOOD 9
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 5	JOHN CHARNOCK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal on ten. First in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Rainford, of the local band.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. Treble	*DAVID J. KING 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	LESLIE BARRY 8
*ERIC SUTTON 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
JACK R. WORRALL 5	DAVID S. VOSS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 15, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER Treble	*DOUGLAS MITCHELL 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	PETER KINDRED 6
J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
JOHN W. G. KINDRED 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal (aged 14). First peal on bells following restoration and augmentation to eight.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	WILLIAM H. JACKSON 5
GIBSON JACKSON 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
DAVID G. JACKSON 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GLENYS R. BODYCOTE .. Treble	EDWARD J. CLEMENTS 5
*MARY A. CARPENTER 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 6
†HAROLD KILBY 3	ERNEST W. RAWSON 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE 4	JOHN J. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal Kent Major as conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 25 cwt.
FREDERICK A. STRICKLAND Treble	ALBERT S. ATYEO 5
EDMUND C. ATYEO 2	ALBERT W. DYER 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 4	GODFREY H. PIKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung as a welcome to the recently inducted Vicar, Rev. L. E. Walsh. Also a 70th birthday peal for F. A. Strickland, ringer of the treble.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*T. W. LOCKWOOD Treble	L. FORSTER 5
B. CHILVERS 2	H. MOSS 6
F. STERRY 3	C. WOODCOCK 7
A. E. COOK 4	S. ARBON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. CHILVERS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation. Birthday compliment to F. Sterry and L. Forster.

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FYLINGDALES, NORTH YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

DOUGLAS ELWICK Treble	BERT SUTTON 5
*JOSEPH ALEXANDER 2	SYDNEY R. ELWICK 6
†MARY WING 3	HARRY SHORT 7
HAROLD SPENCER 4	†THOMAS N. TINDALE .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal. Rung for Empire Day. Also a farewell peal for Miss M. Wing on her leaving Scarborough for Greasley (Notts).

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt.
ARTHUR MADDOCK Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 5
*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
THOMAS ROBINSON 3	JOHN ROBERTS 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH 4	EDGAR WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. An 18th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., May 29, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.
*MONICA WALKER Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
*JANE COTTERILL 2	†DEREK TRANTER 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
MAURICE G. TURNER 4	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 30, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
*KENNETH F. MEDWAY .. Treble	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5
ROGER O. FRY 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
ERIC SUTTON 3	JACK R. WORRALL 7
†FRANK D. MACK 4	WILFRED F. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. BOWDEN.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples and first peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. M. A. Jones, interred at Bitton on the same day.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 5
MICHAEL E. BROWN 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	FRED E. DUKES 7
JOHN B. BENNETT 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of London.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 5
HARRY MILES 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
PETER N. BOND 4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 300th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT .. Treble	ALBERT E. BEANEY .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. The ringer of the 7th, a former member of the Chatham band, has 'circled' the tower.

CREDITON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Treble	ROGER KEELEY 5
M. ELIZABETH BROWN .. 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 6
HENRY G. KEELEY 3	FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT 4	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.
*JOHN B. STENNIT .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
MARK J. BARKER 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
†JOSEPH A. CONSTANT .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide. A birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Taylor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.
*GLENYS BODYCOTE .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
MARY A. CARPENTER 2	*ROYSTON WILMORE .. 6
*F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*ROGER SOARS Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. J. Carpenter, of Cossington.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Ilkeston Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
*JOE GREENWOOD .. Treble	*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 5
ARTHUR ROGERS 2	FRANK LINFOOT 6
*ALBERT E. HANCOCK .. 3	W. GEORGE TURNER 7
*GORDON TURNER 4	JOHN PEARSON Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal in the variation. Rung on the 39th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Paul Birkett and Miss Lily Mitchell, married this day at Queensbury.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	JACK CLEGG 5
A. EDWARD REEVES 2	CHARLES CLEGG 6
REV. P. T. ROBBINS 3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH 7
PETER E. PARRY 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thrustans' Four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt in E.	
MRS. S. H. JONES Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	*PHILIP WHITAKER 6
WALTER G. SOAR 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
SIDNEY H. JONES 4	WM. FRANK STENSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

* First peal of Triples. Wm. Frank Stenson has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Patronal peal.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
ALBERT E. GREENING .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 6
*AUDREY S. NOBLE 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
†MRS. S. H. JONES 4	WALTER G. SOAR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN .. 5
HILDA OAKSHETT 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	REGINALD L. SILLS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
FRANK TAYLOR Treble	†THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 5
JOHN P. MORRISS 2	CYRIL WANDER 6
WILLIAM B. DAWSON 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
*FRED A. OLDERSHAW 4	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples away from the tenor. Rung to welcome the Central Council to Lincolnshire.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. Treble	JOHN W. BEST 5
*HILDA M. PRICE 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
*CLIFFORD A. BARRON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (C.C.C. 88). Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in the method.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.	
*HILDA M. PRICE Treble	ROGER B. MORRIS 5
†ANDREW J. H. SCOTT 2	†RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS 6
*H. ARTHUR WILLIAMS 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS .. 7
†H. STEWART BAILEY 4	*CLIFFORD ATHERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Triples. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss H. M. Price.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM BRETT Treble	†HAROLD DENMAN 4
††\$MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	†W. ROBERT PARKER .. 5
ERNEST PRESTON 3	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal together. § 75th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Brett.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.	
DORIS H. SHEPPARD .. Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD 4
*WILLIAM RICHINGS 2	THOMAS PRICE 5
ALFRED LYNALL 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 50th peal.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 different extents, comprising 4 of Plain Bob, 3 each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 of Grandsire and 22 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 8 cwt.	
ALVA G. HARDING .. Treble	JOHN A. TOWNSEND 4
CECIL A. BRASS 2	JOHN R. JOYNER 5
JOHN H. JOYNER 3	E. HAROLD NORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

First peal on the bells since the recent restoration. First peal in 5 methods by all except the conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.	
NOAH SMITH Treble	RALPH TAYLOR 4
CLIFFORD SHAW 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
JAMES PETERS 3	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

A birthday compliment to Noah Smith (75), John E. Ashcroft (75) and Jack Breeze, all of Grappenhall.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*JANET JUDSON Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
*SHEILA M. HARPER 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5
BERYL N. WHITE 3	HAROLD STEPHENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. G. HOOPER.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Hooper, mother of the conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
CHARLES ABRAHAMS .. Treble	KENNETH HARTLEY 4
J. BRIAN SMITH 2	NORMAN SMITH 5
WILLIAM LANGHORNE 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.	
*COLIN B. GOLDING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
WILLIAM DAVIES 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	†HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th tower for a peal.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grand-
sire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARY A. CARPENTER Treble	ROGER SOARS 3
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Norman Rowlett.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents, 62 singles, 69 bobs. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	FRANK W. LACK 4
*GEORGE A. WALKER .. 2	P. JOHN WILKIN 5
*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	†FRED C. GIFFORD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal on working bell. The conductor has
now conducted the 'circle' in this tower to a peal.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings and each bell taking its turn
in the hunt as treble. Tenor 7 cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 3
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT 4
JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

HENRY PRATT Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 4
*JUNE STARLING 2	EDWIN BUCK 5
RONALD BOYKETT 3	STANLEY BUCK Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents: 1, College Single; 2, Double Oxford and
Single Oxford; 3, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 4, Double Court; 5,
Single Court; 6, Hereward Bob; 7, St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
KENNETH MITCHELL 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 5
ROY A. DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

First peal in nine methods for the Guild.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four six-scores each of St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse
St. Bartholomew, five six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure,
Southrepps Pleasure, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

IVOR J. DICKIN Treble	*ERIC NOBLES 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	†BERNARD E. FROST .. 5
KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 3	CHARLES W. DIXON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in nine methods. † First peal of Doubles
"inside."

Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Dixon, of Long
Clawson, Melton Mowbray, mother of the tenor ringers.



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NAILSEA, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 4
RONALD G. BECK 2	LEONARD DERRICK 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD WORRALL Treble	GORDON HALLS 4
HARRY PARKER 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
A. RONALD POCKLINGTON 3	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER SHAW Treble	*WALTER STEEN 4
†JACK BAILEY 2	*BEN BARKER 5
*†JACK W. GLEW 3	†WM. LANCASTER Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in five methods. † 200th peal. ‡ 30th peal together. 75th peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer (Mrs. J. Twigg). Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Chase and Plain Bob, and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PAMELA J. E. LUMBERS Treble	BERTRAM F. LUMBERS .. 3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. 2	JOHN SHATFORD 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 each of London, York and Durham, and two 720's each of Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES BROWN Treble	*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
W. ROBERT PARKER 3	LOUIS W. WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal in 5 Surprise methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Robert Parker.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. LARNER .. Treble	RONALD G. LARNER 4
GEORGE R. POWLES 2	JOHN S. POWLES 5
DENNIS W. GREEN 3	ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band for over 60 years.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*SHEILA M. BOOTH Treble	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 4
JAMES BULLOCK 2	JOHN W. WARD 5
†PETER V. HARRUP 3	JOHN G. GIPSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Dench, of Saffron Walden.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in seventeen methods: (1) Carlisle; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (3) London and Wells; (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (5) Norfolk and Primrose; (6) Berwick and Hexham; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	CECIL WADE 4
JAMES W. HAW 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First peal in 17 Surprise methods by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

H. ERNEST SIBLEY 1—2	FRANK E. PERVIN 5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3—4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7—8
†NEVILLE HAILLE 9—10	

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Stedman.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. REGINALD HEATH .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. 3—4	PETER C. WRIGHT .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

Witness: T. VARNEY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 1, 1952, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

ERNEST MORRIS 1—2	JOHN J. MORRIS 3—4
*ALAN CATELL 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Kent Minor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Morris, mother of the conductor. Ernest Morris has now rung peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus on both tower bells and handbells.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 2, 1952, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT CHARLWOOD, BRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON 1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3—4
JACK R. WORRALL 5—6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

Believed to be the first handbell peal of Minor in the county.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

*ERIC SUTTON 1—2	*JACK R. WORRALL 5—6
ALBERT M. TYLER 3—4	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7—8

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Elcox 1, K. W. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. Turner 3, R. Rowley 4, G. Bowen (cond.) 5, J. Hicks 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Mills 1, D. J. Laker 2, E. H. Knapp 3, R. Squire 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, A. C. V. Gasson 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick (first quarter) 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Laker (first quarter) 1, R. Squire 2, E. H. Knapp 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, D. J. Laker 6, F. Hicks 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. D. Tyrie to the parish of Balcombe.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On May 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Whitney (first of Surprise) 1, Miss E. M. Taylor (first quarter) 2, A. E. Scott 3, C. Wade 4, F. W. French 5, J. W. Haw (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London, Wells, Cuneastre and 720 Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne): Miss E. M. Taylor 1, F. W. French 2, C. Wade (cond.) 3, J. A. Underwood 4, J. W. Haw 5, A. E. Scott 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. John's-on-the-Wall, on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Meriel L. Moir (first quarter of Minor) 1, Mary I. Kennelly 2, A. P. Cave 3, L. C. I. Watson 4, F. D. Mack 5, I. R. Worrall (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society to celebrate the engagement of Miss Barbara J. Nix-James, a member of the Society, to the Rev. George A. Gosset, curate of St. Luke's, Parkstone.

CHARLTON-HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Higgins 1, K. Laver (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, R. P. Rawlings (first quarter) 6.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. Birt 3, P. Clark 4, A. Harding 5, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 6, M. Stacey 7, R. D. Candy 8. A farewell to J. Birt, who is leaving the district to get married.

FOVANT, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): H. Roper 1, C. Oakley 2, C. Haines 3, C. Holly 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5. A compliment to the treble ringer on his wedding anniversary.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. B. Sansom 1, J. Stephenson 2, A. J. Phillips 3, B. Lunn 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, R. F. Deal 7, H. M. Page 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Leslie Oakley (choirman) and Arthur Harding (sidesman) of this church.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss R. Lurcock 1, Miss F. Burbridge 2, Miss M. Tapley 3, M. Couchman 4, A. Waddington (cond.) 5, R. Trendall 6, J. Crump 7, K. Dawe 8. Rung to celebrate the recasting of the third bell, rededicated this day. First quarter peal by all except ringers of 3, 4 and 5. All members of the local band except the conductor, who taught and encouraged the band. Probably the first local quarter peal since the days when James Basham and his celebrated band rang these bells in the 18th century.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on June 1st, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in method for treble and fourth.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, W. R. Morris 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Piron 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 6, E. J. Conquest 7, V. Conquest 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

LUTTON, Lincs.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 1, Miss P. M. Campling 2, Miss P. A. Temple 3, Miss M. Barwell 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5. First quarter by 2, 3 and 4. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 85th birthday.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 30th, 1,328 Grandsire Triples: A. Down 1, V. Pyne 2, C. Turner 3, J. Arbury 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, Colin Turner (cond.) 7, R. Woud 8. A compliment to J. Arbury on 25 years as sexton and verger.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss B. Rowsell 1, B. J. Burston 2, W. R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, P. Holway 6. Rung for Empire Day. First in four methods by all.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Stedman and 240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's): B. J. Townsend 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, A. G. Harding 4, J. R. Joyner 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. R. Speechley, a devoted member of the church and a good friend to the ringers.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Butler 1, J. M. Ellwood 2, D. H. Pearce 3, B. Taylor 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. D. Rivers (first quarter in the method 'inside') 7, F. Scott (first quarter as cond.) 8. For the Whitsun Festival.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Whitney 1, Mrs. M. Adams 2, Mrs. V. Williamson 3, J. Haw 4, B. Boyfield 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Neville Whitney.

STRETFORD, LANCs.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Collier 1, H. Birchall 2, Miss M. Llewellyn (first quarter) 3, H. W. Wootton 4, W. Birchall 5, H. Chapman 6, W. J. Moss (cond.) 7. First quarter in method for 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 85th birthday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 18th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal: D. Goodridge 1, Miss H. J. Hollaway 2, Miss M. J. Skinner 3, C. J. Gardner 4, G. Townsend 5, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 6, W. Sidwell 7, H. Bishop 8, R. Townsend 9, W. W. Daniell 10. Rung in honour of the birth of the seventh ringer's son.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Attaway (first quarter) 1, G. Towns 2, W. Rackham 3, N. Pratt 4, C. Pratt 5, G. Peers, sen., 6, G. Peers, jun. (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8. An 84th birthday greeting to Mr. Silas Dunkley.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Fox (first quarter Caters) 1, P. Sparkes 2, W. H. Poole 3, T. E. Marks 4, H. Gaylard 5, F. Priddle 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, D. V. Gare 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, F. Smith 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of the diocese.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Partridge 1, J. Chant 2, Mrs. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. Field (cond.) 5, J. Ellis 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Symes and R. Field.

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The Editorial Committee are sincerely grate-
ful to those who send a donation towards pro-
duction costs with their peals and quarter peals.

We regret to hear of the
passing of Mr. Fred
Stokes, the well-known
member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He
had attended on Whit Tuesday the tea given to
members of the Central Council by the Mayor
and Corporation of Lincoln and then appeared
in good health. His death took place suddenly
the following morning. A memoir will appear
in our next issue.

A moral from Lincoln to big tenor ringers:
Besides raisins, never eat pork before a peal.

The peal at Cossington, Leics. on May 31st.
is the first on the bells for 24 years. The pre-
vious one was rung by the five brothers Payne,
of Syston, in 1928.

In the silent peal of Stedman rung at Gains-
borough were Messrs. C. Glenn and A. H. Pul-
ling. It was 40 years within five days that they
rang their last peal together.

Mr. H. M. Day, who called the peal of 17
Surprise methods at Rippingale, is 70 years of
age. He asks if he is the oldest ringer to call
17 Surprise methods to a peal.

The handbell peal rung on Derby Day at
Woodditton, Cambs, was hoped to have marked
the occasion of the namesake of the method
chosen, 'Bob Major,' winning the blue riband
of the turf as this horse was trained at New-
market. The actual winner, 'Tulyar,' was, how-
ever, a Newmarket horse.

Hopes of a 10,080 Minor peal in 14 different
720's at Holbrook, Suffolk, on May 31st, were
dashed owing to a late start through a wedding
and a breakdown at the end of the third 720.
A peal in nine plain methods was rung instead.
The first attempt for this 10,080 Minor peal
was planned for March 29th but had to be can-
celled owing to heavy gales and snowstorms.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mrs.
'Sid' Jones, of Repton, on
her two peals in a day on
May 31st. After the second peal, Stedman
Triples, at the 600-years-old church of St. Wys-
tan, Repton, Mrs. Jones acted as the ringer's
perfect wife to the band. She would not take
her own tea until everyone was served. The
band wish to add their thanks to their con-
gratulations to their charming hostess.

Forty-six compositions are given in the 1951
report of the Yorkshire Association.

The band who rang the peal at Crediton,
Devon, on Whit Monday, inquire when the
last peal of Major was rung on these bells.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal of
Plain Bob Minor at Carlton-juxta-Snaith on
May 10th was Mr. Henry R. Parkinson and not
as published. The error is regretted.

Halifax Parish Church bells will be dedicated
on Saturday, June 28th, at 7 p.m. The official
weight of the tenor is 28 cwt. and not 26 cwt.
as previously stated, Messrs. Gillett and John-
ston, Ltd., inform us.

Any National Service man stationed at Wool-
wich will be most welcome at St. Mary Mag-
dalene's, Woolwich, on Sundays at 10.15 a.m.
The church is situated behind the Odeon
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Louth tenor proved a handful to a much-
publicised tenor ringer during the Central Coun-
cil meeting at Lincoln. The peal was lost
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over three hours.

The great interest taken by the ringers at
Heanor, and their warm welcome to the visit-
ing peal band on Whit Monday was much ap-
preciated. The band attempted a second peal
at Alfreton which was lost. Afterwards they
were kindly entertained by Mr. Hopson.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT LINCOLN AFTER 30 YEARS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON SECRETARYSHIP NOT ACCEPTED — COUNCIL'S FINANCES UNSATISFACTORY: PROBLEM OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE — ROLL OF HONOUR COMPLETED: MR. F. CULLUM'S GENEROUS GIFT — 26 PEALS DELETED FROM ANALYSIS REPORT

AFTER an absence of 30 years, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers held their annual meeting at Lincoln on Whit Tuesday. It was one of the happiest of Council meetings. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild as hosts were unsparing in their efforts to make the assembly a big success, and they received full co-operation from the Bishop and Dean and also the civic authorities, the Council being the guests at tea on Tuesday of the Mayor and Corporation. Proceedings on the Tuesday started with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m., and the Council meeting was held in the historic Chapter House.

Of the business before the Council, the most important was appointment of a new secretary in place of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who has held the office with distinction for 21 years. Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, was elected his successor. The President (Mr. E. A. Lewis) voiced the appreciation of the Council of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's long and faithful service.

The Methods Committee had a disappointing day. Their report on Method Extension was referred back. Mr. H. Miles was able to report the completion of the Ringers' Roll of Honour, and appreciation was expressed of the honorary work of Mr. F. Cullum in writing the roll.

Concern was expressed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher at the finances of the Council. The inadequacy of affiliation fees to meet the ordinary expenses of the Council was commented on, and this is to form the subject matter of a notice of motion to be presented at the next conference at Bournemouth.

BISHOP'S WELCOME.

After prayers by the Dean, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, in welcoming the Council, said he believed he was right in saying that it was in 1922 when the Council were last at Lincoln. He accepted that they were all born then, but a considerable amount of water had flowed since.

He hoped they were enjoying their stay there. Among the delegates he noticed his old friend Dan Cooper and representatives from the old Parish Church of Croydon—one of the famous towers of the country. He met some of them a few years back at a service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and he remembered the good dinner afterwards.

He expected by now they had rung in every tower in Lincolnshire. A bell ringer's idea of fun was to cover as vast amount of territory as he could and to ring in as many towers as possible for about 10 minutes.

'You are doing a wonderful job of work and in it you are carrying on one of the ancient crafts and at the same time proclaiming to the world the Christian call to worship.'

He hoped they would obtain a thrill in holding their meeting at the Chapter House, one of the most historic buildings in the country. In that very hall the Parliaments of England used to be held in the days of Edward I. If they turned back the carpet they would find a wooden plug and from that hole the Royal Standard of England was flown. The King occupied his seat and the ornamental lions that formed the arms of the chair had been thumped by Plantagenet monarchs.

The Council rose as the Lord Bishop, accompanied by the Dean, left the Chapter House.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) took the chair, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) and the hon. librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton).

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.



The impressive majesty of Lincoln Cathedral. A consciousness of its grandeur and great spiritual witness brought the thoughts of those attending the Central Council above mundane things. The Dean personally conducted the visitors around the Cathedral on Whit Monday.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth. Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrons.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. J. E. Lilley.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

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

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

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

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. C. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Association.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Raithby.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life members.—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. J. Hooton, E. A. Young.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Cont.

Honorary members.—Messrs. E. A. Barnett, J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. G. R. Newton, F. Sharpe, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers.

SUMMARY

	Associations	Members present
Wholly represented ..	28	71
Partially represented ..	21	43
Not represented ..	5	..
	54	114
Life Members	5
Hon. Members	12
		131

The Secretary reported that the membership of the Council now numbered 54, compared with 53 last year. The Sheffield and District Society was elected a non-territorial society at the last meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Messrs. B. D. Price, J. W. Jones, G. H. Spice, F. B. Lufkin, G. E. Debenham, F. Precey, G. L. Hewitt, H. J. Sanger, A. Walker, G. W. Cecil, A. J. Hughes, P. A. Corby, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, T. G. Myers, J. J. Webb, F. H. Dallaway, E. G. Fenn, W. Osborn, C. W. Woolley, K. Beardsall, P. Baker, A. B. Peck and D. Hughes.

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

Upon the proposition of the chairman, the Council decided to send the following telegram to the Queen: 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at annual meeting at the Chapter House at Lincoln assembled desire to convey to your Majesty their expression of their loyal devotion and pray that your Majesty may be preserved for many years to preside over this Realm and Empire. (Signed) E. H. Lewis, president.'

The following telegram in gracious acknowledgment was received: Bell Ringers, Chapter House, Lincoln: The Queen sincerely thanks the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers assembled at their annual meeting for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty much appreciates.—Private Secretary.

The Secretary reported that upon the death of the late King, on behalf of the Council he sent a telegram expressing the members' sympathy to the Queen.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were introduced: Messrs. J. E. Lilley (Devonshire Guild), J. P. Fidler (hon. member), E. Shepherd (hon. member), J. Raithby (Southwell), P. L. Taylor (hon. member), W. G. Wilson (London Counties), Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. member).

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY

The Secretary announced that there were two nominations for the post of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Council, viz., the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis and seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton on behalf of the Selection Committee and supported by 24 members of the Standing Committee; Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. F. J. Smallwood and seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Messrs. Charles W. Roberts and Mr. F. Ainsley were appointed tellers. The ballot resulted:—

Mr. E. A. Barnett .. 76 votes
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead .. 52 votes

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in thanking the Council for his election, said he was well aware that the job of secretary was no sinecure and to follow the present secretary would be doubly difficult. Nevertheless, he assured the Council that he would do his utmost in their interest, and with their goodwill and the help of his wife and other members of his family he was sure he could carry the job off. It was with

regret that he must sever his connection with the Methods Committee, with whom he had had the pleasure of working for the last four or five years. The success of the committee was in no small way due to the excellent way Mr. Felstead ran the committee.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. W. Rowe was re-elected an honorary member on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrins, seconded by Mr. F. Hairs.

The Council decided on the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the four vacancies for honorary members should be kept open.

LIFE MEMBERS

The President proposed the election of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher as a life member. Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the resolution was carried amid applause.

Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, in proposing Miss M. E. Snowdon as life member, mentioned her great work in carrying on the publications started by her brother.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded and the resolution was carried.

LOSS BY DEATH

The Council stood as the following members who had died were remembered: Mr. J. Swindley, Chester Guild, 1939-1947; Mr. T. W. Taffender, London County, 1939-1951; Mr. T. Laver, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1933-1939; Mr. T. Groombridge, Kent County, 1909-1938, hon. member 1939-51; Mr. S. J. Hector, Salisbury Guild, 1934-36; Dr. J. C. E. Simpson.

The President also reported the death of Miss Nora Johnston, sister of Mr. Cyril Johnston.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Mr. F. W. Perrins moved and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded that the minutes of the last meeting as circulated be approved.—Agreed.

Arising from the minutes, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said it seemed to him that the Festival of Britain Sub-Committee had not really shown sufficient imagination, drive and diplomacy in the way they had dealt with the Festival project. He wished to refer to three items. There was no ringing at the Festival Church; no printed blurb to bring the idea of ringing before the man in the street, and no film or film strip had been proceeded with. He had two reasons for bringing these matters forward. One was that one of the advantages of living in a democracy was that they had the fun of being critical without being constructive, and the other was that he had the privilege of speaking in a Chapter House because theirs at Norwich fell down in 1708.

The Secretary said the Festival of Britain Committee was a sub-committee of the Standing Committee and an opportunity would be given later. He would like to remind Mr. Thurlow when a proposal was made involving work the job was generally given to the proposer (laughter).

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN

New publications appearing on the list include the Card of Instructions, Model Rules, a second edition of the Handbell book and 'Village Bells'. The two latter books are much in demand, and it would be advisable to reprint 'Village Bells' in the course of the next twelve months. The stock of Stedman and Grandsire sheets will soon be exhausted and might be reprinted. The opinion of the Council on renewal of the stock of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court sheets, and on the addition of a sheet of some other popular method, would be valuable. The Collection of Major Methods is in the press.

The accounts show a complete year under the increased postal rates and expenses are heavy. Thanks are due to those who have been thoughtful enough to include a contribution towards postage, especially when ordering single copies of publications.

Several books have been lent during the year, including the whole issue of 'Bell News' and 'Ringing World' to 1939. Mr. Dove very

kindly made himself responsible for the conveyance of these books by road.

The thanks of the Council are due for the following presentations: 'Rings of Bells in Plymouth,' F. Stuart Worth, by the author; 'Memorandum of Technology of Method Structure,' MS. typed, A. York-Bramble, by the author; 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' Vol. III., F. Sharpe, by the author.

A copy of 'Among the Bells' and one of Walters' 'Church Bells of England' have been sent on permanent loan to the Irish Association of Change Ringers.

Mr. Hooton said the following books had been received since the report had been prepared: Two parts of 'Church Bells of Worcestershire,' by A. A. Hughes; 'Beginner's Grand-sire,' by Mr. F. Warrington; 'Cheshire Bells' (two parts), J. W. Clarke. During the year two parts of 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' had been published and one part of 'The Bells of Buckinghamshire.'

The accounts showed that 1,522 copies of various publications were sold during the year, the total receipts being £81 17s. 7d.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hooton said he wanted to make one plea. There were scattered about the country books which were the property of the Central Council. Some years ago when the librarianship changed he found there was no record of copies sent out on sale or return. He had put two letters in 'The Ringing World' on the subject. No books had been sent out on sale or return for 20 years. He asked secretaries to return the copies.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said he had several books mentioned by Mr. Hooton in his possession and during the year he had been trying to get the copies outstanding from different towers.

Mr. Hooton announced that the new collection of Plain Major Methods was published that week and was now on sale at 3s.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said some years ago the librarian used to send out books in bulk to the associations. He thought it would be a good thing if they could sell books in this way.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner supported Mr. Johnson. Commending the new book of Plain Major Methods, he said many of the methods were far more difficult to ring than Surprise methods. The report was adopted.

THE BALANCE SHEET

The Council's balance sheet on the liabilities side showed creditors £316 18s. 2d., payments in advance £817 3s. 2d., general funds balance £1,880 8s. 3d. On the assets side were: Goodwill and blocks, 'Ringing World', £200, library £10, stock of publications £223 2s. 4d., stock of stationery 12s., copyright and blocks, 'Village Bells', £5, debtors £632 1s. 7d., cash in bank and in hand £1,943 13s. 8d.

Income and expenditure account. General funds: To insurance, library, 8s. 9d., expenses Biography Committee less Shepherd bequest £9 6s. 5d., expenses of other committees £2, stationery and printing £15 9s., telephone £7 3s. 4d., postage £3 8s. 8d., wreaths £7 4s., expenses Chester meeting £4 4s. 6d., binding 'Ringing World' £1 0s. 6d., 'Village Bells' copyright and blocks written off £5. Losses: 'Ringing World', £15 19s. 8d., publications £12 1s. 5d.

Income was: Affiliation fees £37, subscription life member 5s. Excess of expenditure over income was £46 1s. 3d. The balance carried forward to 1952 was £1,880 8s. 3d.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The accounts for 'The Ringing World' showed a loss of £15 19s. 8d. On the expenditure side: Printing and blocks £2,902 13s., editorial office rent £6 10s., editor's fees and expenses £258, clerical assistance £118 12s. 4d., postage £10 16s. 11d., stationery and sundry £1 5s. 7d., despatch of copies £112 1s., postage and wrappers £408 14s. 9d. Accounts department: Clerical assistance £52, postage and telephone £26 12s. 8d., stationery and sundry £27 1s. 6d.

On the income side: Rolls Publishing Co. £1,753 0s. 5d., postal subscribers and donations £1,508 6s. 1d., advertisements £249 5s., notices and peal fees, etc. £372 1s. 11d., sale of College Youths book less royalties £3 14s. 8d., general fund advertisements £22.

The publications account showed sales £81 17s. 7d., stock December 31st, 1951, £223 2s. 4d., excess of expenditure over income £12 1s. 5d.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher, in presenting the accounts, said they were somewhat a dismal story. Regarding the publications account they were selling their books too cheaply, and as they printed new books they must considerably increase the price. For 25 years they had been selling a book which cost 2s. 4d. for 2s. 6d., and an envelope to-day cost 1d. In regard to 'The Ringing World,' they had 1,500 postal subscribers and some of the subscriptions were accompanied with donations. He would like them seriously to consider whether the time had not been reached when they should increase the selling cost of 'The Ringing World.' Uncertain income by the way of donations would not get them anywhere.

On the general fund of the Council, Mr. Fletcher questioned the adequacy of the affiliation fee of 5s. per association. The time had come when it should be increased to a reasonable figure. It was not right that members of 'The Ringing World' Committee should travel to Birmingham and London for meetings at their own expense. He had been asked by the Standing Committee to give notice of an increase in the affiliation fees. He moved the adoption of the accounts, 'The Ringing World' accounts being subject to audit.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE

The report of the trustees (Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. Walker) stated that repairs had now been completed. The machine had been demonstrated on tower bells and on its own set of handbells and was in excellent running order. It could now be returned to the Science and Art Museum.

Mr. Hughes moved the adoption of the report.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked where the machine would go.

Mr. Hughes: As the judge said, 'it will go to the place whence it came' (laughter).

Mr. F. W. Rogers: May we ask what arrangements are made for ringers and others to view the machine when it goes to the place whence it came?

Mr. Hughes: No arrangements have yet been made.

The report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Hon. Secretary: The formal report of the Standing Committee is that they have considered the agenda and have made recommendations that will be placed before the Council.

He moved the adoption.—Agreed.

HANDBOOK

The Hon. Secretary said the preparation of a handbook was left at Chester to a small committee with Dr. Hatcher to complete. They hoped the handbook would be available this time next year.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher said the aim was that the handbook would provide a source of information on all matters appertaining to the Council. He understood that all conveners of committees were putting their expert advice at his disposal and as a result several sections were already completed.

It was decided to leave the handbook in the hands of Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Fletcher to act as a small committee.

ROLL OF HONOUR

The report of Mr. H. Miles stated:—

At the Central Council meeting at Chester in 1951 two estimates for writing and binding the Roll were submitted. As both estimates were

high, Mr. J. W. Clarke was appointed to act with me in an endeavour to get much lower estimates from other sources.

After some time had elapsed, Mr. Clarke submitted a scheme under which the Roll would be written and bound by students at Chester College at a much lower figure than those of the original estimates.

In the meantime, however, I had interviewed personally a London ringer who is in the trade and who generously offered to write the names without payment, so that the total cost would be that of the materials and binding only.

These two proposals were submitted to the Standing Committee for their opinion, with the result that the work was entrusted to the London ringer, and it is now progressing so satisfactorily that there is every prospect of the completion of the Roll by the time the Council meets at Whitsuntide. If this turns out to be the case, it is hoped to have the Roll on view at Lincoln.

Perhaps I may be allowed to add that in my opinion the London ringer deserves the Council's warmest thanks for his unselfish work on the Roll of Honour.

Mr. H. Miles said the writing of the Roll had been done voluntarily by a ringer, Mr. F. Cullum, which was a very generous piece of work. On behalf of the Council he extended to Mr. Cullum their warmest thanks for an excellent job. The second Roll had been made in the same way as the first, but the style of writing was different.

The suggestion was that the Roll, instead of being deposited in the library of St. Paul's where applications had to be made to inspect it, should be placed in a glass case in the long gallery. The Roll would be open, and the proposal was that the College Youths who rang there Sunday by Sunday should be asked to turn over the pages. The case would cost money. If there was any member present who would make a voluntary gift of that case it would be very welcome.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded and said it added a great deal to the sentimental value of the Roll that a ringer had undertaken the job and had done so voluntarily.

Mr. E. Alex Young said it was an excellent piece of writing and the Roll was something they would always be proud of in years to come.

Mr. J. W. Clarke also congratulated Mr. Cullum on his lettering.

The Hon. Secretary proposed that the very grateful thanks of the Council be extended to Mr. Cullum and Mr. Miles for their excellent work. The actual cost of the Roll was £26 and they had received an anonymous donation of £6. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cullum and Mr. Miles.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The report was adopted.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN REPORT

The report of the sub-committee, signed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. G. H. Spice, stated: Since the adoption of its main report at the 1951 Council meeting at Chester, the Festival Sub-Committee has been active in only two respects:—

(1) Following the apparent misunderstandings in connection with ringing at the Festival Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, more negotiations took place which led to the arrangements published in 'The Ringing World' of July 20th, 1951.

(2) Further enquiries were made into the possibilities of making a film about ringing, but unfortunately no means of direct sponsorship was found.

In asking that the Festival Sub-Committee should now, like the South Bank itself, be broken up, its members wish to place on record their appreciation and thanks for the encouragement received from ringers all over the country, who by their response helped to make the Festival of Britain the success it undoubtedly was.

Dr. Hatcher, in presenting the report, said in regard to films their proposal was to explore all possibilities of making a film, which was very different from a film strip. There was no comparison in cost between the two.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said no reference was made in the report to handbell ringing.

Mr. Harold W. Rogers said the Rural Dean of Battersea approached the local association of ringers to arrange for handbell ringing, and the London Counties Association was then approached and made the necessary arrangements.

The report was adopted.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report of the committee stated: We have given further consideration to the projected collection of Royal and Maximus compositions mentioned in our 1951 report and have come to the conclusion that, owing to the simplicity of composition in Royal and Maximus (14 and 10 courses respectively being required out of a possible 60), a collection of these compositions is not needed. We therefore propose to abandon the project.

We suggest that the committee be now disbanded since its continuance serves no useful purpose, and that it be re-formed if and when circumstances call for such a committee.

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved the adoption of the report and said the committee proposed their own liquidation.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded.

The Hon. Secretary: At the Standing Committee it was proposed that the report be adopted with the deletion of the last paragraph.

It was agreed that the report be adopted with the exception of the last paragraph.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report of the committee stated: The year 1951 was a prolific peal ringing year, producing a grand total of 2,957 peals—2,661 on tower bells and 296 on handbells—beating the high total achieved in 1949.

A large number of peals was rung to mark the Festival of Britain, and very successful ringing tours added to the normal peal ringing.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild headed the list with 189 peals on tower bells and 62 on handbells, followed by the Kent County Association with 180 on tower bells and three on handbells.

Outstanding performances deserving the congratulations of the Exercise are as follows: 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal, Lancashire Association; 25 Spliced Surprise Major methods, Oxford Diocesan Guild; 10,368 London Surprise Major, Midland Counties Guild; Spliced Surprise Maximus (6 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild; 126 Minor methods in nine 720's, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 105 Minor methods in seven 720's, Leicester Diocesan Guild. On handbells: 12 Spliced Surprise Major methods, Hertford County Association; Kent Treble Bob Fourteen, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 42, 46 and 50 Spliced Plain Major methods, Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The above totals include peals which do not comply with the Decisions of the Council, and we ask for a ruling as to their inclusion. These are:—

Coventry Diocesan Guild: 2 peals of Doubles 'in hand,' 5,200 and 5,660 changes.

Essex Association: 1 Minor in 6 methods containing Woodbine Treble Bob.

Hereford Guild: 1 Minor in 5 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Kent County: 1 Spliced Major containing Canterbury Pleasure; 2 Minor in 5 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury; 3 Minor in 4 methods containing Reverse Canterbury.

Lancashire Association: 1 Minor 7 methods, containing Woodbine; 1 Minor in 5 methods, containing Woodbine.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: 1 Minor in 3 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Midland Counties Guild: 1 Minor in 4 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: 1 Minor in 18 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury; 2 Minor in 17 methods, ditto; 1 Minor in 16 methods, ditto; 1 Minor in 14 methods, ditto;

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Cont.

11 Minor in 9 methods, ditto; 3 Minor in 8 methods, ditto; 3 Minor in 7 methods, ditto; 1 Minor in 5 methods, ditto; 1 Minor in 3 methods, ditto.

St. Martin's Guild: 1 Doubles in 4 methods, 5,089 changes.

Sussex County Association: 1 Minor in 4 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

Truro Diocesan Guild: 1 Minor in 4 methods, containing Reverse Canterbury.

In all reports of peals where more than ONE method is rung we ask correspondents to state how many methods were actually rung, and to check their reports before posting, as that would save time and trouble when records are being compiled.

Presenting the report, Mr. Walter Ayre said there was another peal for non-inclusion, one containing Canterbury Pleasure from the Kent County Association.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

Mr. Harold Poole: Can we have this clear? Do the proposer and seconder want these peals excluded?

Mr. Ayre: We want a ruling whether we abide by the Decisions of the Council.

Mr. Miles suggested that discussion should be left until after the Oxford Diocesan Guild's resolution had been carried.

Mr. Anderson expressed the view that the Peals Analysis Committee should abide by the Decisions of the Council.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: There is the fact that the method, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, although it does not comply with the Council's Decisions, is contained in the Council's Minor and Doubles Collection. It is rather hard to delete these peals when the figures are given in a publication.

Mr. N. Golden said there was confusion as to what was meant by Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Some people know the method under one title and some under the other.

The Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the Peals Analysis Committee be instructed to delete these 26 peals and make a note that the figures are not included as they did not comply with the Decisions of the Council.

The report of the committee was then adopted.

Mr. H. Miles said there was a peal of Kent Treble 14. He did not like the name. He suggested the title Maximissimus or Excellior.

Mr. C. Roberts said some years ago he took part in a peal of 14. Mr. J. A. Trollope suggested the title of the peal as Plain Bob 14.

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Roberts.

Mr. John Worth: Was the peal a true extension?

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

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Call changes were rung at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, for the Queen's birthday, on June 5th. The ringers were Paul Winter (11), T. H. D. Horn, J. Murphy, A. Davidson, T. Oram, A. Pegg, P. White, N. Wright and B. Dalby.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL AT CRANBORNE

Dear Sir.—In answer to Mr. Hunt's request for the exact reason why the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will not accept the peal of Triples rang at Cranborne on Sunday, February 24th, 1952, I reply with that part of Rule 5, which reads: 'A life member elected in the tower before starting for a peal must have paid his subscription, and his election be confirmed at the next Branch meeting, before the peal can be recorded.'

There is no question about the proposition or the seconding, but Mr. Hunt tries to imply that the subscriptions were dispatched at once when, in fact, seven weeks had elapsed when they were received by the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Branch. Cranborne is well in the Wimborne Branch, and they should be sent to the hon. secretary of that Branch. When this matter was brought forward for confirmation at the Guild annual meeting at Bridport it was decided that this lapse of time was unreasonable; it was, however, carried that the memberships be endorsed from the date the subscriptions were received.

The statements by Mr. Hunt that I wish to appease the Cranborne ringers and other interested parties is farcical, and that any member of the Guild is jealous of a peal of Stedman is more than childish, and the abusive insinuation that I am sheltering behind my official position for dictatorial purposes I heartily resent and consider it insulting. I have done no more than that which I have been instructed to do by the Salisbury Guild.

Mr. Peter Bond also asks for more details but, like Mr. Hunt, he blames the hon. secretary of the Guild, and I have already answered those queries. Both gentlemen try to make me look a rascal but they will have to get very busy if they want to keep the band of ringers who rang the peal of Stedman, upon the pedestal, when they read the letter I have received from the Vicar of Cranborne, and whose permission I have to publish.

In the last paragraph Mr. Hunt states he will submit the peal to 'The Ringing World' as being rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. I might suggest that after he has read the Vicar's letter he will ring it for the 'Modern Society of Pirate Ringers.'—Yours truly,

W. C. WEST.

Melksham, Wilts.

The letter of the Rev. W. F. Bond, Vicar of Cranborne, dated April 2nd 1952, to Mr. West, states:—

I am very glad to have an opportunity of expressing my indignation at the way the ringers from Chichester and Portsmouth secured the use of our tower on February 24th last. What happened was this:—

I was rung up on the Tuesday previously by a man (of whose name I cannot now be sure) who asked permission for a party of ringers from Chichester and Portsmouth Cathedrals to try our bells on the following Sunday afternoon. Chichester happens to be the Cathedral at which I was ordained, and after some little chat, in which I pointed out that they could not start until 3.15, owing to my Sunday School, I gave permission. There was no suggestion of a peal; seeing it was Sunday afternoon and that they would certainly have cut into our ringers' time, it is unthinkable that I should have given permission for this. When they turned up on Sunday afternoon I said I hoped they would be finished by four or soon after, whereupon I was told they wanted to ring a peal and had come for that purpose.

I protested strongly, but they said they had seen our captain (this wasn't true, but can be explained) who was quite prepared for a peal to be rung. I had to rush away to another service in my other church, so I reluctantly gave way. They occupied the tower till 6.15 or later.

Had I known that such teams of 'pirate' ringers roamed about I should, of course, never have given permission in the first place, but I have never experienced such before, and I feel I ought to make as public as possible to Diocesan Guilds, and other incumbents, the fact that this kind of thing can happen.

CLERGY AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In a recent letter I had occasion to refer to the lack of interest by clergy in bells and their ringers.

On Whit Monday I had the privilege of joining the Chester ringers on their annual trip. We visited four towers, viz., Machynlleth, Llanbadarn Fawr (Aberystwyth), Llanidloes and Newport.

At each tower we were met by the Vicar and his ringers, given a very warm welcome and they stayed throughout the ringing and then bid us farewell. At Llanidloes the Vicar put on his cassock and surplice and asked us to kneel for prayers before commencing to ring, and at Newport the Vicar very ably rang the fourth to 240 Grandsire Doubles.

We were all very impressed by the very warm and sincere welcome which we received at all towers.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS W. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, near Chester.

A DISAPPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Sir,—I have rung some peals which I remember with pleasure, others, like the meeting at Lincoln, are best forgotten, and the fact that so little business was done must make some members wonder if their journey was in vain.

As the number of ringers affected by method extension are such a small minority I say let them ring what they like and call it what they like and let the Central Council concern itself with the object of promotion of change ringing and win the support of thousands of ringers to whom Central Council might well be the name of another method as far as they are concerned.

After listening to the arguments on method extension I didn't know whether I was coming or going and contend that this is no subject for a full Council.

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

OBITUARY

MAJOR L. J. ROPER

It is with regret the ringers in Northern Ireland, and in particular the band at Carrickfergus, learn of the death of Major L. J. Roper, brother of the late Sid Roper, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Prior to the last war Major Roper was for some time stationed at Carrickfergus. It was due to his influence that the band made great progress in change ringing. His personality made him a very popular ringer in the Northern District, and he was a great leader for his band, kindly and strict at practice and for service ringing.

Another who has helped by his energy and skill to establish change ringing in Ireland is now laid to rest.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE

As both Mr. Wiffen and Mr. Dawson have said, Mr. William Keeble was master of any Surprise method, but in London he was supreme. It may not be generally known, but he could repeat every change in London and during our Suffolk tour offered to call a peal and afterwards he would repeat every change of the peal. My impression is that the Royal Cumberlands had his peal book presented to them by the late Mr. Fussell, or it may have been lent for one meeting, but it certainly was on view at St. Martin's. I believe his total was over 800.

A. H. PULLING.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. S. F. Palmer Resigns Hon. Treasurership

THE annual general meeting of the Association was held at Bradford on May 3rd, attended by a large gathering representative of all the districts. The fine ring of 10 bells at the Cathedral was going early and made very good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. J. G. Tiarks, welcomed the Association at a brief service in the Cathedral, but unfortunately he was unable to remain to the excellent tea afterwards served at the Talbot Hotel.

At the business meeting in the Parish Hall the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the retiring hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

Apologies for absence were read from Messrs. P. Birkett, F. Dale, E. Short, H. Chant and W. Ambler.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Provost of Bradford and Cathedral wardens was accorded on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse, and a similar vote of thanks to the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel.

Both Mr. A. Ashton and the general secretary acknowledged the vote of thanks, saying that the usual co-operation that existed among the local company made it a simple matter to complete arrangements.

THE REPORT

The president presented the report of the committee, which stated that fewer peals had been rung than in the previous year, but they could take a certain amount of pride that the variety of methods rung had been well maintained. For the first time in the history of the Association a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods had been rung by a county resident band at Drighlington. Even more noteworthy, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods had been rung at Heptonstall, in which all the bells did all the work in all the methods. This had only been accomplished twice before in the history of the Exercise, and was conducted by the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson. His death on February 7th, 1952, was a great loss to the Association and the Exercise at large. They also mourned the death at the age of 91 of a former general secretary in the person of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, of Bramley.

The year began with a membership of 1,575 and concluded with 1,592. The Snowdon Dinner had been revived and they were most grateful to Mr. H. Walker and other members of the Minster band for the time and trouble they devoted towards making the evening the success it was.

Mr. W. Ambler had been obliged to retire owing to ill-health from his office as hon. secretary of the Western District, and Mr. Alexander Marsh had been elected in his place. The report congratulated Mr. H. S. Morley, hon. secretary, Eastern District, on his recovery from a recent operation.

The peal secretary's report stated that 110 tower and 5 'in hand' peals had been rung and 25 members had rung their first peal. Three members had called a peal for the first time and the 115 peals had been shared by 41 conductors. The pendulum had swung back to the simpler methods as far as peal numbers were concerned. Thirteen tower-bell peals of Treble Bob Major had been rung, compared with five in 1950. The number of peals of Grandsire Triples was almost double last year's total, in which 19 members scored their first peal in the method, which was an average of almost two in each peal.

The higher methods had not been neglected, however; there had been seven peals of Spliced Surprise Major and peals in 14 different Surprise methods. These included the following new to the Association: Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and Brereton, Berkshire, Cornwall, Derby, New Gloucester and Rotherham Surprise Major, the last named being rung for the first time. The complete range of peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus had again been rung, for the third year in succession.

The top peal scorer in 1951 was Mr. Norman Chaddock with 28, Mr. John F. Turley and Mr. W. Eric Critchley tied for second place with 25. Mr. Sam Longbottom had now rung 100 peals for the Association and Mr. Daniel Smith had passed his first century of peals as conductor. At Carlton a peal of Minor was rung by six members of the Chorley family of Thorne.

The balance sheet showed that a loss of £49 5s. 9d. incurred during 1950 had been converted to a gain in 1951 of £8 5s. 2d. This had been entirely due to the increase in the annual and other subscriptions.

NEW HON. TREASURER

The next business was the election of a new hon. treasurer. The retiring hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, had tendered his resignation to the committee as he felt that although still physically fit, with advancing years he could not foresee what might happen during a further three-year term of office, and he would much prefer to hand over now while he could still be available with advice or help to his successor.

The President paid tribute to the long years of service Mr. Palmer had so unstintingly rendered to the Association, and hoped that he would be spared many more years to come among them. Similar tributes were paid by Messrs. P. J. Johnson, E. Hudson and W. Barton.

In acknowledgment, Mr. Palmer thanked the speakers for their kind references, and said that although it was a wrench, he was sure he was right in the decision he had taken. He wished to thank the president, principal officers and the district secretaries, whose ever-ready co-operation had been a tremendous help. He still had the interests of the Association very much at heart, and looked forward to coming among the members as often as possible.

The President said that only one nomination for the post had been received, and that the committee were unanimous in recommending that Mr. Gordon Benfield, of Pudsey, be elected to the office. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. S. Steel seconded that the committee's nominee be elected, and Mr. Benfield was unanimously elected the new hon. treasurer.

In acknowledging his election, Mr. Benfield thanked the members for their confidence unanimously shown in him, and in a humorous speech said that he was glad to have Mr. Palmer to consult. In point of fact Mr. Palmer would probably still be treasurer for the first twelve months, and possibly the larger part of the next twelve months. He had, however, Mr. Palmer's splendid records and example before him and would endeavour to carry on the duties of the office in the same meticulous manner as Mr. Palmer had done for so many years past.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected hon. peal secretary on the motion of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next general meeting at Beverley on September 20th if the necessary arrangements could be made. The president reminded the meeting that the Snowdon Dinner was being arranged at York on October 25th, and the committee hoped that members would reserve the date in order to ensure its success.

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ST. MARY'S, STAFFORD

Completion of £25,000 Project

The bells of St. Mary's, Stafford, have frequently been heard these past two weeks as a preliminary to ringing for both Church or State. 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on May 14th, giving Mrs. E. Malin, a visiting ringer from Penkridge, an opportunity to ring her first quarter peal. The ringers were Mrs. E. Malin 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, J. Warrilow 3, E. Malin 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, Rev. D. P. Roberts 7, K. Mowforth 8.

During the past five years extensive work of restoration has been in progress on St. Mary's Church, some £25,000 having been raised and expended. Apart from minor details, the work is completed, and on Saturday, May 17th, a service of rededication was held, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, at which the Mayor attended in state. Preceding the service a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung.

The morning and evening services on May 18th were held as services of thanksgiving, the Bishop of Shrewsbury preaching for morning and the Bishop of Stafford for evening. For each of these services 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung. The ringers for morning were A. B. Garbett 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, J. Warrilow 3, F. Eley 4, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 5, A. E. Garbett 6, C. Hone 7, H. Bayley 8.

Had we held the belief of our forebears of the Middle Ages that the ringing of church bells dispersed thunderstorms, this would have been shattered, for the quarter peal rung for evening service was to the accompaniment of a violent storm. This gave C. Hone, a young and promising ringer from Thakeham, Sussex, now domiciled in Stafford and who was calling his first quarter of Triples, a fine opportunity to use his stentorian voice. His calls were heard above the crash of thunder and were made with the confidence and precision of a veteran. The ringers taking part were A. B. Garbett 1, J. Warrilow 2, P. Fisher 3, F. Eley 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, C. Hone (cond.) 7, H. Bayley 8.

Ringling for State took place on Tuesday, May 20th, when shortly after noon, to quote from a local paper, as the bells of the nearby Parish Church of St. Mary pealed out, Ald. C. E. Fowke was elected Mayor of Stafford for the second year. On the evening of Ascension Day a combined service is held by the Anglican Churches in St. Mary's, the preacher this year being the Dean of York. For this service a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, and after good ringing was lost in the closing stage.

A. E. G.

SOUTH CADBURY, DEVON

South Cadbury ringers and friends had their annual outing on May 28th. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung at Winterbourne (Gloucester), Much Marcle (Hereford) and St. Werburgh's Bristol. Mr. W. Tiley had much pleasure in meeting, after 32 years, the Rev. C. L. Money-Kyrle, a former Vicar and his employer at that time, at Much Marcle, now in his 84th year. The ringers desire to express their thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells.

W. J. T.

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The following new members were elected on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. Ambler: G. F. Bryant and R. Moulds, of All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax; J. R. Jenkinson, of Bradford; G. Hawkes, of Leeds; A. E. Hartley, of Thorne; G. Appleyard, of Otley; P. Dawson, of Calverley; and A. Ainsworth, of Newcastle, as out-county.

This concluded the business meeting, and further ringing followed at the Cathedral until 9 p.m., bringing to a close a successful and enjoyable meeting.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 14th, 1912

PEALS OF MINOR

All ringers among whom there is a desire to raise still further the standard of change ringing from the scientific standpoint must appreciate the efforts of the Rev. H. Law James to secure that in future peals of Minor should consist only of true 720's. The Central Council have, for the time being at any rate, declined to insist upon this provision, but we believe the time will come when the Council will lay down a rule on the lines of the resolution and refuse to recognise peals on six bells unless they are rung with the least repetition possible. . . .

One of the difficulties, however, with which the general body of Minor ringers is confronted is that at present they have no means of knowing which methods can be spliced together, or how the splicing may be effected. It is true Mr. James has published one 5,040 in 14 methods got by seven true 720's, but before the practice of ringing in this way can become general, the Exercise must have a wider knowledge of the means by which it is accomplished. If we may throw out a hint to Mr. James, therefore, it is this, that . . . he should publish the list of methods which can be spliced, showing how and where they can be pieced together. . . . Mr. James told the Council that it is possible to include no less than 31 methods in seven true 720's, and he rightly remarked that whoever rings a peal of Minor thus composed would have something to talk about. . . .

[Splicing was indeed in its infancy, and a number of years were to elapse before much advance was made on the 31 methods. The labours of Mr. A. G. Driver, and later of Mr. C. K. Lewis, raised the number to more than a hundred.]

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

In spite of late alterations in the meeting place, between 40 and 50 members and visitors attended the Winchester District meeting at Tichborne on May 31st.

The church at Tichborne contains six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) and is ideally situated on high ground with very few houses near. The bells were soon heard tapping out a variety of methods up to Cambridge.

A five-minute service of prayers was held in the church, led by the district chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, after which members adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, who only half an hour earlier had given permission for the business meeting to be conducted there.

The chairman gave a special welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild) and ringers from Windsor, Reading, Bournemouth, Southampton and Dorset.

The secretary explained the reason for the sudden change in plans for the meeting. The previous Thursday he had received a note from the Rev. A. P. Skene, Rector of Cheriton, who regretted that the bells of Cheriton would not be available owing to a funeral on that day.

Mrs. K. Phillips, of St. Maurice's, Winchester, and Masters P. Long and D. Humber, of Ropley, were elected ringers members.

It was decided that the practice meetings for August and September should be held at Cheriton and Longstock respectively. After tea ringers had the choice of two towers—Tichborne and New Alresford.

SPILSBY, LINC'S.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. R. Ketteringham (first as cond.) 2, C. H. Wright 3, E. Badley 4, R. Barratt 5.

WOUBURN, BEDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Harris 1, R. Piron (first of Stedman) 2, H. Harding 3, R. Sharp 4, D. Knox 5, A. Sinfield 6, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 7, M. Hooton 8.

DEDICATION

CALSTOCK, CORNWALL

Some ten miles north of Plymouth, on the banks of the River Tamar, lies the pretty village of Calstock. It is typically Cornish, being built on the side of a hill, with a steep main street. The church is situated right on top of this hill, in an isolated position, at the end of a country lane.

However, in spite of a stormy afternoon, on Saturday, May 31st, most of the inhabitants of the village and some 50 ringers attended the dedication of the bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. John Wellington, Assistant Bishop of Truro, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. de Labat, and in the course of his address the Bishop remarked that he found in most parts of Cornwall all the bells in a tower were rung for service.

After the service everyone adjourned to the Village Memorial Hall, where a very nice tea had been prepared by the ladies of the parish.

The bells are a complete ring of six by John Pennington, of Lezant and Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, and the tenor weighs 9½ cwt. They have been tuned and rehung with ball bearings in a new iron frame, together with new fittings.

The bellfounders were represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon and he was congratulated, on behalf of his firm, for a really excellent job. Among those ringers present were the Rev. Dr. H. Brown, Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro, the Rev. E. M. Thomas, Vicar of Menheniot, and bands from Callington, Botus Fleming, Lamerton, Linkenhorn, Menheniot and Northill, who rang rounds and call changes.

Also present was a grand old gentleman from St. Dominic's, aged 87, and who actually attended and rang at the previous rehanging of the bells 66 years ago, in 1886!

It was at this church on September 7th, 1864, that the first change-ringing was ever performed in Cornwall, being three six-scores of Grand-sire Doubles, and on Midsummer Day, 1866, 720 Grand-sire Minor was conducted by William Banister, rung under the auspices of the Society of Calstock Changeringers, which was founded by Mr. H. R. Trelawney. This is recorded in the ringing chamber, and, in addition, there is an old painting of the ringers in 1773.

SOWTON RINGERS' WEDDING

Mr. W. C. Panter—Miss P. I. Willmington

Members of the Sowton and Pinhoe band of ringers, Mr. Wilfred Charles Panter, only son of Mr. C. S. and the late Mrs. Panter, of 412, Purhoe Road, Exeter, and Miss Phyllis Irene Willmington, of Venn's Farm, Sowton, were married on Whit Monday at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Sowton, Devon.

The Rev. H. Spencer (Rector) officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. A. J. Matthews (Vicar of Pinhoe). Mr. John Woolcott (cousin of the bridegroom) was the organist.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of white lace with a sweetheart neckline, which had panels of lace and net over a full taffeta skirt. Her headdress of orange blossom was worn with an embroidered veil. She carried a horseshoe-shaped bouquet of pink roses and white heather.

Miss Rita Wells was the bridesmaid, Mr. George Whiteside best man and Messrs H. Willmington and L. Holley ushers. On leaving the church the bride was presented with three silver horseshoes.

The reception was held at the Parish Hall, Sowton, and the honeymoon was spent touring France, the bride travelling in a powder blue costume with grey accessories.

Among the numerous presents were a barometer and a biscuit barrel from Sowton and Pinhoe ringers, who were among those entertained by the bride's parents. The wedding cake was decorated with bells.

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MARRIAGE

PANTER—WILLMINGTON.—On Whit Monday, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Sowton, Wilfred Charles, only son of Mr. C. S. Panter and the late Mrs. G. Panter, of Exeter, and Phyllis Irene, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Willmington, of Sowton. 898

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), June 14th. Tea on Court Lodge lawn. Names to W. Morland, Court Lodge, Lamberhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 848

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Winslow, June 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow. Bucks. 875

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Brill, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Kinch, Bicester. 892

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting Oswestry, June 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 868

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 872

THURNBY, LEICS.—Monday, June 16th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble bell. A cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. 857

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Goat-hurst, June 21st, 6.30—9 p.m.—R. Short, Chil-ton Trinity. 887

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Publow, June 21st, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 889

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—North-wich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth (8), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by June 17th, to C. Holden, High Street, Great Budworth.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 886

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coven-try and Rugby District.—Meeting at Church Lawford Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by June 19th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 882

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak Dis-trib.—Meeting at Burbage (6), Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—D. S. Gregory. 905

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice for all—rounds and upwards—St. Thomas', Exeter. Saturday, June 21st, 3.30 p.m.—5 p.m. Cathedral ringing 6—8 p.m.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 880

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIA-TION.—Western District.—Saturday, June 21st, Newton Hall, St. James', 2.30 p.m. Bring own food: cups of tea provided.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 903

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6) June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify, by June 18th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 888

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tetbury, June 21st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea by 18th to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester. 913

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meet-ing at Albury for Saturday, June 21st, **cancelled.**—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 863

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meet-ing, Stokesay, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.10. 883

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, June 21st. Bells available: Essendon (6) 2.30—4.45; Hatfield (10) 6—8.30. Tea at Essendon at 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 899

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Katherine's, Blackrod, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting follows tea. Tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 907

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Man-chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 21st. Meeting in tower 2.30 p.m. Ringing from 4.30 p.m. Tea 3s. Names, before 18th, to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beeslev Green Worsley.—R. Benson. 911

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossen-dale Branch.—Next meeting at Waterfoot on Saturday, June 21st. Bells from 3. Tea at 5; own food. Meeting in tower at 6. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 910

LAVENHAM SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anni-versary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. All wel-come. Tea shop opposite church.—S. H. Symonds. 884

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bos-worth, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 895

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Humberstone, June 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the 18th, to Mr. E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. 879

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Gains-borough District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Willingham, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 877

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, June 21st. Ring-ing, 3.15 till 4.45. Tea locally. Business and further ringing follow. — Boyack. Wanstead 1575. 896

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch, Saturday, June 21st, at Ditchingham (6). Bells 2.30. Ser-vice 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells at Bungay (8) avail-able after tea. Names or numbers for tea to H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, by Wednesday, June 18th. No notifica-tion no teas.—J. Harwood, Sec. 847

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 891

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) to all who notify, on or be-fore June 19th, Mr. A. H. Hawcroft, Eastring-ton, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 885

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30—3.15 and 6—6.45. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30 onwards. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15 in St. Mary's Schoolroom, followed by annual meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 861

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Bray, June 21st. Bells 3.30. Names for tea, please, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18. 852

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Dis-trib.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh, June 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by June 18th, to C. J. Cham-pion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 890

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Hen-field (8), Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by Thurs-day, June 19th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 893

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Arley, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach from Bell Street (Bell Hotel), Stourbridge, 2.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, 19th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 866

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Mirfield, Sat-urday, June 21st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Robinson, 17, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 855

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting, Wath-on-Deane, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. Names, by

Thursday, June 19th, to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Deane. New re-ports available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 909

ST. MARY'S, SEND, NEAR WOKING, SURREY.—Ringers' rally and service, Sunday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends welcomed. Bells (6) from 4.30 to service 6.30 p.m. Bring own refreshments. Cups of tea obtainable.—S. M. Strudwick, Tower Sec. 871

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, June 28th, at St. Bartholo-mew's, Penn. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, Tuesday, June 24th, latest, to F. Colclough, Acting Sec-etary, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 908

GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS and MIDDLESEX and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS.—Four Guild Festival, June 28th. Egham (8), Staines, St. Mary's (8) from 3. Staines (both towers) and Old Windsor (8) after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 for those who notify, by Wed-nesday previous, Mrs. D. E. Knowles, 45, The Avenue, Egham.—W. Simmonds, A. D. Barker, F. W. Goodfellow and R. Athbury, Branch and District Secs. 906

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Rev. Tindall, Elsham Vicar-age, Brigg. 900

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Sleaford (8) June 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 904

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 28th. Approximate cost 20s. including dinner and tea: 12s. 6d. deposit secures seat. Towers: Leeds, Maidstone, Frindsbury, Lewes, Bolney, Brighton. Write: A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 878

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Deddington, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4. Meeting. Ring-ing. Evensong 6 (Eve of Patronal Festival). Ringing.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Ban-bury. 897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD & WIN-CHES-TER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Combined meeting, Newbury and Basingstoke Branches, Bucklebury (8), June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Miss S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 897

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, High-fields. 881

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meet-ing and prize contest at Saddleworth, July 5th. Entrance fee, 10s. per company, to secretary by June 21st, please. For teas and practice notify Mr. J. Hulme, 116, High Street, Upper-mill, Oldham, Lancs, by June 28th.—A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 874

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before June 28th, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deep-ing St. Nicholas, Spalding. 912

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 12th. Service Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher: Ven. Thorndike Shaw). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications to general secretary, please, by July 6th. Ringing at Cathedral, Merton, Mag-dalen and New Colleges, St. Thomas', St. Giles', St. Aldgate's, St. Cross, St. Mary Mag-dalen's, Carfax, All Saints' and St. Ebbe's. Choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hib-ber, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basing-stoke, Hants. 901

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey, on May 25th. 1,275 Stedman Caters: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, E. J. Fry 3, M. Helps 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. H. Hurford 6, J. Hallett 7, E. Naylor 8, R. O. Fry 9, H. Merrett and A. Read 10. Rung for the inaugural service for the Bath Assembly Festival of Arts.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On June 1st, 1,230 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cooper 1, C. W. Hall (cond.) 2, Miss J. Knight 3, L. Stockwell 4, R. Goodman 5, Miss R. Stockwell 6. First by Sunday service band and by 3, 4 and 6.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and April Day and 420 Grandsire): T. Saunders 1, B. V. Collison 2, W. R. Manser 3, L. Honess 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, B. W. Pankhurst 6. First quarter in 8 methods by all the band.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. V. Chilcott 1, B. A. Rose 2, P. Bettridge 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, J. B. Sansom 5, W. J. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, C. A. Newnes 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sharp 1, L. Sharp 2, K. Brown 3, B. Hammond (first quarter) 4, E. Bishop 5, H. King (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Rogers, also a ringer. First quarter by a local band since 1938.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Blair (first quarter) 1, J. M. Stevens (cond.) 2, Mary Stevens 3, Pamela A. Martin 4, J. Crawley (first Triples) 5, D. J. Gay 6, R. W. Stevens 7, J. Seager 8.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: I. Saunders 1, Miss J. Warren 2, Miss M. Shadrack 3, J. West 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

SEATON, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, R. Woodley 2, Betty Smith 3, G. C. Turner 4, J. Asbury 5, E. J. Dowe 6, B. Pidgeon (cond.) 7, H. Mallett 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Vine (first quarter) 1, Beryl Churchill (first 'inside') 2, B. Vine (first as cond.) 3, F. G. Sparks 4, H. Churchill 5, R. G. Perry 6.

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