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A BUSY MONTH

ALTHOUGH the great national newspapers cover the country and are read eagerly, yet the various types of local papers, usually published weekly, are read just as eagerly, and what would England be without them? They are in the main good friends of ringers and very willingly publish items of interest to the ringing fraternity. The dedication of a new ring of bells or the reopening of a rehung ring is duly reported in full along with appropriate photographs.

During October there was a spate of bell dedications and the pages of numerous local papers contained detailed reports, publicity which is of great value to the various bell funds. The month opened in grand style, for on Saturday, the 1st, there were celebrations at Belstone and Revelstoke in Devon. The moorland village of Belstone formerly had five bells; now they have been rehung with new fittings in a new cast iron frame, with a tenor of 5 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., and a treble added to make six. The service of dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Crediton in the presence of a large congregation. Eleven bands of ringers were invited to ring and good use was made of the bells. After the service, tea was provided in the Village Hall. Sports were held in an adjoining field, followed by a dance and social.

Away down at Revelstoke, Preb. C. C. Cox was officiating at the reopening of the ring of eight there. These bells have a tenor weighing about 16 cwt.; they have been quarter turned, provided with new clappers and ball bearings. After the service a double ringing competition was held; the first was for the eight-bell bands and the second for the six-bell bands. As can be expected, some good ringing was heard. In Noss Mayo the critics of the ringing gathered in the Swan, where full advantage was taken of the licence extension that had been obtained for this special occasion, whilst in the Schoolroom a social and dance carried on until past midnight. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had carried out the work at both churches and Mr. John P. Fidler represented them.

A fortnight later we find Mr. Fidler again in the West Country at Kilminster, Devon, where Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had completed the restoration of the six bells. This work involved the recasting of the 4th and 5th bells, the quarter turning and tuning of the other four bells,

restoring the old timber bell-frame and the provision of new headstocks, wheels and ball bearings. Again the Bishop of Crediton officiated and the church was packed to capacity. Immediately the service was over the numerous invited bands took charge of the bells and rang at their allotted times. The tenor bell here weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. Those who were not ringing partook of tea in the Village Hall.

A week later, October 22nd, was the occasion of exceptional celebrations at Preston Candover, in Hampshire, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth had very good reason for jubilation, for his new ring of six, with a tenor of 3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb., was dedicated. Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. Arthur Fidler were present from Loughborough along with numerous ringers from the surrounding district. On Saturday, August 20th, Mr. Brinkworth had the rare and unique experience of ringing a quarter peal on his bells before they left Loughborough. The new bell frame was built over a pit, so that when the bells were hung in it it was possible to ring them; quite a number of visiting ringers had the pleasure of ringing them during the time they stood in the erecting shop.

The Bishop of Crediton had another engagement on October 29th, when he visited Witheridge, Devon, for the dedication of the restored ring of eight bells. For years these bells have had an unenviable reputation, but that is a thing of the past. The old beetle-ridden timbers have been removed from the tower, the bells have been rehung in a massive cast iron frame complete with new fittings, and new floors have been installed to replace the old decayed ones that had done service for very many years. The tenor bell weighs 23 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. and can now be rung with greater ease than was once the case. Many bands of ringers from North Devon visited Witheridge and were well rewarded for their journey. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Paul L. Taylor along with Mr. John Oldham.

It so happened that the Preston Candover and Witheridge bell frames were constructed side by side in the erecting shop at Loughborough and presented an interesting contrast. The Preston Candover frame occupied an area of 7ft. 6in. square, whilst its neighbour occupied an area something like 19ft. x 21ft.; in fact, it seemed as though the Preston Candover bells could be placed in the Witheridge tenor pit.

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The month closed with the dedication of the bells of Wisbech St. Mary. Where there were five, now there are six and the tenor is 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., and a very nice ring they are. The office of dedication took place during the morning service on Sunday, the 30th, and the ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely. There was a large congregation, but owing to the time of the service very few visiting ringers appeared. Mr. John P. Fidler, however, was able to be present to represent the founders. During the period the work on the bells was under way a new band of ringers was trained and they rang remarkably well on this special occasion. 'X.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS C. LARKEY 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY 2	FREDERICK ALMOND 8
JOHN F. GROVE 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9
JACK N. BROWN 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 10
ROBERT L. PIRON 5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 11
ALAN P. CAVE 6	STEWART BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Thomas W. Hammond, who for close on 40 years was a member of the St. Nicholas' band, and who died on Wednesday, September 14th last.

LONDON, S.E.1.

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

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. Treble	†JOHN HALES 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER .. 8
*THOMAS E. DAVIES 3	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 9
†WILFRID G. WILSON 4	†LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 10
*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN 11
†E. JOHN WELLS 6	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

*First peal of Maximus. †First peal on 12 bells. ‡First peal. First peal of Maximus as conductor. Ringers of 5 and 9 have now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Squire Croft.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*DAVID BANKS Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 6
FRED BENNETT 2	JAMES E. KIRBY 7
PETER WOODWARD 3	JOHN E. KIRBY 8
*DAVID CUBITT 4	CHARLES BARKER 9
MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First peal of Bob Royal.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of these bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 6
*JOSEPHINE GREEN 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 7
LESLIE EVANS 3	†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 8
*PHILIP G. MORGAN 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First peal on ten bells. †75th peal.

RANMOOR, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD BIRCH Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM .. 2	*IAN M. HOLLAND 7
*H. DAVID HOLLAND 3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 8
DENNIS HOLLAND 4	*WILLIAM HOLLAND 9
*JOHN S. SEAGER 5	BARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

*First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 6
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
HAROLD PARKINSON 4	KENNETH HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

*600th peal for Lancashire Association.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Alice Williams, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*GWEN I. RUSBY Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JACK BRAY 4	*W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

In memoriam Charles William King, of Goole.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

MARY SHEARSMITH .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
BARRY SULLIVAN 2	DOUGLAS THORP 6
PERCY WHITAKER 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

Rung on the same day as the Snowdon Dinner in Leeds.



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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 5
ERNEST F. SHEARN 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
*JOHN M. STALLARD 3	ROGEF O. FRY 7
*JOHN W. OWEN 4	LEONARD DERRICK Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

In memoriam John H. B. Hesse

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

THOMAS BEVAN Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 5
ARTHUR F. WARREN 2	*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 6
FREDERICK A. BARKER .. 3	*BERNARD J. WILLIS .. 7
MAX P. PAGE 4	*LEONARD E. TUBB Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by BERNARD J. WILLIS.

* First Major peal in the method.

First Treble Bob Major peal on the bells since augmentation.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Frederick A. Barker.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 5
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung immediately after the dedication of the peal board recording 14,144 London Surprise Major rung in the tower on October 4th, 1947.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Tues., Oct. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
HENRY C. WEAVER .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 6
RICHARD WILSON 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	ERIC T. LEE Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Specially arranged and rung for the centenary of the bells.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*PETER WATSON .. Treble	*GEORGE D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 5
*TREVOR TAYLOR 2	SYDNEY SAGE 6
†IVOR JENKINS 3	*DEREK TAYLOR 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD.

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.
PATRICIA H. JONES .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE .. 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 3	DAVID J. KING 7
JOHN E. MORGAN 4	JAMES L. FITZGERALD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Lewis, the local towermaster and former master of the Association, who has been ringing at Caldicot for over 60 years.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	HARRY PARKER 5
RAYMOND JOHNSON 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY 6
CECIL RADDON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
VICTOR NEAL 4	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

In memoriam John and Betty Potter.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*CYRIL RUSBY .. Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 5
†DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
CYRIL WRIGHT 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
†FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal together.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

RONALD J. SHARP .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5
*K. PATRICIA HUTTON .. 2	FRANK W. CROFT 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	MICHAEL ORME 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. This composition was rung for the first time.

A farewell to Michael Orme on his departure for the R.A.F. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman and Miss Joan Morris, married at Kettering on this day.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TRIPLES

Consisting of 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court; 420 each of Double Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, St. Clement's, College, Court and Oxford; 280 each of London, Hereward and Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
ERNEST A. TURNER .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
FREDERICK JUKES 2	BERNARD LAWTON 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 7
ARTHUR PEAKMAN 4	STEPHEN MALLIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

Annual peal for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	*JOHN R. MAYNE 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 6
JOAN A. BERESFORD .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* 100th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON 2	RONALD KENRICK 6
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 3	*PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Edna Wharton, daughter of Mr. William O. Wharton, towerkeeper at Oxtan.

SEATON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY G. KEELEY Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
CANON C. CAREW COX .. 2	CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 6
*RICHARD P. LANCEFIELD.. 3	*HARRY J. GAYLARD 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for All Saintside.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE W. JEFFS Treble	CECIL WADE 5
*WILLIAM ROSE 2	GEORGE BUSH 6
LESLIE WITTEN 3	JAMES HAW 7
ALBERT SCOTT 4	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARKER.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major away from treble.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Canon Lucock, and also for the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

This peal contains the sixth bell 22 times wrong and 22 times right in 5-6.

TILEHURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Four-part Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	*JOHN N. DISERENS 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	*GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
ALFRED K. STREET 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
*JOHN WATERS 4	BRYAN C. STIRLAND Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
FELIX H. ERITH 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

Arranged and rung to mark the completion of 30 years as Rector of Barking-cum-Darmsden by Canon S. H. De la Bere.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (15 different callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON 4
GRACE BURCHNALL 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

A 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Copp.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4) combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) spliced St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (6) spliced College and Reverse Bob, and (7) Cambridge Surprise. 44 changes of method.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 4
JOHN E. FOX 2	*CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Wallace Cousins.

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

R. FRANK BAKER Treble	*RALPH CHAPMAN 3
*LUCY ALLEN 2	E. J. WHITING 4

*CYRIL CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by R. FRANK BAKER.

* First of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

First peal on the bells.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4
*ERIC FLINTHAM 2	†DEREK SMITH 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 4
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
*EDWARD C. BARTON .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal on the bells for 30 years.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, York and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK BRAY Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY 4
RONALD CHAFER 2	HARRY HALL 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Oct. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Single Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON 4
ERIC NAYLOR 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
JOSEPH GRENFED 3	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.

Rung for St. Crispin's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to Anne, daughter of E. C. Barton, ringer of the fourth.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LEONARD COPNALL Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS 4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
BASIL JONES 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and Morris' 240.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*MARGARET DINGLE Treble	†HERBERT W. LIDBETTER .. 4
†DORIS E. LIDBETTER 2	*BEVAN WILLGESS 5
KENNETH L. BROWN 3	†MAY LIDBETTER Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor in the method.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Bevan Willgess, who is shortly leaving to do his National Service with the R.A.F.

DUNKERTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb.

WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. Treble	ERNEST E. BRAY 4
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5
S. ARTHUR READ 3	†ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Cuncastre, Newcastle, Chester, York, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON .. Treble	RICHARD BUSBY 4
FREDERICK W. COOKE .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Goldie, M.A., lately Archdeacon of Cyprus.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of Deuble Court and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH Treble	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. 4
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
WILLIAM M. MANN 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 4
HENRY O. BAKER 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE .. 5
WILLIAM G. BIBBY 3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

A wedding compliment to Canon A. J. Humphreys and Mrs. Humphreys.



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TILNEY, NORFOLK

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

		Tenor 16 cwt.	
*DAVID SMITH Treble	JOHN WILSON 4		
EDWARD BARKER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5		
HUBERT C. CROME 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor		

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal and first attempt.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

		Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.	
RONALD DANIELS Treble	NORMAN LINE 3		
PERCY AMOS 2	REX LINE 4		

GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung to mark the Festival of St. Simon. First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

PRESTON CANDOVER WITH NUTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: London, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

ADRIAN J. TUMBER Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4
NELIA M. LEAHY 2	PETER NASH 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

The first peal on the bells. Rung to mark the dedication of the new bells. Also as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Thorne, B.E.M.; a diamond wedding compliment to the parents of the local captain's wife, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN Treble	*WILLIAM JOHNSON 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	JOHN A. SMITH 5
*GERALD JOHNSON 3	C. ROGER HAYWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by

C. ROGER HAYWARD (Plain Bob), JOHN A. SMITH (Kent Treble Bob).

* First peal in two methods.

LYNSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, Oct. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day (three callings), St. Simon's (four callings), St. Martin's (four callings), Stedman (six callings), Plain Bob (four callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

ALBERT DUNK Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 3
EDWARD C. BARTON 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4

ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal in seven double methods by all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings.

Tenor size 18 in G.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER 3—4
JOHN KING 5—6	

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. King.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: May Lidbetter 1, June E. Gladman 2, K. L. Brown (cond.) 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, B. Willgress 5, Doris E. Lidbetter 6. First in method for 2 and 5. Rung as a farewell to Bevan Willgress, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June A. Grieson 1, R. D. Brown 2, Hazel Craven 3, Diana M. Gough 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.' Rung as a token of thanks to Mr. C. W. Linington on his retirement as Southern Division secretary.

ANCASTER, Lincs.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. A. Hill 1, Miss P. A. Holmes 2, W. R. Read (cond.) 3, B. Hunt 4, B. Buttery 5. Average age of band 16 years.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Walton 1, W. Stevens 2, D. Miller 3, C. Clarke 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all except treble ringer. First of Surprise on the bells. Believed first of Surprise by all-Bridgewater branch members.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Harding 1, D. J. Jeeves (first 'inside') 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, W. Sims 4, F. Hull 5, A. Burns (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells since augmentation to six.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. W. Knight (first in method) 1, A. W. Bond 2, C. Riddlestone (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, J. V. Lonsbrough 6, R. G. Cross 7, G. North 8.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. A. Simpson 1, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 2, P. M. Giles 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton 5, A. Simpson 6, P. H. Whitaker 7, K. W. Rainsden (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Clement Glenn, late ringing master at Bulwell, who was interred at Horbling, Lincs., this day. The calling was taken from Holt's Original, one of Clement Glenn's favourite compositions. Afterwards the Rector came up into the belfry and conducted a short memorial service.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. Proctor 1, Miss Bibby 2, C. L. Simcock 3, J. Walden 4, B. Hunt 5, G. Randles (cond.) 6, J. Cragg 7, G. W. King 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. Furgate (first quarter) 1, E. Amey (first away from treble) 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. H. Duke (cond.) 5, B. Hino (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Dunn, a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Charminster, for 45 years, who was interred this day.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Donn 1, J. Morris (cond.) 2, J. Sims 3, K. Small 4, T. Easterley 5, J. Hurrell 6, F. Hurrell 7, F. Mounce 8. for the Feast of Dedication.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. E. Hoodless 1, B. M. Buswell 2, J. D. Clarke 3, T. G. Goodwin 4, P. Giles 5, B. Box 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, G. R. Payne 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Charman (cond.) 1, C. Charman 2, G. Charman 3, A. Tidy 4, C. Stevens 5, J. Pell 6, L. Warner 7, W. T. Beeson 8. For Evensong. All local service ringers.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Little Bob Major: B. Martin 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, F. R. Scholefield 3, Miss M. Turner 4, Mrs. R. Armstrong 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, J. Armstrong 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8. Rung for the dedication of the standard of the Dagenham branch of the Royal Artillery Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. A. Gray 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Miss A. Banks 3, H. J. Saunders 4, J. Willis 5, G. Gray 6, C. George (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (650 Grand-sire and 600 Plain Bob): W. Palmer 1, N. Skinner (first in two methods) 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Savage 4, M. Board 5, H. Luxton 6. Rung for patronal festival and to honour the birth of Garry William Skinner and Russell Keith Board, sons of the conductor and ringer of the fifth.

EDINBURGH.—On Oct. 29th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Patricia Craig 1, Kate Branson 2, A. McI. Smith 3, J. Killick 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, W. H. Pickett 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. Mauran 8. First quarter for 3 and 4. Rung for the first Evensong of the dedication festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Jean E. Howells 1, G. A. Cockman (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, Cherie Payne 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. Rung for dedication festival.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Guess 1, D. Hurst 2, M. G. Hooton 3, E. Hanks 4, J. F. Brooks (cond.) 5, M. W. Underwood 6. Rung for Canon C. A. Wheeler's 21st year as Rector of this parish.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, James Phillips 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, J. Stephenson 7, R. J. Fox 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. M. Page 10.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Witney 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, A. Clement 4, H. S. Peacock 5, M. J. Dyer 6, W. Ransome 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For morning service.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Berry 1, F. Cooke 2, C. Springham 3, R. Hornby 4, S. Smith (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6. For harvest festival evening service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (48 Singles): P. Jackson (14) 1, C. V. Hare (77) 3, A. C. Harris 4, R. J. Coppage 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6, P. Mehew 7, M. Orme cover bell. For Evensong. A farewell to M. Orme from the local ringers on his departure for the R.A.F.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkstone Variation): Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, L. W. Bullock 3, R. Brown 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, R. Collins 4, D. Wright 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Cornwall 1, A. Foxall (first in method) 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Heppenstall 4, Doreen Coker 5, D. Cornwall 6, A. E. Cox 7, J. D. Kape (first in method as cond.) 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Little Bob Royal: F. J. Plummer 1, J. G. Newman 2, Miss V. W. Willard 3, C. Loke 4, H. B. Whitney 5, R. Kendall 6, D. Knox 7, B. C. Johnson 8, J. W. V. Sinfeld 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. McPhail 1, R. Smith 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley (first in method) 4, L. Last 5, C. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampin (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. A. Yates 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. A. Constant 1, R. Constant 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, J. Burles (cond.) 4, T. Taylor 5, H. Argent 6, F. A. Mitchell 7, W. Gorrington 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard A. Munn, for many years a faithful ringer at this church, who passed away the previous Sunday.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. T. Barrett 1, Miss E. Russell (first quarter) 2, H. Vine 3, H. D. Bishop (cond.) 4, J. Davis (first 'inside') 5, W. Lewis 6. For United Nations Day.

POPLAR, E.—At the Church of All Saints, on Oct. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, S. H. Dearden 2, H. Belcher 3, C. Watts 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, A. B. Peck 10. For Evensong and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Deal.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Oct. 30th, at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Parker 1, E. N. Harrison 2, R. W. R. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York-Bramble (comp. and cond.) 6, F. W. Rogers 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th and his wife on the occasion of the birth of a son. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Burnett 1, Marion J. Parker 2, Kathleen Knight 3, R. Baldwin 4, D. R. Reed 5, E. Harrison 6, J. Hartless 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss F. Hankey (first quarter) 1, F. B. Jeal 2, Miss B. Saggars 3, L. W. Penfold 4, A. Streeter (first of Triples) 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,840 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Wardill (15) 1, G. K. Chaddock 2, F. Woodall 3, B. Holland 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, H. J. Jackson 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 3. Rung in preparation for the patronal festival after meeting short for a peal.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (on the back six): M. Bunce 1, E. Hare 2, T. Furbear 3, H. Ranson 4, J. Furbear 5, J. R. Hutchings 6, A. C. Selley (cond.) 7, F. Down 8. First quarter for 3, 5 and 8. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dymond. Mr. Dymond has been a member of the local band for over 20 years.

SPALDING, HUNTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Richardson 1, G. Seth (first of Minor, aged 68) 2, R. Chapman 3, W. Whitmore 4, C. Clarke 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. Mills 1, Marian Mills 2, P. W. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills (first as cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. First quarter by an all-local band of Sunday service ringers. For Evensong.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. McKane 1, Miss B. McKane 2, Miss S. Streeter 3, H. C. Weaver 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6. First in two methods for ringers of 1 and 2. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. McKane. Also on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Triggs (first quarter) 1, Miss B. McKane 2, Miss J. Egerton (first 'inside') 3, W. H. Harrison 4, E. Horner 5, E. Treagus (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by Sunday service band. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Triggs.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On July 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. R. Lamphie 1, Joan Gray 2, Enid Roberts 3, P. L. Cooper 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. A farewell to Philip and Joan Gray on their return to England.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Hayes (13) 1, A. Boyack 2, F. Maynard 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. Holman 5, T. Coles 6, R. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and to Frances, daughter of the 5th ringer. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Rumsby 2, M. Hayes (first 'inside') 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, B. K. Lunn 5, H. Belcher 6, John Phillips 7, James Phillips 8. For Evensong and as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. S. Langdon.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Clarke 1, T. G. Goodwin 2, Mrs. J. Simpson 3, T. O. Greasley 4, A. Simpson 5, J. D. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury and 540 Grand-sire): Miss G. Ashby 1, R. Daniels 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, N. Line 4, P. Amos 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Jeffrey Benson to Miss Dorothy M. V. Latham.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Colley 1, D. A. Passant 2, E. I. Embrey 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, L. Colley 6. For Evensong and harvest festival.

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Mr. Arthur Lewis, tower
captain at Caldicote, Mon,
was highly delighted with the
peal rung for his 94th birthday, especially as
a birthday peal had been attempted for the last
five years without success. The peal enabled
the tenor ringer, James L. Fitzgerald
(‘Jimmy’), of Newport, Mon, to make a re-
turn to peal ringing after an absence of four
years.

Mrs. Dorothy T. Gardiner is leaving Burton-
on-Trent for Dorset in the New Year. A
popular member, she will be greatly missed.

The quarter peal at Ancaster, Lincs, on Oc-
tober 31st was rung as a compliment to Peter
Hill, who was leaving for the Merchant Navy
the next day.

By ringing the third to a peal of Stedman
Triples at Wraxall on October 21st, Mr. John
M. Stallard, of Bristol, has rung peals of Sted-
man from Doubles to Cinques.

Congratulations to Michael Crowder, of
Barrow-on-Humber, who rang his first peal of
Stedman Triples on the eve of his 13th birthday.
Well done, Michael! We look forward to con-
tinued progress.

The five young people who scored their first
quarter peal at Egham on October 9th are mem-
bers of the present Sunday service band. The
ringer of the third is aged 12 years, and the
ringers of the second and sixth are both aged
14 years.

The band which rang the golden wedding
quarter peal at Silverton, Devon, for Mr. and
Mrs. C. G. Dymond would like to associate
with this tribute the name of Mr. W. E.
Richards, a member of the local band. He was
unfortunately prevented from taking part by a
broken leg sustained in a motor accident, and
is at present in hospital at Weston-super-Mare.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Many friends of Mr.
Reginald Hooper, Ringing
Master of the Bristol Rural
Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan
Association were sorry to hear that he had to
enter the Bristol Royal Infirmary recently to
undergo medical treatment. Latest reports state
that he is improving and hopes to be about
again soon.

Mr. R. H. Stickley has left England for
Zaria, Northern Nigeria. He was until recently
in South Africa and did good work with St.
Mary's, Woodstock.

Mr. G. Seth, now 68, rang his first quarter
of Minor at Spaldwick, Hunts, on October 29th.
He had, many years ago, rung peals of Doubles,
but never higher.

Mr. A. Mauran, who had only rung once in
the past 20 years, volunteered to ring the 41 cwt.
tenor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, when
the band met short for a quarter peal on Octo-
ber 29th. His action was much appreciated.

The young Halstead ringer, 12-years-old
Geoffrey Steed, who has had barely three
months' tuition, rang his first quarter peal at
Stisted, Essex, on October 18th. The Vicar,
commenting on the performance, said, 'He
must have ringing in his "blood."' Geoffrey
is a relative of the Snowden family!

The peal at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, recorded
elsewhere in this issue, provided an opportunity
for several of those taking part to achieve a
'first' in one way or another. For the con-
ductor's son, Alan P. Cave, and for Robert
Piron it was their first peal on 12 bells, and it
was also Piron's first peal of Stedman. For
Stewart Bailey and Stephen Parry it was their
first peal of Stedman Cinques, and the first of
Stedman Cinques on a working bell for John
Grove.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 23rd Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on October 15th. It is several years since this function was held in Leeds, and a post-war record attendance of 130 was a most encouraging feature which contributed much towards making the dinner a great success.

The president of the Yorkshire Association, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, presided, supported by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Alderman Sir James Croysdale) and Lady Croysdale, the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. Canon C. B. Sampson) and Mrs. Sampson, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith and Messrs. L. W. G. Morris and A. E. Sellars.

An excellent meal was served after which the president gave the loyal toast.

The Lord Mayor of Leeds then submitted the toast 'The Church and State.' Some weeks before the dinner, he said, he had been presented with a copy of the Association's 1954 annual report and he confessed to being somewhat puzzled by the figures representing the number of peals rung at various churches and the number of peals rung by individual members of these churches. He was even more perplexed upon finding that 46 peals had been rung at St. Michael's, Headingley, and that Percy Johnson had taken part in 295 of them! He thought that perhaps this could be explained by some kind of 'transfer system,' in which case it would appear that several churches must have long since been relegated to the Third Division! In a more serious vein he thought that no State could be truly happy unless there was an active Church working in that State.

In his response the Vicar of Leeds spoke of his early work in various parishes around Leeds and of the close unity which still existed between the Church and the State in the city. He also recalled his days as Vicar of Maidstone, when he had close connections with the Kent County Association.

Canon Sampson thought that members of the Yorkshire Association were most fortunate in that their organisation was framed in such a way as to avoid the restrictions imposed by diocesan boundaries. He knew of no other church organisation which enjoyed this liberty and thought that a certain amount of relaxation in this direction might assist in establishing an even closer unity in the Church as a whole.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST AUTHORITY

The company gave a great welcome to Mr. E. C. Shepherd when he rose to propose the main toast 'To the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He expressed the opinion that Jasper Snowdon was great in three ways—as an historian, as a teacher and as founder of the Yorkshire Association. He was perhaps the greatest authority on change ringing and although he died at the early age of 41, his books were still regarded as standard works on the subject. It is, moreover, evident that many of the more recent books on the art have been modelled on the lines of Snowdon's works. The excellent revision work portrayed in later editions of Snowdon's books had been carried out by his brother, William, the second president of the Association, in a true spirit of unselfishness.

Mr. Shepherd thought that the attributes of the past officers could still be found in the present officers and should stand the Association in good stead for many years to come. Following the toast a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by Messrs. W. Barton, W. F. Moreton, L. W. G. Morris, P. J. Johnson and J. Ambler, and this was felt to be a

fitting response to the memory of Jasper Snowdon.

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies' was then proposed by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. Barton was in some doubt as to who the visitors actually were, for, as he explained, many of those usually regarded as visitors were out-county members of the Association. The answer would no doubt be provided by those who remained seated during the drinking of the toast.

Four other ringing dinners, he said, were being held on that day—those of the Kent County Association, the Coventry Diocesan Guild, the Essex Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The Yorkshire Association was pleased to partake in an exchange of greetings between these various gatherings, with good wishes for a happy evening and prosperity in the future.

Continuing in lighter vein, Mr. Barton recounted several amusing anecdotes, much to the delight of those assembled. He also remarked that he thought the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' were in some way responsible for the decline in peal ringing by their decision to curtail footnotes, which meant that ringers now had to think of a legitimate reason for ringing a peal!

Mr. W. N. Park, in proposing 'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers,' took his theme from the letters Y O R K. The prosperity of all ringing associations depended largely on four things—Youth, Organisation, Realism and Keenness. The first of these was very much in evidence in the assembled company, and efficient organisation was a well-known characteristic of the Yorkshire Association. If due regard was paid to the remaining two qualities the continued prosperity of the Association was assured.

The last toast of the evening, 'The Chairman,' was given by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who said that in the 80 years of its existence the Association had had only four presidents. He hoped that this position would remain unaltered when the century mark was reached.

The president, in reply, said that unfortunately he could not guarantee anything quite so far ahead as the next 20 years. He concluded by thanking those of the organising committee who had worked so hard to ensure the success of the dinner.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by a quartet from Pudsey comprising Miss Maureen Shearsmith (soprano), Miss Mary Shearsmith (alto), Mr. A. E. Marsh (tenor) and Mr. G. Benfield (bass), accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A. E. Marsh. A gentleman known as the 'Jack of Clubs' also entertained with card tricks.

THE COMPANY

The company included:—

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. A. Coldrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lofthouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Staveley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Robshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thorley

Messrs. S. F. Palmer, B. Harris, I. Slack, A. Cole, J. W. Moxon, L. M. Woodhead, E. Hudson, S. H. Steel, P. Whitaker, A. Wear, G. Dixon, J. Pearson, V. Bottomley, T. W.

Strangeway, D. Hemming, G. C. Hemming, G. J. Hemming, S. Hellewell, Scott, W. Dixon, E. H. Simpson, A. C. Walsh, M. Brooke, R. Birch, B. Holland, H. O. Chaddock, R. S. Long, J. Segar, D. Chapman, W. L. Robinson, J. J. L. Gilbert, P. Kitteridge, D. Armstrong, F. Cardwell, F. Brunt, J. F. Milner, W. F. Moreton, J. Chettleburgh, G. K. Chaddock, A. I. Johnson, B. Sullivan, R. B. Cooke, D. Mann, R. T. Pinchen, F. Gledhill, P. Birkett, F. Linfoot, A. Rodgers, G. Benfield, W. E. Critchley, G. Robinson.

Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mrs. F. Seager.

The Misses E. J. Walker, M. E. Wilkinson, S. Holt, D. Hogg, S. M. Taylor, M. V. Copping, M. Hellewell, E. Bate, P. Maxwell, B. Hague, D. Shaw, M. Archer, M. Skinner, J. Hephher, Mary Shearsmith, Maureen Shearsmith.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

To ring for a Royal visit is a privilege unusually rare for many ringers; the London County Association recently had the honour of ringing twice in one week for the Royal Family in different parts of London.

On October 19th, the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, attended the service of dedication of the recently restored Lambeth Palace Chapel, which was destroyed during the war. Besides the Royal Family, seventy bishops were present at the service.

The bells of St. Mary's, Lambeth, which stands in the palace grounds, were rung under the direction of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, as the Queen arrived. An excellent touch of 'Stedman Triples' pealed across the river and the Queen herself remarked how beautiful the bells sounded.

On the following Sunday, H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited Poplar to open a new social welfare centre. To mark this occasion ringing took place at All Saints' Church as the Princess passed through the crowded streets. The General Master, with his Northern District counterpart, Mr. C. A. Hughes, and other members of the district, rang several well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

J. H.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Visitors to the College Youths' dinner going to St. George's, Camberwell, should take No. 36 bus from Paddington or No. 12 from Westminster to Camberwell Town Hall. Take first left beyond bus stop into Havil Street, and then turn left into Wells Way.

The peal of St. Simon's Doubles rung at Courteenhall is believed to be the second only peal in the method ever rung—the first being just prior to the last war, in Bedfordshire, conducted by the late Donald L. Cockings. Apropos, does anyone know of a church dedicated to St. Simon?

A quarter peal rung at East Budleigh, Devon, on October 30th, was rather a family affair. Sid Skinner, captain of the ringers, and Michael Board have each become the father of a fine son, so at least a quarter peal was justified as well as being as near the patronal festival of All Saints as possible. Grandfather of the band, Wally Palmer, was on the treble, Uncle Norman Skinner rang his first quarter in two methods on the second, while Father Sidney conducted from third. Great-uncle (now growing a beard) Cyril Savage rang the fourth, Father Michael the fifth, and the tenor man was Grandfather Harry Luxton, Michael's father-in-law, well known in call change circles. We hope the two sons will eventually become members of the local band.

PEAL RINGING IN SUFFOLK

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WHEN I wrote the article about peal ringing in Kent, I suggested that Suffolk might be a very close rival for the total number of peals rung in the county since 1881. I said this because Suffolk had more 'centenarian' towers than any other county and because half of them had passed the 200 peal mark—far more than any other county also. However, now that I can total them up, I find that, rather surprisingly, the company comes a long way behind Kent and that at least one other county can beat Suffolk's total also (and I haven't examined several yet). Thus I have recorded nearly 6,700 peals in Kent and nearly 5,600 in Lancashire, whereas Suffolk's total is just over 4,800. This means that, although there are these 12 centenarians where large numbers of peals have been rung (2,366, I make it), an unusual amount of ringing has gone on at them and other towers have been comparatively neglected. It can be seen that exactly half the peals in the county have been rung at these 12 towers—a very high proportion. In Kent, the centenarians (and these include the two 500 peal towers) account for about one-third of the peals and in Lancashire about one-quarter. It will be interesting to see whether Surrey, Sussex and Warwickshire come anywhere near Suffolk's total. There would seem to be a definite chance.

BAILEY BROTHERS

And now for the details. There are three towers round about the 300 mark. Although only 9 peals have been rung there since the last war, Leiston (8) leads the way with 301 since 1884. Of course this is largely due to the efforts of the famous Bailey brothers between the two wars, when 162 peals were rung at the tower between 1919 and 1939. Prior to 1914, 130 peals were published from the first peal on the bells on December 26th, 1884, by the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich. Thus 301 must represent a true idea of the number of peals ever rung here. Amongst these have been the first peals ever of Dublin Surprise, Edinburgh Surprise, Rochester Surprise and Suffolk Surprise. The record length of Double Norwich Major (8,064) was held for a few years from 1885, and in 1909 an 11,000 of this method was rung (although this number had been surpassed in 1892). So this tower has many claims to fame even though it is not heard much of now.

The famous St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), comes a close second with 297 peals. I have been able to compare my total with Mr. Charles Sedgley's figures and we agree exactly. These actually have been rung since 1878, and I am very grateful to this famous ringer for his interest. The average per year is again greatest between the two wars, for 127 were rung then, compared with 140 in 36 years before 1914 and 30 since 1945. We find various records here. For instance, the first peals of Cambridge Surprise, New Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and Yorkshire Surprise Maximus were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, the first in 1908 and the last three between 1927 and 1929.

The third tower is Debenham (8), which has recorded 289 peals in the period. More than half of these (148) came before 1914, then there were 92 from 1919 to 1939 and there have been 49 since 1944. Although 7 peals were rung there last year, there have been none this year so far as I write. The 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung here in 1892 held the record for 35 years until it was beaten at Heptonstall in 1927.

Now we come to three more towers with more than 200 peals. They are Framsdan with 250, Helmingham (227) and Henley (206). All are eight-bell towers. As will be expected, all have had very consistent ringing activities. At the former, 92 were rung from 1888 to 1916, 111 from 1920 to 1938 (the best period), and

there have been 47 since 1945 (again, none this year after 7 last). At Helmingham, we find 79 prior to 1914, 117 between the wars and 31 since 1944 (a very similar history to Framsdan, and none, so far, this year). Henley's best period was before 1914, when 122 peals were rung in 17 years from 1899. There were 61 from 1918 to 1938 and 23 from 1947 to 1954. Strangely enough, only at Leiston of the above six towers has a peal been rung this year so far.

THE 100-200 GROUP

There is a big gap before we meet the first of the six towers with totals between 100 and 200. It is Ipswich, St. Margaret's (8), where 156 peals have been rung. Its popularity has waned somewhat since the last war, for only 18 peals have been rung since 1944, whereas there were 65 from 1899 to 1914 and 73 from 1917 to 1939. Then follows Lavenham (8) with 144 (I am not entering the controversy over the tenor of this ring, never having had the pleasure of hearing it!). At this tower also we find fewer peals since 1945, for only 13 of the total have come since then. Fifty-six were rung from 1881 to 1914 and 75 from 1917 to 1938. Next on the list comes a tower about which the county may well be proud—the only six-bell tower in the country to have had more than 100 peals—Thornham Magna with 136. There would have been getting on for 200 peals here had its early rate been kept up, for 83 peals were rung from 1898 to 1914. It did very well between the wars, when 51 more were logged, but since then we only find 2, in 1946 and 1948. All will hope for a revival of interest here, unless it is that the bells go badly now. Stowmarket (8) has 130 peals spread very evenly over the whole period, with a slightly better average now than formerly (36 since 1946). Framlingham (8) has 119. There is a big drop here in recent times—only 4 since the war from 1946 to 1949. Of the 78 rung between 1892 and 1914, 32 were rung in the years 1910 to 1914. The last centenarian is the first of the ten-bell towers to be mentioned—Grundisburgh, with 111. It is now easily the most popular 10-bell tower in the county, having had 40 peals since augmentation after the war. Only one or two towers have had more peals than this in this period. As an eight-bell tower, 12 peals were rung from 1891 to 1904, then there was a silence until 1920, after which 59 peals were rung before 1939.

As for the remaining ten-bell towers, none of them have reached the 50 mark yet. Stonham Aspal is the nearest with 43. These are evenly spread out from 1884. The first peal came across in that year suggested that only one previous peal had been rung in the tower—in 1768. Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral has 40, at fairly regular intervals from 1887. Similarly Beccles' 32, commencing in 1897. Mildenhall has 16—7 since augmentation in 1947, and Stradbroke 14, 8 since augmentation three years ago. Four of the remaining six were rung between 1882 and 1911, after which there was a gap until 1947. Thus three of the six 10-bell towers have only been such since the last war.

A six-bell tower is nearest to becoming a centenarian—Wickham Skeith with 93. Like Thornham, it would have had a big total if the early efforts had been kept up, for 81 were rung from 1893 to 1914. There was a big drop then, and only 11 came from 1921 to 1939, whilst a single peal this year has broken the silence since. The tower is still second to Thornham amongst six-bell towers in the whole country, its nearest rivals being Lamberhurst (92 peals) and Hanley Castle (90). We then come to a batch of eight-bell towers. Kelsale has 92, 75 before 1914; Worlingworth 82 (32 before 1914, 48 from 1919 to 1930 and silence since 1936); Ufford 78 (30 since the war);

Lowestoft 73 (63 from the first peal in 1920 to 1939); Coddensham 71 (all spread out from 1881 to 1939, none since). Two six-bell towers follow—Wrentham 69 (46 from 1919 to 1936 and silence since), and Blaxhall 67 (45 from 1901 to 1914, but 8 since 1947).

The other towers with more than 50 are Fressingfield (8), 64, which have come at regular intervals since 1881: Palgrave (8), 61 (39 from 1908 to 1914 and only 2 since the war); Haske-ton (6) has had its 60 peals spread out evenly over the years from 1901 (none since 1953); Wissett (6) has 59, 32 before 1914 and only 3 since 1938; Sproughton (6) has 55 peals with no real gaps since 1884. Woodbridge's (8) 53 commenced in 1884, but there was a gap from 1913 to 1935 with 11 since the war. Finally Burgh (6) has 52, 31 from 1944 to 1952, but only one since, so something has happened here.

VIRGIN TERRITORY

Every eight-bell tower has had one or more peals, with Boxford claiming the record for silence—its only peal was in 1896. Ten of the 100 or so six-bell towers still are virgin territory. They are Bildeston, Cockfield, Edwardstone, Gazeley, Hitcham, Kersey, Lawshall, Mendham, Nowton and Troston. Suffolk has more five-bell towers than any other county—well over 90. Most of these remain to be conquered, for only 40 have had peals.

To mention, finally, other six- and five-bell towers. Apart from the seven six-bell ones mentioned above we have Ashbocking with 42 peals since 1904; Wenhaston with 37, starting 1895 and only two since the war; Finborough Magna 33; Rickinghall Superior 30; Barking and Saxmundham 26; Bedford and Monewden 25; Otley and Pettistree 23; Chediston 22 and Bramford 20. Three five-bell towers have reached double figures, which is very good for this type. Both Bramfield and Rumburgh have 11—in both cases 10 before 1914 and the last in the mid-1920's, whilst Little Glemham 10 had 7 before 1914 and the last in 1937. Huntingfield and Little Walsingham have 9—none since the war. Then come Great Livermere with 7 and Creetingham and Marlesford with 6. At Creetingham, all the peals were rung from 1883 to 1922, but even this long silence can be beaten amongst the conquered towers by Gillingham (6), whose only peal was rung in 1889.

So much for this very interesting county. Peal totals include all published to October 14th.

WEDDING

Mr. M. C. Brown—Miss K. M. Proctor

The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Claybrooke, Leicestershire, on October 15th, of two well-known Hinckley District members. The bridegroom was Mr. Michael E. Brown, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown, of Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, and the bride was Miss Kathleen M. Proctor, youngest daughter of Mrs. Proctor and the late Mr. E. Proctor, of College Street, Ullesthorpe. The ceremony was fully choral, the officiating clergy being the Rev. A. H. Proctor, V.C., Vicar of Claybrooke, and the Rev. C. G. Powell, Rector of Sapcote.

The beautiful bells of Claybrooke were ringing Grandire Triples as the bride entered the church escorted by her brother, Mr. Ernest Proctor, who subsequently gave her away, and the surpliced choir led the bridal procession. The bride was attired in taffeta overlaid with white embroidered nylon, and she carried a hymn book, the gift of the Vicar of Claybrooke, and a posy of lilies of the valley and carnations. Her short embroidered veil was held in place with a headdress of orange blossom. She was attended by her niece, Miss J. Proctor, who was in orchid nylon over lilac taffeta and matching headdress. Mr. L. Smith, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man.

As the bride left the church she was presented with many lucky tokens, including silver bells from the bellringers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIRD PROGRAMME STUFF

Dear Sir,—Whilst reading the article on quarter peals on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' October 21st, I was reminded of a very amusing experience I had about four or five years ago.

In the second paragraph you mention the fact that often we get some comments from people who know little or nothing of ringing, which shows that they discern something different in the types of ringing they hear.

On this occasion the bells of Manchester Cathedral had been allowed to John Worth and his great band to attempt the first peal of Rochester Surprise Royal, and on the day I was given the job of looking after the band. It was a very warm day in August, and after the band had got on the way I went to try and get a drink at the Mitre Hotel close by. The landlord was in a chatty frame of mind and started off with 'What's coming off up there?' I explained that a peal was in progress. His reply was, 'I don't care much about it. It's not a bit like what you ring on Sunday.' I was stumped by this because by this time the band had settled down and the ringing was good to listen to, so I explained that this was one of our most talented bands attempting something which had never been done before. 'I don't care if its Sir John Barbirolli with the Halle Band,' he said. 'Thee get up there and tell them to cut out the Third Programme stuff and get back to the Light.'

However, after some further discussion I got him interested and found that what he liked was the Grandsire Caters which we usually rang for service. I asked him if he would like to see the bells whilst the ringing was going on, and he replied he would like nothing better, so I took him up the tower, and as we looked in I don't know who was most intoxicated by the sound and rhythm, he or I. On the way down I found the band had left the ringing chamber door open and it was here I nearly had trouble, because he badly wanted to get in to talk with the ringers. I just let him peep in and the sight which met his gaze was, as he put it, 'Gosh, amazing.'

Ralph Edwards on the 9th and the late J. C. E. Simpson, who was conducting on the tenor, were as near undressed as it was possible to be. I pointed out John Worth and told my visitor what would happen if he interrupted. 'Aye,' he said, 'I reckon he could be a handful.' 'And yon little 'un could be a monkey, I've no doubt.' This was Ted Jenkins on the treble. How Ted laughed when I told him about it just recently!

I was glad when I got the landlord downstairs. A few months later he moved to the Midlands, and I often wonder if he ever paid Albert Walker a visit at St. Martin's. I am sure he would be a good listener.—Yours, etc.,
R. L.

'ST. COLUMB DOUBLES' OR ST. COLUMBA?

Dear Sir,—I have searched in vain through two very authoritative books on the saints to find mention of a Saint Columba.

Saint Columba of Iona, the missionary to Scotland (to whom the church at Collingtree, Northants, is dedicated), and Saint Columba, virgin and martyr, of Cornwall, are both quoted, but no such saint as 'Columb.'

In view of this, should not the Doubles method so known be correctly renamed St. Columba?

Any future peals I have anything to do with, either wholly or including this method, will be named Columba.—Yours sincerely,
P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

P.S.—Neither book makes mention of a 'Saint Miles' either. St. Michael, yes! P. A.

PEALS AT BRERETON

Dear Sir,—The peal at Brereton on October 22nd is probably only the third on the bells, which were a ring of five in 1738. (Maybe the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead can let us know of any other peals.) The last one was in 1937 for the third centenary of the College Youths.

Three of the bells are dated 1634, one 1727 and the tenor 1738. In 1905 the bells were rehung in an oak frame, with a space for a 6th bell, and the 1727 bell was recast. The circle is left-handed and the bells are rung from the ground at the west end of the centre aisle. On Sundays the congregation pass through the circle.

An attempt to ring a peal here failed on Easter Sunday, 1954, but a quarter peal was successful in February last. It is perhaps interesting to some to note that this contained 16 different 240's and 10 different extents.

To our friends in London, who took part in the unsuccessful attempt in 1954, we would say we enjoyed the hospitality of the Bear's Head afterwards.—Yours sincerely,
B. J. ONGLEY.

Crewe.

QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—Of course we read the quarter peals. What interesting stories one can weave around the paragraphs, and how pleasant to read of the activities of ringers who visited us during the holiday months; also to learn what is happening at towers we visited during our holidays. So much more enjoyable reading than the occasional spate of letters you are obliged to publish, where someone is getting a 'sly dig' at someone else over some petty incident or diverse opinions.

Trusting you will be able to include ALL the quarter peals.—Yours faithfully,
ERNEST TREAGUS.

Bognor Regis.

HEAVIEST TENOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to disillusion Mr. P. J. Roberts, but Cardiff tenor weighs 26 cwt. 4 lb., that is 3 qr. 14 lb. lighter than Pentre tenor, which was correctly reported as being the 'heaviest tenor rung on the Monmouth and South Wales Tour.' The weight published in the 'Ringers' Guide' is the official weight supplied by the founders—Taylors.

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

A DEVON GOLDEN WEDDING

On November 1st at Woodbury, Devon, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells at the Parish Church in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stokes.

The band consisted of B. J. Glanvill (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, T. Gooding (first of Triples) 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, L. K. Dawe 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, J. Briggs (first of Triples) 7, J. Gooding 8.

Members of the family were entertained to a luncheon party at a local hotel by their son and daughter-in-law (who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry).

For many years Mr. Stokes carried on the bell-hanging business of H. Stokes and Son started by his father, and was himself, until a few years ago, a member of the Woodbury band of ringers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have both taken a keen interest in the religious and social life of the village. From the age of 11 and for a number of years Mr. Stokes was organist at Woodbury Church. At present he is one of the churchwardens, a position he has held for a considerable time.

OUTSIDE IMPRESSIONS

Clear early morning, the stillness of the countryside or suburban streets waking to send out stately trickles of dignity, or the old church tower sentimentally shrouded with ivy, these had always been the associations church bells brought to my mind.

Imagine then, campanologists, the shock and confusion when, invited to watch a bell-ringing practice, I set my foot inside the belfry.

No signs of antiquity, but big brass plates enumerating peals and changes, people and methods, no stillness and serenity, but brightly coloured sallies bouncing up and down from the ceiling and subterranean groans from the ringers.

'Like to see the bells?' said one. 'Yes, c-c-certainly,' I replied boldly.

Climbing round and round interminably and finally through a trap door, we reached the bell-chamber. They began to ring rounds. Next to me was a large monster, which at regular intervals opened its gaping jaws at me and sent a deafening clang and sharp pain into my ear.

'Big, isn't it?' I said. My guide proceeded to tell me its exact weight, the date of its hanging and, bending into its very mouth, to point out its mechanics. 'Blimey,' I thought.

Returning to the less noisy if no saner atmosphere of the belfry, I sat down to clear my head and listen intelligently to the ringing, but my mind was distracted by the scene before me; arms of every description, brown, brawny, pink, flabby, white and frail, all pulling with equal certainty; bobs, bellows of encouragement and chastisement, the latter directed against one who was apparently a novice. I immediately felt sorry for him, but I was told that a good ringer needs rigorous discipline.

'I must make a mental effort—after all, this is music.' Listening intently, I picked out snatches of old tunes, an inverted scale or two and one or two symphonic endings, but generally it was like looking for a broad melody in a Bartok concerto. 'Honegger or Hindemith at their most chaotic,' I thought. 'Yorkshire Surprise Major,' muttered my friend, 'one of the most musical methods there is.' I was humbled, my pride in my appreciation of music was pricked.

I sat down, gloomy, jumbled, unable to discern anything but the deadening regular blow of the tenor.

'Mathematics, that's the answer! The Greeks recognised the connection between music and mathematics.' Whereupon I proceeded to try to analyse the ringing, observing each ringer in turn to see in what order they rang, studying graphs. No, if mathematics was the key it was all too advanced for me. These ringers understood it though; they were initiated into the mystery; I was not.

Bewildered and comprehending only enough to make the rest incomprehensible, I left the belfry determined not to try and understand any more, but to enjoy the beauties of church bells with all their former associations.

J. R. D.

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ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

FROM whatever direction the visitor to Rotherham makes his approach, the most outstanding landmark (except perhaps the huge new twin cooling towers of the Prince of Wales Power Station) is the fine, perpendicular Parish Church of All Saints, whose crocketed spire rises to some 170 feet above the centre of Rotherham. The church, built of red sandstone, now blackened by industrial smoke, stands on high ground in a commanding position in the centre of the town.

To reach the church from the railway station the visitor would probably cross the River Don by the new Chantry Bridge, beside which, preserved as it was in 1483, is the old bridge on which stands the Chapel of Our Lady, one of the four remaining examples in this country of chapels built on bridges. This chapel has suffered many vicissitudes since the Dissolution, when it was desecrated and since when it has been put to a variety of uses. For a time it was used as a jail and the bridge became known as Jail Bridge. Later it was used as a tobacconist's shop, but in 1924 it was restored and rededicated, and services are held there twice a week.

On reaching the church and perhaps first inspecting the beautiful interior, which, though in the centre of an industrial town, remains quiet and cool, the visiting ringer has some difficulty in finding access to the central tower. Entry is by a small door at the base of the outside of the north side of the church. Through this door is a passage under the floor of the church leading to a short iron ladder which gives access via a kind of chimney to a normal spiral staircase. Three years ago these steps were so deeply worn as to make ascent difficult, but since then they have been restored. Nevertheless, we are a little breathless on reaching the ringing chamber where we note the excellent condition of the bells, frame and fittings. Resuming our climb we are soon able to step out on top of the tower and scramble round the outside of the base of the handsome well-proportioned steeple.

On a fine Sunday morning, when the atmosphere over the broad Don valley is free from domestic and industrial smoke, an impressive view is obtained. To the north-west lies Kimberworth Church, with its chime of eight tubular 'bells,' and Greasborough Church, in which recorded bell apparatus was recently installed. North-west stands Rawmarsh Church, with its light Taylor octave. About half a mile away, amidst rows of houses, rises the rather blunt spire of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, built less than a century ago, recently threatened with closure, but now revitalised by the zeal of its new Vicar and his loyal helpers. As we look we can hear the sound of its eight bells, cast by Warners, ringing for 10.30 a.m. service.

About a mile to the south-west beyond the junction of the River Don and the River Rother can be seen the 14 chimneys of the United Steel Company's Templeborough Works which produce one-eighth of Britain's steel and which are to be greatly extended at a cost of over five million pounds. The works are sited inside the Rotherham Borough, near the site of the ancient Roman town of Morbium, from which many Roman remains have been preserved.

From our viewpoint, the whole town and valley is laid out below us. Since 937 A.D. there has been a church on this site and Saxon remains are to be found in the north-west pier. Later the Normans built a massive church of red rock, to which came the knights of the eight manors of the parish, their ladies, servants and serfs and their wives, each dressed according to their degree.

The present church, little larger than the Norman one, was completed in the 15th cen-

tury. The tower was built in 1409 on the foundations of the old Norman piers, which determined its size.

PEAL BOARDS AND PERSONALITIES

Descending to the spacious and comfortable ringing chamber, we note the handy circle of ten ropes with space for two more should the vacant pits above be filled on some future occasion. The next thing that catches our eye is the handsome series of peal boards recording important peals since 1812, and another old peal board on which is recorded a half-peal rung in 1752. This consisted of 720 each College Trebles, Oxford Trebles and College Pleasures, and 360 Crown Bob, the latter being produced by ringing a lead of each of the first three methods, repeated to produce a 360; perhaps one of the earliest attempts at spliced ringing. About this time, Samuel Walker (father of the iron trade), who came to Rotherham in 1746, was busy making the first iron bridge and iron cannon. His firm made Southwark Bridge at a cost of £800,000, and also made the iron plates for one of the first iron ships—the Great Western.

A study of the peal boards introduces us to some of the ringing personalities connected with Rotherham Parish Church. For instance, there is Mr. James Taylor, whose peal ringing activities extended over more than 40 years from 1821 onwards. It appears that two men were required to ring the tenor to a peal at this time but Mr. Taylor rang it single-handed. He lived from 1798 to 1879 and was presented with a silver medal on completing 50 years as a ringer, and rang over 70 peals. In 1823 he rang the ninth to 7,199 Grandsire Caters, then a record length for the county of York. Other peals rung at Rotherham during his lifetime were 5,120 Union Treble Bob Major in 1812, and the first peal of Stedman Triples in Yorkshire, in January, 1844.

For centuries the ringers have been requisitioned to celebrate events of national and local importance. In 1704 the great bell was fractured and there are numerous charges in the churchwardens' accounts, in all £50 12s. 11½d., for a new great bell, which seems to have been a bibulous affair—'Ale when we discoursed about hanging ye bell'; 'taking down ye bell'; 'when writings was sealed'; agreeing to carry ye bell'; 'at loading ye bell'; 'at hanging ye bell'; 'first time ye great bell was rung'; every meeting and movement seems to have required the assistance of 'what we will suppose to be 'jolly old ale and good.'

GREAT BELL FRACTURED

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Rotherham on August 31st, 1820, it was unanimously resolved: '(1) That from the fracture of the great bell, the worn out state of the others, and as the cost of putting up one bell was nearly as much as that for hanging a whole peal, and to ensure concord in sound, the purchase of an entire new peal of bells be recommended to the Parishioners.

'(2) That since the churchwardens have appropriated £100 from the Parochial Funds to procure a new bell, the remainder of the expense be defrayed by public subscription among the Parishioners or by donations from gentlemen having property in the Parish.'

The injury to the tenor bell, referred to above, was that the clapper knocked out a piece of metal, and for the ringing of the bell the clapper had to be shortened. This bell was believed to have been cast by Hilton at Wath in 1752, and to have been a very bad bell.

In an address appealing for funds for new bells appears the following:—

'Though the precise period when bells were first made use of for calling Christians to public worship be not ascertained—yet their Utility and Advantage is generally felt and acknowledged and there is a propriety if not a necessity to include their repair in the "Annual Estimate of the Churchwardens," and in contemplating them among the FABRIC of the Church.' At periods of Rejoicing and in those of deep distress the Bells communicate the public feeling. When the Mighty fall and the Great are laid low, when the country mourns over a Departed Hero, dull is the note and solemn the sound. When the shouts of Victory, won by the sons of Freedom are wafted to our shores—the Merry Peal proclaims the Epochs of our Freedom, and the Glorious Events of our History are held in commemoration by the Musical Numbers of our bells.'

So favourable was this appeal that sufficient money was quickly forthcoming for a new ring of ten bells, and on February 19th, 1821, a farewell peal to the old bells was rung in 3 hours and 20 minutes. It consisted of 5,040 changes of Bob Major, conducted from the tenor by the noted James Taylor.

The new ring of ten bells was cast by Mr. Mears and was a maiden ring being cast in perfect tune, no tuning being required after casting. The gross cost of their installation was £1,241, and the net cost after deducting value of old bells at 12 pence per pound (96 cwt.) was £701. Their weights varied from 7½ cwt. to the tenor in C sharp weighing 32 cwt.

THE OPENING RINGING

At a meeting of the Church Bell Committee on April 19th, 1821, the following resolutions were passed for regulating the proceedings on the opening of the new ring of ten bells. 'First, Rotherham ringers were to start ringing at 7 a.m. on the following Easter Monday and cease before Divine Service that day.

Twelve-bell ringers to have priority and to ballot for entrance to ring first.

Next, 10-bell ringers to have the same conditions.

Next, 8-bell ringers to have the same conditions.

No set of ringers to ring more than 5,040 changes on the first day.

Any set of ringers getting out before they have rung ten minutes to be allowed one more start. The bells not to be rung after 9 p.m.'

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ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

Rotherham Parish Church—Cont.

The opening continued over Tuesday and during the two days the town was thronged with visitors from all parts, the 'Sheffield Iris,' a weekly newspaper, commenting on the great number of visitors which the opening attracted.

The first peal on the ten bells (Grandsire Caters) was rung on December 20th, 1821, in 3 hours and 20 minutes. James Taylor rang the ninth.

These bells served until 1924, when repairs to the bell frame and tower became necessary. The old ten bells were recast and rehung on ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The cost was borne by the family of Robert Dyson, M.P., an eminent churchman. The old inscriptions were preserved with the following addition:—

'This peal was recast in 1924 in memory of Robert Dyson.'

The late Robert Dyson was associated with Messrs. Owen and Dyson's, of Rotherham, famous for the manufacture of wagon wheels for railways all over the world.

The new ring of ten bells, opened on March 18th, 1925, is a fine melodious ring, and ringing conditions in the belfry are ideal. The weights of the bells range from 6½ cwt. (treble) to 34½ cwt. in C sharp (tenor) and the total weight is 138 cwt. The first peal rung on these bells was 5.148 Grandsire Caters on December 29th, 1925, and since then many peals have been rung on them.

The bells are well appreciated by the townspeople and figure prominently in the civic life of the town, the most recent occasion being the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. to the town last year.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**South-West Branch**

Forty representatives supported a quarterly meeting of the South-West Branch held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on October 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Wakeling, M.C., M.A.), himself a ringer, came into the belfry and at 4.15 p.m. dedicated a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Triples rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The Guild form of service followed in church conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild. Mr. F. W. Gilbert was the organist.

Following a sumptuous tea, served in the Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers, the business meeting was held. Mr. H. H. Thomas presided supported by the Vicar, Messrs. G. H. Myers and F. C. Smale, vice-presidents of the Guild, and members from Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, Plymouth St. Andrew's and Emmanuel, and friends from the Mid-Devon Branch as well as one of two unattached members.

It was resolved to seek permission to hold the annual branch meeting at Revelstoke on January 21st. Two new members were elected from Plympton St. Maurice—Ian Peacock and Maurice Roberts.

The president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, took his departure immediately after tea, but before leaving presented Miss Elisabeth Lyndon, of the Emmanuel band, with a consolation gift in lieu of a Guild certificate he had been entrusted to bring to present at the meeting. He promised to post it on to the branch secretary as soon as possible.

Ringings on Emmanuel bells during the afternoon and evening was of a high standard and ranged from rounds to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. T. G. M.

DEDICATION**PRESTON CANDOVER**

It was a very happy congregation that assembled at the church of Preston Candover, Hants, on October 22nd for the dedication of the six bells of this tower. In the words of the Rector (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth), the prophecy has been fulfilled; 'by the ingenuity and craftsmanship of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. we have now not only one of the sweetest-toned, but also the lightest ring in Hampshire (tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.).'

The original bells consisted of two cast in 1863 and three in 1885 (when the present church was built), and these were augmented two years ago when the Rector and churchwardens of Overton and Laverstoke presented a 1624 tenor bell from the Chapel of Ease in Laverstoke Park, which was then being closed. The bells have been recast and rehung in an iron frame and on ball-bearings.

The dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. A. T. P. Williams), who is president of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He was assisted in the service by the Dean of Winchester (Dr. E. G. Selwyn), the Rural Dean of Alresford (the Rev. E. W. Selwyn), the Rector (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) and the Rev. K. C. Davis (Greywell)—both the last two are enthusiastic ringers.

Dr. Williams, in his sermon, said they had many causes for rejoicing on this occasion. One was the generosity of those who had made the work of restoring the bells possible. Another was the skill and wisdom, based on long and deep experience and loving care, of those who had actually done the work. Another was their thankfulness that once again the bells would ring out as in the past.

'It is one, and only one, of the reasons for the power of the sound of the bells over our hearts,' he said, 'that it links us with the generations past, and it recalls the long continuity of the Church of God in our country.' Referring to the fact that the sound of the bells at times reminded them of joy, at other times of the seriousness of life, Dr. Williams said: 'All down the centuries, as long as there have been church bells, we can be sure that these same emotions and thoughts have dwelt in the hearts of those who have lived in our cities and villages.'

After the service the local ringers—Messrs. E. Long (captain), G. Thorne (vice-captain), A. Padwick, J. Nipress and T. Budden—with Mr. Arthur Fidler rang the opening rounds, and this was followed by a touch of Grandsire, when the ropes were handed over to Mr. Dick Smith, Master of the Winchester District.

During the day the fund for the recasting and rehanging the bells benefited by some £85 10s.—£44 from the collection, £36 10s. from donations and £5 from the tea. This brought the total of the fund to just over £600, and about a further £300 is required.

AN ARUNDEL CENTENARY

When, 100 years ago, the bells of Arundel Parish Church were dedicated, the donor, the Duke of Norfolk, paid to bring a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths down to ring the first peal on the bells—Grandsire Triples, conducted by George Stockham. To commemorate the centenary seven College Youths from Sussex and one from Surrey rang a peal in the same method on October 25th. It was, writes a local correspondent, a splendid exhibition of ringing, the striking being perfect.

On the Sunday following, the Bishop of Chichester preached at a special service attended by the Mayor and Corporation. The large congregation included about 50 ringers. During the service Itchingfield ringers rang on handbells 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' and 'Crimond.' The excellent arrangements made by the Arundel ringers were much appreciated by the visitors.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on October 15th and was attended by over 40 ringers representing at least 19 different towers.

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Beechey, and after an excellent tea (the famous Yatton jam buns being well to the fore) he took the chair at the business meeting. Two new members were elected from Yatton and 14 from Butcombe and Nempnett Thurbwell (which two towers have now become affiliated). It was decided that subject to permission being given, the November practice meeting should be held at Nempnett Thurbwell, and the annual at Wrington on the first Saturday in December. There being no other business, Mr. G. Yeo proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and his assistant, the ladies who provided the tea and the people who had made all the local arrangements.

Ringings during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major and was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The venue of the autumn meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was at Garboldisham on October 22nd, when ringers attended from many towers in Norfolk and Suffolk. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Lacey Webb, and the lesson read by Dr. Paul Jonason.

After tea at the Fox Hotel the meeting took place with Dr. Paul Jonason presiding, supported by the president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston), the Rev. Lacey Webb, Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Miss Betty Syrett, Messrs. H. Moss and F. Philippo (members of the committee).

New members elected were the Rev. Lacey Webb, honorary member, Miss Jill Creasey (East Harling) and Mr. A. Pledger (Shipden), ringing members. A long discussion took place on the possibility of hanging the bells 'dead' in some towers in the Branch during restorations, and it was decided to get in touch with the incumbents at once through the committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Lacey Webb, also to Mr. Eric Bennett for arranging for the meeting. The bells of Blo Norton Parish Church were also rung during the evening. A. C. G.

RINGING AT CREWE FOR THE ROYAL VISIT

Christ Church ringers also rang the bells to welcome the Queen and Duke on the occasion of their visit to Crewe despite the omission by the B.B.C. announcer in the 1 o'clock and 6 o'clock news on November 2nd. (The announcers said the Queen was received at Nantwich by ringing the bells of the ancient Parish Church, 600 years old.)

The Crewe ringers rang before the arrival of the Royal Party, and again after the welcome and presentation—as they were leaving the town. They were augmented by two visiting ringers, whose assistance was much appreciated—Mr. Bernard J. Ongley (Goostrey), employed by Rolls Royce Factory, and Mr. Peter Beverley (Dunham Massey), a student at the Cheshire Agricultural College, Reaseheath. The Crewe ringers were Messrs. W. T. Holding, C. Thomas, S. Leyland, H. G. Edge, J. E. Holloway, W. Frank Stenson and G. A. Packer and R. D. Langford (conductors).

Appropriately enough, 'Queen's' was introduced into the ringing, which included some good Grandsire Triples. W. F. S.

OBITUARY

MR. CLEMENT GLENN

The sudden death of Mr. Clement Glenn on October 23rd last, at the age of 72, has removed a sound and brilliant ringer from our midst.

Born at Rotherham, he joined the Royal Navy in 1914 and served throughout the Great War, and as a Naval Reservist was recalled to the colours in 1939 and discharged again in 1947 with the rank of First Lieutenant. Between the two wars he lived in France, yet despite this long break from ringing he had rung the formidable total of 631 peals, of which he had conducted 501.

An immaculate striker, with a very critical ear, Clem had a preference for odd-bell methods, Stedman being his great love. He rang no fewer than 156 peals of Stedman, conducting 128. He was equally at home with a pair of handbells and rang 236 peals on handbells, conducting 211. He had few equals at Stedman and Grandsire and probably no superior. His stock peal of Grandsire Triples was Holt's Original, which he often called.

His interest was not confined to the practical side of ringing. A Central Council representative for the Southwell Guild, and peal secretary, a former Nottingham District secretary and one time general secretary of the Yorkshire Association illustrates his versatility. He was a College Youth for upwards of 40 years.

A man of character and strength and of infinite charm, he was strong willed and in the knowledge of his strength and ability often tended to ride roughshod over lesser mortals in order to attain his objective. It is such men as he who are born to lead. He would not stand idly by and watch a ringer mishandling his bell or making a fool of himself. He would tell the offender quietly of his error and demonstrate the correct method.

Rules were made to be obeyed, no matter who was the transgressor. Consequently, Clem did not enjoy widespread popularity. Nevertheless, none doubted his massive integrity, his earnest endeavour to raise the standard of ringing, his meticulous accuracy and organising ability.

His wish to be buried at Horbling, remote in the Lincolnshire Fens, prevented his many friends and colleagues in the Southwell Guild from attending his funeral.

It is fitting that this brief and inadequate appreciation should end with one of Clement Glenn's favourite texts, so illustrative of his character: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'—Ecclesiastes ix., 10.

J. W. R.

An Appreciation

By the sudden death of Clement Glenn there passes from our midst a brilliant exponent, and one of the celebrities of the Exercise. He was undoubtedly a ringer par excellence and a conductor of the highest integrity. Although known to me in name only since a youngster, may I, as a humble servant of the ringing fraternity, say with deep regret, 'Farewell, Clem.'

JOHN G. NASH.

Wood Green, N.22.

MR. R. C. SHARPE

With deep regret we record the recent death, at the age of 74, of Mr. Reginald Charles Sharpe, for many years captain of St. Mary's ringers, Newmarket. In recent years he had been in ill-health and unable to ring.

In his younger days he was a keen and active ringer and visited many towers around Newmarket. For a time he acted as secretary for the Mildenhall District of the Suffolk Guild. He was regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing and was an excellent striker. Opportunities for peal ringing were few, but as far as can be ascertained he had taken part in eight tower bell peals (Doubles 2, Minor 5, Bob Major 1) and five handbell peals (Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 3).

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, on October 12th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in church at the conclusion of the service by some of his old ringing associates: R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. E. Moore 5-6, A. W. Rolfe 7-8. In the evening St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled and concluded with a 720 of Bob Minor by S. Howlett 1, R. Heath 2, S. Ward 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, T. Varney 5, S. Brown 6.

MR. F. S. WILSON

An Appreciation

With regard to the peals rung by Mr. F. S. Wilson, probably the one which gave him most pleasure was the peal by bank officers rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on March 2nd, 1935, which was rung as a compliment for his 60th birthday. The peal was Plain Bob Major, and was conducted by Alan Pink, who was then attached to the Westminster Bank, Eton.

We shall always remember the witty remark made by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' concerning this peal, but space will not permit a reprint in this issue. Of the ringers who took part in this peal only three now remain on 'active service' with the bank.

Mr. Wilson retired in 1936, and had been for ten years manager of Lloyds Bank, Wincanton. Beside bell-ringing Mr. Wilson was keenly interested in bowls and chess. He had also been a prominent Freemason and obtained the high rank of Provincial Grand Warden.

He died shortly after his 80th birthday.

Thame.

H. BADGER.

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CLEAVER—SAUNDERS.—On Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, Bristol, Antony William Thomas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cleaver, of Cardiff, to Mavis Eleanor, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

DEATH

WARD.—On October 27th, 1955, Albert Henry, aged 82 years, at 2, Glenwood Road, Chellaston (formerly of Normanton Road, Derby). 7253

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 12-1 p.m., Southwark Cathedral 1.30-2.30 p.m., St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Peter's, Macclesfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Dolphin. 7206

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HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Weston-under-Penyard, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. 7194

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Cheshunt, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting on Nov. 12th at Willesborough. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—W. P. G. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by the social evening.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7175

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Nov. 12th. (Please notice altered date.) Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7213

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Holloway (between Holloway Tube Station and Highbury Corner) on Nov. 12th at 3 p.m. Service and business. Tea shops nearby.—T. J. Lock. 7199

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Souldern (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 7197

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Merstham, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7211

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A combined meeting of Alton and Petersfield and Winchester Districts at Alton on November 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. No business meeting.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Warsash, Southampton. 7216

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 7229

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Nov. 19th, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. Election of officers.—A. B. Peck. 7257

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nempnett, Nov. 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7260

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 7256

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Heswall, Nov. 19th. Bells (recently augmented to 6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea provided for those notifying by 16th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7273

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Annual meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, near Warrington. 7275

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, before Thursday, Nov. 17th, to Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7251

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfast Abbey (12), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornways, Buckfastleigh. 7240

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, Huntingdon. Phone: Huntingdon 499. 7255

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Lechlade, Nov. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names essential by Nov. 16th. Fairford in evening.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 7238

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 16th.—Mary Drew, Bistone Farm, Cromhall. 7252

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7193

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rye, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 7242

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Names to Dr. D. Gullick, Mount View, Weston Road. Special method: Painswick College Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7239

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Welwyn bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tewin bells (6) 6 to 8 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Ightham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cliffe (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 15th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7254

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. For people in Leicester area, train leaves London Road Station, Leicester, 1.52 p.m.—meeting in booking hall 1.40 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Anne's, Denton, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 7264

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7265

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Dog and Gun 5. Notify, by Wednesday, Mr. J. Taylor, 25, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. (Phone: Burbage 516.) 7243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone, Nov. 19th. (Please note altered date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Boathouse. Names for tea, by Nov. 17th, to Miss B. Endell, 90, Edward Avenue, Leicester. 7250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet (12), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7203

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Upton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7232

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Bassaleg, near Newport. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7195

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 3.30-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7234

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ealing on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Christ Church bells available 3-4 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to A. H. Fulwell, 38, Beaconsfield Road, Ealing, W.5.—J. D. Rock. 7247

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—J. Cotton. (Phone: Overseale 264.) 7261

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting St. Mary's, Marlborough, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7248

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food: cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7233

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at South Collingham (2.15-4.30) and North Collingham (6-8.30) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at South Collingham at 2.15. Please make an effort to attend. Tea, King's Head Hotel, at 5. Names, by previous Wednesday, to S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 7249

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), afternoon, Ditchling (8) evening, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea only for those who notify, by Nov. 16th. K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7241

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford (8), Nov. 19th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Dolphin Inn. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7246

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—The annual bellringers' service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Visitors especially welcome. 7235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7245

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting in Guildford, Nov. 26th. Tea and meeting Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.), Guildford, 4 p.m. Bells available: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; S. Nicolas's, Shalford and Stoke 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 7237

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common. R.C. 3.15 to 4.15. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Business meeting (nominations) in vestry 5.30. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 7267

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caston on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, Nov. 24th, to J. Barnes, Ivan House, Caston, Attleborough. 7260

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts. 7244

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held at Ashted, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Schoolroom. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted, by previous Wednesday. Business includes nominations for district officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7268

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Bar available 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.45; St. Maurice (6) 3.45-4.30. 5.15-6. Service at St. Lawrence's 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. each, now on sale from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7259

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on January 28th, 1956. Full details later. Further information from the secretary, C. T. Blundell, 124, Richmond Road, Montpelier, Bristol 6. 7258

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