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PAST AND PRESENT

WHEN Hilaire Belloc wrote, 'And the men that were boys when I was a boy shall sit and drink with me,' he had in mind not only the return to his native soil but also those gatherings of old friends so well beloved of English people, and indeed of people all over the world (for did not old Omar write of the meeting of cronies and the turning down of an empty glass for the absent one?).

Ringers are not for the most part demonstrative folk, nor are they given to sentimentality, but they like social gatherings and a chance to talk together on ringing matters of past time and the incidents, adventures and accidents attendant on ringing occasions. At no social gathering of ringers has this harmless trait been so pleasingly revealed as at the recent reunion (the second of its kind) of the veterans of the Exercise. Nothing perhaps shows so clearly the essential vitality of change ringing and the virility of so large a body of its devotees as this concourse of men who link the past with the present.

There are in the world to-day those who affect to despise the past, and for whom the contemptuous pronouncement, 'He lives in the past,' suffices to sum up anyone reaching advanced years. Such an attitude is not only completely mistaken but is also selfish. Every sensible man knows that his knowledge, his powers, his opportunities for advancement, even his very existence itself, depends on the past, and that to scorn those of past time is to refuse to acknowledge the debt to those who have worked for him and made sacrifices for him.

Our lusty veterans, who met at the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers, assuredly spent much of that precious time living in the past, and for this they will certainly make no apology, nor need they do so. Recollection in tranquillity is one of the great gifts of God, a pleasure enjoyed by young and old, and none has more right to a full enjoyment of it than these men with their

long and varied (and in many cases illustrious) ringing careers.

But a study of the names of the company present on this occasion reveals that, far from being content to live in the past, there are among the veterans men who are leading the Exercise at the present time and can still successfully challenge our brilliant young men in certain essential particulars. Here are first-rate handbell ringers whose double-handed skill has not been lost over the years; here is an active composer, here a regular and virile contributor to 'The Ringing World.' This man leads in the deliberations of the Central Council, that man assumes responsibilities that many shrink from. And among these old friends are men who, a year or two ago, handled those mighty bells at Liverpool Cathedral with a calm assurance and technical skill that called forth the admiration of younger ringers who had the privilege of watching.

It has been pointed out by many speakers and writers that the privileges of the present are part of a heritage from the past, and nowhere is this so true as in the world of change ringing. Generations arise and pass away, and the young men of to-day are the old men of to-morrow. Therefore we hail our veterans. They may perhaps echo the words of Tennyson's Ulysses:

'Tho' we are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven . . .'

yet we, who have been privileged to know them, may still look upon many of them as our natural leaders. Long may they continue to meet, and (if they wish) to live in the past.

E. C. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
ALFRED BALLARD 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	RICHARD GRANT 10
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
HAROLD G. JENNEY 6	E. CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the esteemed memory of Harry G. Wayne, ringer and treasurer of the Leicester Cathedral Society.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 4 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

*ARTHUR H. REED .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	PETER BORDER 10
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 11
ALAN F. THIRST 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 6	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7	

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus in the county and by the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS E. DAVIES .. Treble	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK 6
*BERNARD G. MOORE 2	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN 7
MRS. K. F. J. PARR 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 4	WALTER LEE 9
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

A birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers; wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers; golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taffender.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*DAVID CUBITT .. Treble	*JAMES H. KIRBY 6
HAROLD CHANT 2	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
FRED BENNETT 3	*JOHN E. KIRBY 8
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY 9
MARK L. LOCKWOOD 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	RICHARD I. WARRILOW 6
ALFRED BALLARD 2	IVOR R. NICHOLS 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	NEIL D. LOMAS 8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 4	ARTHUR PRICHARD 9
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*PAMELA JENKS .. Treble	JEAN POWELL 6
NELIA M. LEAHY 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 8
J. MICHAEL LAKIN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
R. ROGER SAVORY 5	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First attempt for a peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and for the visit of the Bishop of Southampton on the occasion of the anniversary of his consecration.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
HOWARD SCOTT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 8
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	WILLIAM H. JACKSON 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	JOHN WALDEN 9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	*ERNEST STITCH 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 3	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS 8
STELLA HUGHES 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the Harvest Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RAYMOND A. CLIST .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS 5
*HAZEL HANCOCK 2	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. 6
SYLVIA SHERWOOD 3	REX J. CORKE 7
MURIEL BROWN 4	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DUGALD M. MACPHERSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

Rung on Michaelmas Day to mark the Patronal Festival; also to mark the launching of the church restoration appeal this day.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Vicars'.	
*ALAN SHARPLES .. Treble	DEREK TAYLOR 5
†DAVID F. MANNING 2	‡TREVOR TAYLOR 6
*NEIL BENNETT 3	*G. DAVID FEARNEHOUGH .. 7
†BRIAN ROTHWELL 4	*COLIN ROTHWELL Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First in an odd-bell method. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Grandsire 'inside' and as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JAMES F. CLARKE	Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
DAVID A. CARPENTER	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	LEONARD TREVOR	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung to mark the anniversary of the reopening of the church after rebuilding.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	Treble	*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
*BERNARD G. MOORE	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	6
†GEORGE FRANCIS	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	†REGINALD T. GOODMAN	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ First on eight bells

A birthday compliment to B. G. Moore. Also to celebrate the marriage this day of Mr. David Salvage, of Isleworth, and Miss Sheila Collins, of Liverpool.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*GEOFFREY H. C. BRAZIER	Treble	†WINIFRED WHEELER	5
†MERVYN FROMM	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	HENRY C. WEAVER	7
RICHARD WILSON	4	DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the 78th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
GEORGE F. SPERRING	Treble
MARJORIE JAMES	2
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4
JACK HUGHES	5
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
HENRY O. BAKER	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PAMELA E. LATCHFORD	Treble	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	5
*JANE THORPE	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
†FRANCES HOWISON	3	DEREK LATCHFORD	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	Treble	PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

First peal of Painswick on the bells, and by all except ringers of treble and seventh.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	Treble	BRIAN LISTER	5
WALTER HUNT	2	A. JAMES GLASS	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	ERNEST E. GOSLING	7
GEOFFREY LISTER	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by John Taylor and Co. Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. Eric Perkins, B.A., for 12 years' Vicar at Boyne Hill, who was this day instituted and inducted as the Rector of Slough, Bucks, by the Bishops of Oxford and of Buckingham.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Albans Cathedral Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
BERTIE A. CORNELL	Treble	†J. LESLIE COX	5
*PATRICIA DOORN	2	*JOHN E. EWER	6
LESLIE T. HANSELL	3	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	7
*GERALD PENNEY	4	*MICHAEL D. FROST	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

* First peal in method. † First peal.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

REGINALD WOODYATT	Treble	*JOHN C. SLATER	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	*JOHN J. STANIER	6
JOSEPH L. STANIER	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	GEORGE E. EVENDON	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDON.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

Arranged and rung in honour of 50 years' service as ringers at St. Michael's Church by Mr. T. Pritchard and Mr. A. Taylor. Also as a birthday compliment to them.



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On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G.
BRO. ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS, Lodge of Harmony, No. 220 .. Treble
BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Lodge of Unity, No. 613 .. 2
WOR. BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Minerva Lodge, No. 4002 .. 3
BRO. THOMAS C. LARKEY, Apollo Lodge, No. 2042 .. 4
BRO. FREDERICK S. ALMOND, Stanley Lodge, No. 1325 .. 5
WOR. BRO. EDWIN C. BIRKETT, P.F.R.A.G.D.C.,
Thermopylae Lodge, No. 4386 .. 6
BRO. JACK N. BROWN, Adeste Fideles Lodge, No. 7425 .. 7
*BRO. ALLEN P. SANDFORD, Adeste Fideles Lodge, No. 7425 .. Tenor
Conducted by WOR. BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

JOYCE DODDS Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
A. REX AGG 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
*J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT 7
GEOFFREY DODDS 4	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Alban, Warner's End, Hemel Hempstead.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LESLIE SHENTON Treble	JAMES WALLEY 5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON .. 2	FRANK TRINER 6
ALBAN J. JACK 3	J. MICHAEL JACK 7
*DAVID JACK 4	CHARLES S. RYLES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
* First peal. First peal of Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. R. B. McKenzie, M.A. (Oxon.), Rector of Norton-le-Moors.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

ELSIE K. HART Treble	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 5
MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	*E. ROY WILKINSON .. 6
*SHIRLEY M. CLAYTON .. 3	W. NORMAN GENNA .. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the engagement of Rev. A. Beck to Miss S. M. Clayton, and also to celebrate the birth of a grandson to E. R. Wilkinson.

PUTNEY, S.W.

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

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in F.
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

FRANK R. L. BLEWER .. Treble	SQUIRE CROFT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.
In memoriam William T. Elson.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,472 each of Painswick, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 736 of Cambridge, with 138 changes of method.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PHILIP N. TUBBS Treble	*DAVID R. REED 5
JAMES E. DANIELS 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
JOHN HARTLESS 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Arranged by L. W. G. MORRIS.
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods for the remainder of the band. The first peal of Spliced on the bells.
Specially arranged and rung to mark the conclusion of the centenary celebrations of this church.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

BESSIE A. CARTER Treble	†COLIN SMITH 5
*HARRY EDGE 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 6
*HAROLD F. WHITE 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	*BENJAMIN JARMAN .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.
Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. M. G. Clark.

SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*BERNICE A. MANNING .. Treble	†JOHN E. COLLINS 4
*†JILL G. DRAPER 2	*BRIAN R. MANNING .. 5
*PAMELA J. PEARSON .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOHN G. CLICK Treble	DESMOND PAINTER 4
†F. BRIAN COOKSON 2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 5
†TONY HOWARD 3	*VICTOR CRAWFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal by all for the Association, except conductor.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Court and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

TRACY H. YOUNG Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
JOSEPHINE GREEN 2	CHARLES G. JONES 5
LESLIE EVANS 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
JANET FRENCH 2	GEORGE FRY 5
STANLEY JENNER 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal.
In memoriam W. E. Leigh, of Edenbridge.

ENFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and 240 Thompson's Arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt.
F. W. T. PHILLIMORE .. Treble | R. WILSON 4
H. BARDELL 2 | A. E. PHILLIMORE 5
D. BEAUFOY 3 | W. OFFER Tenor

Conducted by D. BEAUFOY.

First peal by all the band, who are the Sunday service ringers.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury and 15 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.
MARJORIE LEGG Treble | HOWARD COLLINGS 4
*HAROLD HOOPER 2 | FRANK PARRAMORE 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT 3 | ALGY HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon S. J. Christelow, Rector of Loxton, on his retirement.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.
GILBERT COWLIN Treble | RONALD PATTRICK 4
RUTH MORGAN 2 | WILLIAM ROSE 5
HERBERT GOAKES 3 | JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Stopford as 33rd Bishop of Peterborough, which took place in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday, September 29th, 1956.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
HAROLD S. PEACOCK Treble | JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
STANLEY GILBERT 2 | WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD 3 | A. THOMAS HOWES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor. Second 'circle' of tower for treble ringer.

Rung to commemorate the 325th anniversary of Stedman's birth.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, viz.: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

*PETER NASH Treble | R. ROGER SAVORY 4
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 2 | MAURICE J. BUTLER 5
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3 | *J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* 50th peal together. † 25th peal. First peal in eight methods on the bells and by all.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble | †RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4
†PAMELA PEARSON 2 | †FRANK H. ELEY 5
†SHELLAGH SEERY 3 | *COLIN EVANS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

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

Rung for Harvest Festival and as a welcome to the Rev. B. Mathews, B.A., who is to be inducted to the living of Colwich on October 29th.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Kent and St. Clement's. Tenor 14½ cwt.
SYDNEY SAGE Treble | IVOR JENKINS 4
ERNEST PIMLOTT 2 | JOHN E. BROUGH 5
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sage, and for the celebration of harvest-tide.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON, N.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.
MARTIN CUBITT Treble | BRIAN BLADON 4
*JANET SECKER (17) 2 | †MICHAEL J. ROWE (14) .. 5
*FRANCES SECKER (15) .. 3 | ERNEST J. ROWE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor. First in ten methods by all except conductor.

Rung by a local Sunday service band.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

A WILLIAM BIRD Treble | *EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4
JOHN W. G. KINDRED 2 | PETER KINDRED 5
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* 25th peal. 70th peal on the bells and the first for 20 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
ALAN G. FOSTER 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY 5—6
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 3—4 | E. MARION KEY 7—8

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Triples on handbells.

A birthday compliment to Stephanie Wright, sister of A. R. Wright.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT 21, GIPSY LANE.

A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 18 in G.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 1—2 | MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5—6
*MAURICE J. BUTLER 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
†J. MICHAEL LAKIN 9—10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters and first on ten handbells.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1956, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. LEALE 3—4

ROGER BALDWIN 5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal as conductor 'in hand,' on six bells, and in more than one method. 50th peal for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. A. Manning 1, Miss J. G. Draper 2, E. Walklate 3, J. Collins 4, B. R. Manning 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except the conductor.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, S. A. Read 3, W. H. Hurford 4, H. D. Taylor 5, G. J. Hawkins (comp. and cond.) 6, R. Stubbs 7, T. T. Jones 8, M. Helps 9, E. Naylor and H. J. Merrett 10. First quarter of Caters for 3, 7 and 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Gayer 1, J. Pink 2, Kathleen Weller 3, Joyce A. Parsons 4, F. D. Jennings 5, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, E. G. Talbot 7, L. A. Reece 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Lucy Allen (cond.) 1, F. Baker 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maureen Allen. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,280 St. Simon's Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. For Lucy Allen's 18th birthday. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. First of Stedman for 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong, also remembering the birth of Stedman 325 years ago.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. R. H. Easton 1, R. G. Hooper 2, F. Skidmore 3, G. M. Nichols 4, D. J. Hunt (first as cond.) 5, V. E. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker 7, F. Hussey (first quarter) 8. For opening of Missionary Week.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Harrison 1, R. Chafer 2, A. Tomlinson 3, H. Hall 4, C. A. Hewitt 5, J. Bray (cond.) 6, P. Barnes 7, G. Thompson 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Divers 1, A. Butler 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. W. Unwin 4, J. Stockbridge 5, D. Chaffell (cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 London Surprise Major: E. J. Butler (78) 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. H. Edwards 6, C. A. Andrews 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. H. D. Woods and Miss J. K. Everett.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 All Saints): R. Line (cond.) 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, N. Line 3, J. J. Partridge 4, E. Smart 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. E. Sutton and Miss D. B. Wright.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Fry (first quarter) 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, I. Templeton (first 'inside') 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen (first quarter) 8. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, A. Haynes 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, Mrs. K. K. Ketteringham 4, B. Hunt 5, K. K. Ketteringham 6, R. Stephenson 7, T. O. Greasley 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. D. Clarke 10. First of Royal by 2, 4, 8 and 10.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stuart 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, A. W. Cole 3, T. Cole 4, P. W. Mills 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, J. H. Cox 2, A. Greenhall 3, L. Clissett 4, B. E. Woodall 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilcock (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. For harvest festival.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Biggs 1, A. E. Cox 2, J. Kape 3, W. Lee (cond.) 4, C. Wilkinson (first 'inside') 5, W. Jemmett 6. Rung for the christening of the son of the ringer of the 5th.

HARROW, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia J. Heasman 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, R. E. Waters 3, M. Chamberlain 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, B. W. Huntley 6. For harvest festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, B. Pattison 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. L. Parkins, for many years a local ringer, interred this day R.I.P.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Papworth 1, W. Papworth 2, W. Ransom 3, O. Norman 4, C. Goodger 5, J. Parish (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Papworth 1, W. Papworth 2, J. Parish 3, O. Norman 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. Chaplin 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Gargrave (first away from treble) 4, F. G. Richardson 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Colchester on the occasion of the dedication of the new west window and commissioning a band of missionaries from Cambridge University. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, G. W. Cecil 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, T. D. Belben (first quarter) 5, J. Fowler 6, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8. For a mission service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Ashstead Surpris Major: K. Biggs 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, R. Biggs 3, D. Cornwall 4, P. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, J. D. Kape 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Foxall 3, D. Cornwall 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. E. Cox 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. For harvest festival.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, L. Melton 4, E. Bishop 5, L. Sharpe 6. For morning service and a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Coombes 1, C. Watson 2, W. Welling (cond.) 3, A. E. Hartley 4, A. Cross 5, D. W. Stone 6, G. Cousins 7, A. H. Bates 8. First of Major for 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denison 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6, G. A. Lucas (cover).

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): F. Osbaldiston 1, A. Osbaldiston 2, R. Smith 3, B. Groves 4, A. McFall (cond.) 5, M. J. Pryor 6. First of Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, C. F. Andrews 2, S. R. Cockell 3, Marion Hunt 4, H. Heath 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, E. Hitchens 8. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. A. W. Angel, a ringer at Melksham for more than 60 years.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Parris 1, H. King (cond.) 2, R. Stevens 3, L. Cordell 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Bingham 6. First quarter for 1 and 6, who were members of the old North Weald band. For evening prayer.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Moore 1, C. Coles 2, N. Chamberlain 3, A. Gammon 4, D. J. Roaf 5, F. A. Barrett 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, J. Wilks 8. First in method for 3 and 5. For Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wixey 1, P. Clarkson 2, C. Wixey (first of Triples) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, J. Watts (first of Triples) 5, F. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, S. Pugh 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. W. James, member of the Parochial Church Council, and Mr. W. H. Pryke.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hawksworth (first quarter) 1, Miss A. S. Noble 2, J. Stead (first quarter) 3, Mrs. S. H. Jones 4, J. H. Brittan 5, P. Marriott 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, W. E. Minor 8. A farewell to Mrs. S. Campbell, a ringer at the above church, who has left for Hingham, Norfolk.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Layland (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Henderson 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, D. Bounds 4, R. E. G. Luton 5, P. Henderson (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Morey 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, I. Templeton 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 3,780 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, J. N. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coate 8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Murden (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, A. Barlow 3, S. Osborne (cond.) 4, P. Howitt 5, C. Underwood 6, J. Underwood 7, P. Fisher 8. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to I. Underwood, who is leaving Rugby for Nottingham.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. T. Pritchard (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, W. Fairhead 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, P. Page 5, R. G. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, P. L. Dadds 8. A farewell to John Palmer, a regular ringer of St. Peter's hand, who is moving to Berkshire.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Phillips 1, B. J. Luff 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, L. Stilwell 4, G. Francis 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. Wells prior to the induction service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. J. Attwater 1, W. J. Bowden 2, M. Carter 3, R. G. Cross (cond.) 4, A. Warren 5, S. G. Peck 6, A. J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge (first of Major) 8. Rung at the conclusion of the church's gift day.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Hall 1, Miss M. Goodenough 2, Mrs. V. Glascombe (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Clarke 4, S. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough the previous Saturday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Elizabeth Yeld 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, J. N. Lindon 7, R. Smith 8. For Evensong.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, E. Brunger 2, S. Jenner 3, A. F. Wellington 4, G. Fry 5, E. J. Jenner 6, H. R. Harris 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Porter (first of Doubles) 1, A. S. Richards 2, I. Couch (first 'inside') 3, A. S. D. Graham (first of Doubles) 4, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 5, D. Holland (first quarter) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, A. Bishop 4, H. Cox 5, M. Sindew (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, A. Bagworth (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Amor 1, H. Brooks 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, Miss P. Gray 4, A. Smith 5, J. Long 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, C. T. Hillis 6. For Matins. Also 1,272 Oswald Delight: Miss R. E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 3, A. J. Lancelfield 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower (first in method) 3, E. S. Ruck 4, C. T. Hillis 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. A. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancelfield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss B. Philpot 3, L. C. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH OUTING

A really successful outing was enjoyed by the Bushey Heath band and their friends on September 22nd. All the towers visited had rings of eight, and four out of the six were rung from the floor. The band included some beginners, but these were never forgotten, but were encouraged to ring rounds and so increase their experience by ringing bells to which they were unaccustomed. The rest of the band contented themselves with Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. In the last tower of all a most satisfying course of Kent was successfully accomplished by several of the band for the first time.

The first tower visited was Knebworth. To reach the church we walked past the ornamental house of Lord Bulwer Lytton. From there we went to Bennington, which has a most interesting bell-ringing history within the memory of some of our ringers. The squire, himself an enthusiastic ringer, insisted that the people who worked for him became the same. It was one of his conditions of employment!

We had a first-class lunch at Royston and then went to the church where a wedding service was beginning. Afterwards the band rang the bride and bridegroom out with a touch of Bob Major. This report would not be complete without a special word of commendation for the bells. They went better than any rung during the day.

The last three towers were Much Hadham, Hunsdon and Hoddesdon. The homeward journey was enlivened by some tune playing on handbells. It was such an enjoyable day that there is not one who is not already looking forward to next year's outing.

THE LADIES' GUILD North-Western District

In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' the question was asked: 'What happens to the ladies when there is a Ladies' Guild meeting?'. At Bowdon, Cheshire, on September 29th, the questioner would have seen, during the afternoon and evening, an attendance of 26 members of the Ladies' Guild, when a meeting of the North-Western District was held jointly with the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Guild. This was considered to be quite a satisfactory number, but even larger attendances in the future are hoped for.

At the business meeting, held in the Church Vestry by kind invitation of the Vicar, nine new members were elected. Afterwards, the ladies joined in the ringers' service, and then partook of a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, the head ringer, and the ladies who prepared such an enjoyable and satisfying tea.

The annual meeting of the district will be held at Manchester Town Hall on January 19th,

Sussex Division

A meeting of the Sussex Division was held at Bexhill-on-Sea on September 29th. Owing to two weddings during the afternoon, ringing did not commence until 3.30. At 4.45 p.m. a break was made for tea, followed by a short business meeting for the ladies, while the gentlemen rang for Evensong at 6 p.m.

At the business meeting six new members were elected, and thanks were extended to Miss C. Matthews for making arrangements for tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting (A.G.M.) on January 12th at St. Nicholas', Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Pentre on September 29th. The music of this grand ring of eight was heard very early in the afternoon. The Branch Master, Mr. Tim Yeomans, saw to it that all had a chance to ring.

Following a delightful service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Spencer Jones, visitors were invited to tea at the nearby Church Hall. A vote of thanks for the excellent refreshments, provided by the ladies of the church, was given by the Rev. V. G. Rees.

The Rev. R. Spencer Jones took the chair for the business meeting. Thirteen new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting, to be held jointly with the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, was fixed for Aberavon, probably on December 1st.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at North Bradley on October 6th was one of the best held for a long time. Some 55 ringers attended, including visitors from Bath, Frome, Weston-super-Mare, Nailsea, Chippenham, Radstock and Swindon. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar.

Tea was provided by the ringers and friends of North Bradley, for which special thanks were given. The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Weeks, who extended a welcome to the Vicar. In his reply, the Vicar said he would be pleased to see the Guild at North Bradley at any time.

Fifteen new members were elected, 14 of them being from Hilperton. The members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Derham, an old ringer from Holt, who had passed away.

Meetings were fixed for Holt and Warminster.

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During their tour of Ireland Desmond Painter (Master), Tony Howard (librarian) and Brian Cookson (secretary) of Cambridge University Guild called into Radio Eireann and were interviewed for the weekly feature 'Who's News?'. The interview was relayed for seven minutes on September 22nd, during which a perfect course of Bob Minor was rung on hand-bells.

In connection with the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner at Stoke Hotel, Guildford, tomorrow, at 6.30 p.m., there will be ringing at Stoke Parish Church from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Now with the R.A.F. at Habbaniya, Iraq, A.C. Martin, J., of Horsell, Surrey, writes expressing his thanks to all Wellington, Somerset, ringers for their kindness to him during his stay with the R.A.F. at Locking.

Mr. W. H. Male, of Warwick, on October 1st tapped Holt's Original in 3 hours 2 minutes. This is the 13th peal he has tapped on his bells without figures or any mental aid. These performances were witnessed by Mr. T. Male.

Extensive repairs are being carried out to Workshop church and tower, and ringing will be discontinued for about nine months. The Monday practice at Cuckney is being attended by Workshop ringers.

The peal of Doubles at Kirdford (Sussex) on September 15th was Sylvia Streeter's (not Streeter) first peal of Doubles, and not her first peal, as erroneously stated. She has previously rung peals of Minor and Major methods.

The entire band at Marple, Stockport, have been taught from scratch by Mr. M. J. Pryer in 2½ years. There are now 14 ringers, of whom nine have rung quarter peals. All but two of the ringers are between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Unfortunately a recent peal attempt was lost after two hours' ringing, owing to a miscall.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Ronald Russell, late of Hallowaton, Leics, and now of Corby, Northants, has just completed his 200 peals. Practically all of these have been rung in the 'hinterlands' on the borders of Leics, Lines, Northants and Rutland, and at towers where in the normal way little or no change-ringing is done. This total was only achieved after much hard work, long journeys and many disappointing setbacks. It speaks much for his enthusiasm and continued keenness. His total was only achieved with the help of many friends from Leicester, Billesdon, Stamford and Northants. Here are the totals:—Doubles 67, Minor 95, Triples 22, Major 16.

In connection with the rededication of the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, as reported on October 5th, Radio Eireann recorded the entire proceedings, and relayed extracts of the dedication, sermon and ringing in 'City Feature' on Monday, September 24th.

Over 30 members have been enrolled in the College of Campanology, ten of whom are members of the Central Council. The idea of a college or an institution of campanology was by a coincidence ventilated by Mr. F. E. Dukes in the spring issue of the 'Irish Bell News.' Mr. Dukes is an hon. examiner I for the College.

The peal rung at Ibstock, Leicestershire, on September 22nd, was arranged for the 30th anniversary of Mr. Ronald H. Dove's first peal, which was rung on these bells. Two of the original band, Messrs. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and Joseph W. Cotton, of Overseale, took part.

Arising out of the appeal in 'The Manchester Guardian' by the Dean of Lichfield for £200,000 for the famous 'Three Spire Cathedral,' the Dean received a donation of £1 from 'Just a ringer' for the supreme pleasure he had had of ringing the bells. Any other ringers had that very great pleasure? There must be hundreds.

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CUMBERLANDS OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS

ENCOURAGING REPORT AT ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, the Master, was a genial chairman at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at 'The Old Bell,' Holborn, on October 6th. He was in the happy position of being able to report a successful year and that the Society was out of the doldrums. Mr. Audsley is the first Master of the Society who has rung in 1,000 peals, and he was the recipient of many congratulations.

After the toast of 'The Queen,' Mr. W. R. Winterton proposed the toast of 'The Church.' In a witty speech he said they would like to express their gratitude to the Church authorities for making ringing possible. After all, bells were not absolutely necessary for the Church, and it was almost impossible to pass any of the old churches without hearing the tick-tack of the death-watch beetle. Since the last dinner the Rev. Charles Edwardes, their Vicar of St. Martin's, had been appointed Bishop of Worcester. He wrote and congratulated him on his appointment.

The Rev. Gordon Blacktop, Vicar of Thames Ditton, replied, and said that throughout the centuries the Church had mothered the arts, such as music, painting and sculpture, and he supposed that campanology was one of the youngest of the arts the Church had mothered. He thought a mother had her greatest affection for her youngest, and that probably accounted for the affectionate feeling that existed towards bell-ringers. He would not say that bell-ringers had been tied to the Mother-Church's bell-ropes, but they had been very close friends.

THE EXAMPLE OF THE PAST

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, who recalled some of the achievements of the past. On March 27th, 1784, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the Society rang 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, which if the records he had were true was the first peal rung by only ten men. That was a great feat because ringing was very different in those days and such a performance was something for our young ringers to strive for.

There were many other notable performances. In 1801 they rang the only peal of Court Bob Royal, which until the end of 1932 was the only peal recorded in the method. In 1807 the Society must have been in a very good position as far as money was concerned, because they presented two new trebles to Shoreditch to make it a ring of 12. There were two other peals of merit rung during that period—7,104 Treble Bob Maximus, rung by 12 men, and 5,200 Treble Bob Royal, at St. Mary-le-Bow.

The Society also did valuable work in writing on the art, and he would mention the publication of George Cross and his two sons, Shipway, Jones, Reeves and Blackmore. In the field of composition they should also mention Joseph Riley, John Cox and Henry Dains. The modern age was well represented by George Cross, J. D. Matthews and their present Master, and it was an honour to think that the present Master was one of the few who had rung more than 1,000 peals during their lives. Of Mr. Audsley's achievement, over 300 peals were rung in three adjacent towers.

The Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he did not claim to have rung 1,000 peals, but to have rung in 1,000 peals with the assistance of ringers up and down the country. He thanked those ringers who took part for their assistance, and also the clergy who granted their permission.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

So far the Society had had a very successful year. They had a good meeting at Westerham in conjunction with the Tonbridge District, and also at Great Waltham and Chelmsford. The

meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill was also very successful. Peals rung so far this year were Stedman Caters at St. Martin's, Double Norwich at Portsmouth, seven Minor methods at Bosham, Minor at Preston Candover, two peals of Doubles at Stoke D'Abernon, Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral and Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's.

Members stood in remembrance of Messrs. W. H. Theobald, S. Shellock, W. J. Nudds, F. May (who died in Cape Town) and W. T. Elson (who although not a member of the Society frequently attended their dinners). New members made during the year more than compensated for their losses by death.

The Master said there was a question as to whether they had had a successful year. Personally he thought they had. Although ringing at St. Martin's and Shoreditch was not as prominent as in the old days, members were fulfilling their commitments in the suburban towers. They must thank Mr. Tom Francis for making a great effort in maintaining ringing in St. Martin's.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Exford ringers on their peal! This new band has only been ringing two years. Mr. F. W. T. Phillimore, who could himself handle a bell and was the only one who could, was asked by a former captain if he would try and get a company together.

They got 'The Ringer's Handbook' and taught themselves change-ringing with, Salisbury Guild officers believe, no outside help.

Last February they asked if they could join the Guild, and the eight members of the team were elected at the next meeting when their standard of ringing was very good. Now comes the news of their triumph—their first peal.

He was afraid ringing in the Metropolis so far as the Society was concerned was on the down grade, but as long as they had country members ringing and maintaining their service ringing and standard of striking, he was sure the Cumberlands would still do good work.

That day they had pleasure in ringing at St. Martin's and St. John's, Waterloo Road, and he would like to express the Society's thanks to the incumbents.

Mr. F. J. Cullum proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He accorded a special welcome to the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and hoped they were having a successful year. They welcomed members from Newark and also experts from Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Birmingham. They were also pleased to have with them the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was a Cumberland.

Squadron Leader J. S. Mason and Mr. T. W. White replied to the toast.

An enjoyable entertainment was provided by Betty Chapman (songs), Dorothy Brown (piano), Peter Brown (monologues), Stan Brown (compeere) and Bunny Chapman (comedian).

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Audsley were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne. Sqdn. Leader J. S. Mason (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. W. R. Winterton and Mr. P. N. Bond (hon. secretary of

the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), the Rev. G. Blacktop, the Rev. G. Greig (Vicar of Walton); Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Verrill, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. N. North, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mrs. E. Matthews; Messrs. G. Paul, D. Bartholomew, F. W. Burnett, A. House, T. Clark, C. J. Matthews, F. W. Midwinter, D. T. Matkin, C. Copp, A. G. Mason, C. E. Slade, J. Cone, N. Steere, J. Leeming, G. Carter, A. Butler; the Misses J. W. Garner, E. W. Keys, M. Reay, E. Fletcher, N. Shorter, B. Mason, P. Miller, Nolan, S. H. Dovey, Woollier, J. Peacock, E. Arthur, Green, B. Thompson, M. Prockson.

Apologies were received from the Rev. Meredith Davis, Messrs. A. Harding, A. R. Ling and Ian Oram. The Essex Association, who were holding their dinner that evening, sent their fraternal greetings.

THE MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA

A Devon Welcome

When a lady approached me recently and said she had a cousin coming from America to stay in Sidmouth for a few days, could I kindly arrange some ringing, as he was interested in bell-ringing, I agreed to do so with a certain amount of diffidence.

A few days later Mr. Morris A. Turner, of Philadelphia, was introduced to me, and on spotting the badge of the Peterborough Guild in his coat lapel, any qualms regarding the ringing quickly disappeared.

'Get cracking' seemed to be the next move, so the following evening (Wednesday) we were ringing at East Budleigh (6, tenor 9 cwt.) and Otterton (6, 12 cwt.). Friday evening a quarter peal in three methods was attempted at Harpford (6, 7 cwt.), and after ringing 360 of Plain Bob Minor and 720 Grandshire Doubles a trip in the last 180 of Stedman Doubles brought the well-struck effort to an end. As Mr. Turner remarked in a 'slight drawl': 'Gee, that was good striking, and I sure guess we were going places.' Those taking part were G. C. Woodley 1, Betty Smith 2, M. A. Turner 3, P. Davis 4, E. W. Rowe (conductor) 5, K. Clarke 6.

On Saturday Exeter Cathedral was visited, where Mr. Turner had a touch of Grandshire Caters, strapped the 72½ cwt. tenor to a 12-bell touch and lowered the treble, 11th and 10th (all singly). Sunday morning, Sidmouth (8, 12 cwt.) and Sidbury (8, 16 cwt.) were visited, and in the evening St. Mark's, Exeter (8, 12½ cwt.) and Alplington (8, 16 cwt.), where call-changes were rung.

Monday evening found us at Ottery St. Mary (8, 18 cwt.), where we also met the president of the Devon Guild (Prieb. E. V. Cox). Tuesday evening a quarter peal, 1,260 Grandshire Triples, was rung at Honiton Cyst (8, 19 cwt.), those taking part being E. R. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, M. A. Turner 4, A. Holway 5, E. W. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (conductor) 7, E. Morgan 8. The first quarter peal for Mr. Turner since 1908. Then on to Sowton (8, 9½ cwt.) for touches of Stedman and Grandshire Triples and Plain Bob Major. Wednesday we visited St. Paul's, Honiton (8, 12½ cwt.) and Offwell (6, 9 cwt.). Thursday was the last evening for Mr. Turner in Devonshire and it proved a grand climax as we rang a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor at Bramford Speke (6, 5½ cwt.), this being Mr. Turner's first peal since 1908.

On behalf of Mr. Turner and myself I would like to thank the incumbents for granting permission to ring at short notice, also the ringers of East Devon for their kind and ready co-operation.

E. W. R.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION SUFFOLK TOUR

The Story of Lost Peals

THERE are memorable features about each U.A. tour. Members who were present often recall the wonderful accommodation at Wortley Hall, Nottingham, or the number of handbell peals rung at Oxford in 1953. This year's tour was something of an anti-climax, the most outstanding features being the number of peals lost and the fact that no one had more than one sheet on his or her bed.

The tour was held from Saturday, August 25th, to Saturday, September 1st, based on Leiston Abbey, Suffolk, a restored abbey owned by the local diocesan authorities. Members assembled during the day in Ipswich, where arrangements had been made for ringing in four churches, including St. Mary-le-Tower, then at 6 p.m. set off by car and motor-cycle on the 20-mile trip to Leiston.

A HANDBELL RACE

On Sunday morning the Rev. Malcolm Melville officiated at Communion in the abbey's Lady Chapel, allowing people to lie abed a little later than would have been possible if they had had to go to Leiston. It had been arranged that we should help local companies with their ringing for morning service, and this gave tower snatchers an opportunity to ring at some churches which would not be visited at any other time during the week. During the rest of the day some swam, a few visited Dunwich where a church recently fell over the cliff edge and where, some say, the bells can still be heard beneath the waves; a peal of Minor was rung at Blythburgh and another was lost through bad conducting at Aldeburgh. The evening's handbell ringing was enlivened by a race in which two teams in the same room with equal-sized bells each rang a course of Bob Major; the result was a dead heat.

The tour proper began well. We arrived at Halesworth, the first of Monday's churches, ten minutes early, in fact before the Rector and the member of the local company who came to welcome us. Our next stop was Beccles, a place well known to several of the members: Jumbo Seager had lived there for several years, and Malcolm Melville had rung there in a rather fast U.A. peal to celebrate V.J. Day (which peal was later discussed at length in the correspondence column of 'The Ringing World'). After lunch the mob went off to Lowestoft and Pakefield while a select band visited Stradbroke and lost a peal of Little Bob Royal. When we revisited Stradbroke later in the week we found that there were trapdoors by which sound entering the belfry could be adjusted—if only we had realised. Losing the peal did, however, enable us to have some tea and join the main party at Southwold, where we arrived in time to witness a course of Yorkshire Major for a 'beginner' in which every other member of the band made a mistake, while the learner went serenely on without a trip.

In the evening we held what was probably our quickest ever general meeting. The most important decision was that next year's tour should be held in Yorkshire, probably based on Bingley but with Sheffield as a second possibility.

HYBRID No. 6

Tuesday was a day to which some of us had been looking forward for quite a long time, the

day for an attempt to ring a peal of York's new method, Hybrid No. 6. We had arranged to attempt this method last January, but had to cancel our try at the last minute, so immediately upon our arrival at Leiston we decided that it should be our Debenham effort. At Debenham we were very pleased to meet Mr. Peter Laflin, of Cheshire—well known to most of us—who was on holiday in Suffolk and had rung in a peal in this tower the previous Saturday. After adjusting the ropes to suit us, we set off and rang for about half-an-hour: reasons given for the failure are various: some hold the view that a stat was omitted, while others aver that someone forgot to make a place—probably we shall never know the truth. We realised that we could not join the rest of the party who had gone to visit Laxfield, Fressingfield and Wingfield before lunch, so we headed for the local coffee house which, we discovered, was open every day except Tuesday.

In the afternoon a few of those who had unhappy memories of Stradbroke went on a private visit to Oakley, and later another party set out for an evening ring at Lavenham. Most of us spent the evening at Leiston practice where, helped by members of the local company, we rang methods up to Spliced Surprise.

That Subscription Business

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Wednesday began with Corporate Communion, again celebrated by Malcolm Melville in the Lady Chapel. The morning then saw a continuation of our peal losing activities, when Double Norwich came to grief after two hours of good ringing at Leiston. The remainder of the party visited Dennington and Framlingham before lunch, which was eaten at a tavern about a mile from Framlingham on the road toward Debenham. For the second successive day the handbells were produced and a course of Stedman Cinques brought round. This was done in the open air to give the performers more room and the photographers a sporting chance of taking a decent picture. Ringing in the afternoon was at Debenham, Stonham Aspal and Henley officially, and unofficially at Coddanham.

A WATERSPOUT

Only two-thirds of the party went back for supper; the others had been bribed by Paul Taylor into making the hundred and odd mile trip to Coggeshall in Essex to inspect his firm's most recent handiwork. Those who did return to Leiston were amazed by the accuracy of York-Bramble's weather forecasting service. His predicted storm came with such violence as to flood the roads in many places and fill the drains in Saxmundham so that a manhole cover was blown off and a waterspout appeared in the middle of the main street. The evening was a

quiet one for most, but four who hadn't had enough went upstairs to ring a handbell peal of St. Clement's and, having forgotten to open the windows, fell asleep.

By Thursday, the speed of the tour was beginning to tell, and there was considerable difficulty in finding ten people who wanted to ring in the peal attempt at Stonham Aspal. Eventually ten willing ringers were found, and after a false start Roger Savory brought the peal of Grandsire Caters safely home in 3 hours and 5 minutes. Gus Edge, on the tenor, had the misfortune to find himself with an untucked rope-end after three-quarters of an hour, but though he collected a handful of blisters he kept the bell in its place to the end of the peal. Meanwhile, the main party had visited Tunstall, where five and six were rung kneeling down; then Hollisley and Woodbridge.

Thursday was easily the best day of the tour as far as weather was concerned, so good, in fact, that in the afternoon there were people sitting out in the churchyard when they could have been ringing on a ten as good as Grundisburgh.

Our last full day began with a visit to Eye where, after enjoying the good bells, we saw the site of Mr. Day's old bell foundry and drank coffee. While we were in the tower someone had been busy labelling the cars; most of the names reflected the character of the occupants, one the character of the car.

A WORD FOR THE TENOR MAN

After an hour on the light eight at Palgrave we had lunch, then went on to the fine ring at Diss, where we would have liked to stay longer. Next came Pulham St. Mary. Mrs. McGuiness, though not ringing, had not been wasting her time, and announced that tea had been arranged at Harleston. On then to Redenhall, where immediately opposite the tenor box is the notice: 'Use no bad words, this is a sacred place.' We finished the tour's ringing with a listener's special request, a touch of four spliced which required no bad words to be used.

After supper we had our usual social evening. We missed the professional services of Geoffrey Carter, but York and Charlie McGuiness had laid in a fair supply and Jumbo obviously knew how to serve it out. Entertainment included a demonstration of telepathy (or was it clairvoyance?) by that eminent mind reader Professor A. Y-B. Presentations of a dolls' tea service to Mrs. McGuiness (champion tea organiser) and a dog collar and lead to Brian Threlfall (for his wife's use) were made; Stedman Cinques and Bristol Major were lapped on handbells, and Wilf Moreton demonstrated his expertness in the bathing of babies. The evening ended with an hilarious game of musical arms with A. Y-B. at the piano.

On Saturday morning there was no hurry to rise; goodbyes were said, and a band of eight stalwarts set off for Woodbridge to try to ring Superlative. They failed, but learned that 'Andrew Fosdike went up and down this steeple seven times in 27 minutes in the 67th year of his age, March 15th, 1753.'

So ended a successful tour, successful even if there were no sheets. W. L. R.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob Minor: Miss D. Robinson 1, I. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitchead 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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Ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, will very much miss their very good friend the Rev. Eric Perkins, who on October 6th was inducted to the benefice of Slough Parish Church. It was mainly due to his interest in the bells that Boyne Hill bells were rehung in 1954. Ringers of St. Mary's, Slough, will find in him a very sincere and understanding friend. An attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters to welcome him to Slough unfortunately came to grief after 1½ hours' good ringing.

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PART I. — 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION VIII. (Lesson 6)

PLAIN HUNTING (Silenced) AND TONE RECOGNITION

106. Taking Stock. — For ringers perusing these notes with genuine interest in ringing training, this would seem to be an appropriate moment to invite them to 'take stock' of their own position as members of a tower band, especially where instruction is contemplated or being attempted. In any case, no matter how good the ringing in any tower may be at any given time, unless the band has trainees the future of the ringing in that tower is threatened. This is a categorical statement, the truth of which may be argued convincingly with factual examples of the general law. In short, it is every ringer's responsibility (and privilege) to devote some time to assisting in training beginners. Properly discharged, this duty never fails to pay dividends. When ringing instruction has reached the stage now being described, such assistance is indispensable to the Tutor; and if the desired minimum of three ringer assistants cannot attend the next two tutorial sessions, then these sessions must now be transferred to the tower's regular practice night, and at least the first half-hour of it must be devoted to the advancement of this work with the student-ringers. For the current lesson, four bells need to be silenced, raised and set at back, ready to begin. But, as previously, since only one student at a time can participate in the ringing, others can be usefully occupied meanwhile in other work—this time it is 'Tone Recognition.' And this is first introduced to the whole class. (Q T)

107. Tone Recognition. (S) It is important, from the outset, for the student to realise the value of using the ear, and that this is essential for good striking. Obviously a ringer must be able to recognise the sound of his own bell amongst the others before he can begin to aim at precision of its timing of sounding, since time intervals of $\frac{1}{4}$ -second or less are of the normal order in change-ringing. Bells are tuned to give their dominant tones, each according to the notes of the diatonic scale; and they are numbered from those of the higher notes downwards, the treble being No. 1. So what must now be acquired is the ability to distinguish the bell-tone intervals. (Q)

108. Use of Handbells. (D) For this handbells may be used. (If not available the small, cheap dulcimer toy may be employed to good effect.) Suspend an octave of handbells on a broom-handle resting on the backs of two chairs, and use a wooden tapper if a padded one be not available. For the purpose of the exercise two well-known changes in conjunction with rounds will be used. If bells numbered 1, 3, 5, 7 (all the 'odds') be followed by 2, 4, 6, 8 (all the 'evens'), the well recognised change called 'Queens' is produced. If the two rows are written out in 'column form' they can be compared as to order of transposition

12345678 R of the numbers. Obviously the
15263748 Q second row is obtained by trans-
15263748 T posing the numbers of the first
12345678 R row to this order: 1st, 3rd, 5th,
7th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th. If we now
repeat this transposition we get the row
15263748. This is the well recognised change of
'Tittums.' If we again repeat the transposition,
we obtain rounds once more. Apart from this
interesting fact of transposition the 'tune' of
each of these two changes is one easily recog-
nised and is useful for our present purpose be-

cause of that fact. (The change-rows as given should be written on the blackboard for ready reference.) (Q)

109. The Common Chord. — Having tapped out Rounds, Queens and Tittums, the Tutor next taps the four notes of the common chord, from the top downwards, that is upper doh, soh, me and doh (in the tonic sol-fa notation), repeated three or four times. (Ex. 38.) Then by questioning he elicits the numbers of the bells whose sounds correspond to these notes, i.e., treble, 4th, 6th and tenor. These tones can thus be 'fixed' in mind, and from this 'framework,' so to speak, the sounds or tones of other bells can be gauged. Reverting now to 'Queens,' the intervals can be gauged in turn, tapping two bells at a time; that is, first 1/3, then 3/5, then 5/7, and so on, comparing the tone intervals with those of the common chord. For example, the first interval of Queens, 1/3, can be heard to be one tone short of the first interval of the common chord, 1/4. (Bells 3 and 4 can then be tapped in turn to illustrate this fact.) The same process is repeated with Tittums. Eventually students will come to realise that the intervals in Queens are all thirds except the middle one which is a sixth; and that in Tittums they are fifths and fourths alternately. But by this time most students will be able to tell the number of any bell which is being tapped, i.e., in relation to the keynote of its scale, or, to the note of the tenor. This is synonymous with picking out the sound of your bell in the scale when you know which bell number it is; in other words, this is bell recognition in practice. (Q)

110. Mental tone-telling. — Most students will find it useful practice to try fixing notes 'in the head,' or quietly hummed or whistled, according to the keynote of the scale, or treble. (Ex. 39.) This can be done at odd moments when, for example, out walking, dressing, etc. The whole idea is to become 'automatic' in identifying any one note of the scale in relation to that scale, so that striking becomes precise. (Q)

111. Plain Hunting (Silenced). — Reverting now to the bell practice, the Tutor has his three assistants on bells 1, 2 and 3, and a student on the 4th. (The ringer on the 3rd will take charge when the Tutor returns to the rest of the class for tone recognition exercises.) Tutor first explains that the student will take his bell through the plain hunt path that he has already practised with hand-claps; that is, at 'Go!' he will hunt down to lead, make the whole pull there, and then hunt up again to finish with a whole pull behind. These movements, however, will be taken in stages, as three separate exercises. Before beginning these exercises, however, it is essential that the student realises, and puts into practice, the beat variation arising from the differences in rhythm between the steady beat of rounds (refer to Ex. 28, Article 96), and those of hunting down (quicker) and hunting up (slower). (Q T)

112. Quicker and Slower Beats. (S) Clearly, then, in the 'cutting under' of hunting down, the arc of bell-swing, and therefore the time interval between bell strokes, is less, so the beat is quicker. Similarly in the 'holding up' over the bell following, whilst hunting up, the arc of bell-swing, and therefore the time interval between strokes, is greater, so the beat is slower. In hunting then, the bell is manipulated at three different rates of beat. The first is at the normal beat—as when leading, place-making, lying. (And as in rounds.) The second is the quicker, as when hunting down. And the third is the slower, as when hunting up. This beat variation was not indicated—and probably not realised—during the hand-clapping exercises for hunting,

etc.; but its observance in correct manipulation of what is, after all, a relatively heavy bell-mass, now becomes essential for good striking. (Q)

113. Hunting down (Silenced). (Ex. 40.) The exercise opens with a few rounds and after settling down to a steady beat, 'Go, Plain Hunting!' is given by No. 3 ringer. The student, having his bell to look after (for the first time) in conjunction with hunting, may find it helpful to recall the dodging and place-making exercises (34 and 36) he has recently taken on the third bell, when he had, at the start, to 'cut under' the bell he was following. Here he will be starting in the same way, and will then continue, at each stroke, cutting under the bell he finds himself following (there are only three, of course), until he finds himself at the lead. From what was established in Article 112 the beat will be quicker than the normal rounds beat he was pulling to, before 'Go!', until he actually strikes the lead, when his second blow there will be at the original (normal) beat. Here, No. 3 calls 'That's all' and 'Stand!'. The pupil has merely attempted hunting down, and the bells have come to rest after the change '4321.' The exercise is now repeated from the beginning. (Q)

114. Rules (And Reasons!). — So far the student may have been hunting by rhythm, and if he has done so without fault, he is making good progress. But now he may be given rules for hunting down: (S)

(1) 'Cut under the bell you are following, but INSTANTLY look round for the bell you are following on the cut stroke.' (Emphasise the utmost importance of this instantaneous look-round as the cut-under stroke begins, so that the next-to-follow rope is spotted before it gets under way. This is a secret of good 'rope-sight'.) (Q)

(2) 'On higher numbers of bells (than four as now) you may keep in view the rope of the bell that you 'turned from behind' (explain fully), using it as your 'course' bell on the way down.' (Q)

Now repeat Ex. 40, but tacitly vary the order of 1 and 2 when in 1/2, so as to hinder student from 'ringing by numbers' only. (Q T)

Attention is drawn particularly to this order of tackling the hunting process, i.e., hunting down first, and to be mastered before hunting up is tried. (Hence the 'Stand' when student has led.) The reason is that most pupils are first put on the treble for hunting practice, starting with hunting UP, of course, and which they seem to find so much easier than hunting down that they tend to neglect to persevere with the latter. In this Cathedral system, hunting down ability is assured first. (Q T)

115. Hunting Up. — For this exercise the student takes No. 1 bell, and the ringer-in-charge No. 2. Ringers on 3 and 4 are tacitly told to vary their order of pulling in 3/4, so that (as in previous exercise) the student may not tend to 'ring by numbers.' (Ex. 41.) Opening with rounds until the beat settles down, the student is now gaining practice in 'leading off the last down' (as in Ex. 33, Article 101). On 'Go!' he makes his first move as in Ex. 35 (Article 102), where the dodging was performed by 'holding up at hand' over the bell following him. Here, he continues to 'hold up' at each stroke, over the bell following him, until he is lying behind and the row '4321' turns up again, when 'That's All' and 'Stand!' are called. All through these strokes after leaving the lead his beat has been the slower one of hunting up, of course. The exercise is then repeated until he is proficient. (Q)

116. Hunting (silenced) both ways. (Ex. 41a.) Student now returns to bell 4 with ringer-in-charge on bell 3. Exercises 40 and 41 are now combined and repeated without break between them, so that all four bells do plain hunting, and rounds repeats after the eight change-rows.

(Questions. Registration. Next week—last silent practice—'Bell raising and lowering.' Lower bells and 'open.' Clock ON.)

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

The annual gathering of the local districts of the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on October 6th. A fair day brought visitors from a wide area, of all ages from 2 to 82!

It was nice to see Reuben Sanders and his wife ringing together, with Reuben turning in the ninth to Cambridge Royal with his customary ease. Other veterans we were pleased to see included Walter Wolstencroft, Frank Smallwood, Jim Chapman and Tom Collins. Among the very younger generation were Bronwen Coles and Moira Turley, and very well behaved, too. Somewhere between these extremes was our old friend Bill Coles, complete with wooden leg! Well, anyway, it wouldn't bend, but perhaps we ought to say that he swings a fine leg in plaster. It was good to see him about again and to note the splendid recovery he is making after his recent accident. When he casts off his crutches, no doubt he will soon be climbing belfry stairs again.

With such a good sprinkling of the old hands, ringing was of a very good standard, and the half-course of Cambridge Royal after tea was excellent. The old 'uns said it was too fast—can't hear the beauty of the bells. The ten are Gillett and Johnston's, Simpson-tuned (1911), and to the listener a slower beat is, we think, preferable. The younger generation were said to be averse to having a bell on their arms and the cry goes up—push 'em along! At the Uxbridge tower earlier in the day, quick ringing seemed to suit the recently recast bells. They are much better than the old lot, which contained, we are told, a leather bell at number 7! The sound it gave did not disprove this contention. The ringing during the day ranged from Rounds to London Surprise.

The usual Hillingdon service, attended by choir and organ, with Ringing Master-cum-deputy organist Frank Price in charge. The Vicar being on holiday, our spiritual praise and thanksgiving was led by the curate, Mr. Cooper, in a few well-chosen words, also gave a warning about the demon of bellingring who can enter our lives until ringing becomes a complete end in itself. We turned this over in our minds and we had to admit that many of us allow ringing to rule our lives in that way. Remember the old saying—ringers and singers are no home bringers! The singing was as good as the ringing, and many visitors remarked how much they enjoyed the whole service.

The rest of the story is of the social side. A good tea, with unlimited cups of *hot* tea, was very welcome and much enjoyed. During this break, the curate took the opportunity to welcome the two Guilds to Hillingdon, while Fred Goodfellow conveyed to the meeting a message of greeting from Ernest Turner, the Middlesex Association's general secretary, whom he had visited a day or two before and found him looking well and of good spirit. (Some readers may possibly care to drop him a line to help break the monotony and undoubted weariness that a long spell in hospital entails. He is in D.2 Ward, Edgware Hospital, Middlesex.)

The evening social went with the usual swing, thanks to the untiring energy of Branch secretary Bill Butler. Our thanks to the Hillingdon and Uxbridge parsons and their ringers, particularly Tom Bannister and Bert Impey, for their hospitality, and last, but very definitely not least, to Mrs. Goodfellow, who has been catering for these meetings longer than she cares to remember, and her hard-worked friends.

Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, ringers hope to have the bells back by Christmas with two additional trebles and a new frame. Towards the cost of £1,600, only £100 is outstanding, a grant of £600 having been promised by the Barron Bell Trust to be paid on completion of work.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Probably the youngest among the many ringing societies in the universities, the Southampton University Guild has just completed its second successful session. Formed in November, 1954, with four ringers and five novices, at the end of the 1955-56 session the Guild consisted of 14 members, all proficient ringers. Because of the increased number, two weekly handbell meetings have been held, in addition to the tower practice, the former being of great help in the teaching of change-ringing.

The Guild has been officially recognised now and is affiliated to the Students' Union of the University, possessing its own distinctive tie—gold and navy bells on a maroon ground. At the second annual general meeting held in March, the officers elected for 1956-57 were: Master, Mr. R. E. Finch; Deputy Master, Miss R. A. Carey, secretary and treasurer, Miss I. Inman; and committee member, Mr. M. V. White.

For Sunday ringing, the most important duty of all ringers, the Guild has attached itself to St. Mary's, Southampton, and members ring there at least once every Sunday. In addition, a different tower has been visited every month and the Guild has rung for services at ten towers, mostly within ten miles of Southampton.

Continuing the policy established in the first session, joint meetings have been held with other university societies: with London and Oxford in London in November, with Reading at Whitechurch and Overton in March and again at Salisbury in May. The Guild is also grateful for a most enjoyable day's ringing in Bristol, organised by Bristol Society on the last day of its Easter tour.

During the Christmas vacation a party visited the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where a few were pleased to be able to strike a few changes on the newly-cast St. Clement Danes' bells, which were awaiting hanging. It is hoped to visit Loughborough Foundry also in the coming session.

Several other ringing outings have been held—in the New Forest, the Test Valley and the Winchester and Bournemouth areas, visiting five, seven, seven and six towers respectively. Several members joined the North Stoneham band on their annual outing to Berkshire and Bucks. The Guild attended the annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at Ryde in July, ringing at six towers on the Island. Altogether, over 90 towers have been visited in the session, 36 of these during the ringing week at Easter in North Somerset.

All members have made considerable progress in change-ringing. Many methods, simple and intricate, have been rung, and to a certain extent everyone is conversant with the two main methods, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Five quarter peals have been rung—two of Grandsire Doubles, two Bob Minor and one of Grandsire Triples, on the eve of the University Commemoration Day in May.

Seven members, conducted by a member of Birmingham University Society, rang a peal in November, 1955; it is hoped to score an all-Southampton University peal in the near future.

Handbells have been put to a lighter use when townsfolk and travellers have been regaled with carols at Christmas time and popular tunes at rag time, as well as changes on six or eight bells and the favourite of the Guild (almost its signature tune), 'The Bells of St. Mary's'.

The Guild extends a warm welcome to any Freshers entering the University in October, whether experienced ringers or novices interested in the art. Those who would like information are invited to contact the secretary, c/o the University.

Members are once more extremely grateful for all the help given them and friendly welcomes extended to them by tower captains and ringing friends in the area.

L. J.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on October 6th. By 3 o'clock the ringing chamber was well filled, and the bells were kept going until 4.30, when the Vicar (Canon N. G. Sharpe) conducted the service. Music was provided by the parish church organist (Mr. Griffiths). The Vicar gave a short address, in which he expressed not only his own thanks, but those on behalf of all the incumbents of the district, for the work of those who rang the bells. He was glad, he said, to see so many young members present. A collection was taken for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A good tea had been arranged by the members of the Mothers' Union at the Parish Hall, and was served by these ladies.

The business meeting followed tea, with Mr. F. Willis in the chair. Five new members were elected and also the complete band of the newly-built church at Little Chart.

The secretary presented the report and balance sheet, which were adopted without discussion. There were 152 adult members and 17 juniors on the books, but of this number about ten per cent. were uncertainties as they had neither paid their subscriptions nor given any explanation for not doing so. (N.B.—These numbers do not, of course, include the newly-elected members.)

The election of officers followed. Mr. W. P. Garner, the secretary, said he did not wish to stand for re-election as he thought three years was a reasonable period for an office-holder and that a change of secretary would probably bring new vigour and new ideas into the district. Mr. C. T. Hillis was therefore elected as the new secretary. Mr. J. Cooper and Mr. S. G. Waters were re-elected as District representatives. Mr. T. Cullingworth did not wish to stand for re-election as District Ringing Master, as his work and the distance he lived from the centre of the district made it difficult for him to attend the meetings as punctually as he would wish. Mr. J. Cooper was elected the new Ringing Master.

Mr. Waters gave a brief summary of last season's winter practices. It was agreed to continue these practices this year, except for the Lydd area, and the same members promised to organise them. The programme for the western part of the district has already been promulgated.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies, who arranged the tea.

About 65 members and friends were present from 17 towers. Ringing continued until 8.30 in methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

W. P. G.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. A. Mosedale 1, Miss B. A. Manning (first 'inside') 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. Rung for Michaelmas and as a farewell to the conductor.

ASHBRITTE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. N. Bristow 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, Miss M. Alderman 3, P. J. Bird (first of Minor) 4, C. W. J. Tarr 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. A farewell to Miss M. Alderman, who is leaving the district.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Barker 1, R. J. Linsell 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, H. G. Felton 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, H. C. Reason 6, A. Syder 7, A. Wiffen 8. For Evensong.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Cochrane 1, Jill Cochrane 2, C. G. Smith 3, T. Pryce (cond.) 4, J. H. Brittan 5, M. C. Dunn 6. With the band's compliment to their captain (J. H. Brittan) for his 65th birthday (September 26th).

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson (first 'inside') 3, A. Forsyth 4, R. Briggs (first quarter) 5, J. Ling 6, J. Boustead (cond.) 7, J. Grieves 8. For Evensong.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, R. Pye 2, J. Papworth 3, W. Arnold (cond.) 4, H. Nicholls 5, A. Elliot 6, C. Burton 7, E. Bright 8. Rung after the re-hallowing of the church (St. Peter-ad-Vincula) by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, no rebuttal after being partially destroyed by enemy action in 1940.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Shelagh Collins 1, D. A. Kirk (first quarter) 2, H. Charman 3, G. Charman 4, C. Stephens 5, L. Warner 6, W. T. Beeson 7, Ann M. Cox (first of Major as cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Bob and 540 Plain Bob): W. Sear 1, D. P. Jones 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Mehew 4, J. G. Newman 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and as a thank-offering for the return of the Vicar after a serious illness.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Rabiah 1, G. Hurrell 2, E. J. Coope 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Mounce 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to Roland Macleod on leaving for Cyprus.

OBITUARY

MR. W. T. ELSON AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Elson was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1892, and rang his first peal in that year. Recorded in his peal book are 46 peals (of which two are marked as false), the last one being a 'William' peal of Stedman Caters at Isleworth on February 23rd, 1935. He had previously taken part, on April 19th, 1902, in the first peal of Royal by a band of the same Christian name, at All Saints', Fulham.

In his youth, Mr. Elson was a member of a band who visited White Lodge, Richmond Park, and rang handbells in the presence of the lady who was to become Queen Mary. In 1949, on the occasion of her birthday, he wrote to Queen Mary and recalled this occasion to her: he received a very gracious reply from Marlborough House. Mr. Elson was very proud of several letters he had received from Buckingham Palace acknowledging copies of 'The Ringing World,' which he had sent, containing details of the ringing in honour of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and other royal occasions.

Ringing was not Mr. Elson's only interest. He had been a chorister at Putney for a very long time (believed to be about 40 years), and was a keen member of Twickenham Philharmonic Society, and at the age of 87 took part in their last choral concert.

N. H.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Grainger 1, I. N. Pett 2, Angela Grainger 3, E. J. Munday 4, T. P. Harris 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. Rung for St. Matthew's Day.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Mayes 1, P. W. Tompkins 2, A. W. Dille 3, G. Mayes 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Mager and Miss D. J. Hare, both ringers of Henlow, after peal attempt had failed.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. M. Matthews 1, D. N. Penrose 2, A. Carveth 3, Miss M. A. Birch (first of Stedman) 4, H. Harper 5, A. Burley 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, Miss P. R. Hosken 8. Rung after Evensong for harvest thanksgiving.

LANGLEY MARSH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob combined): R. Woodcock 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, P. Lawrence 3, D. J. Neal Smith 4, T. Price (cond.) 5, F. Price 6. Rung as a welcome to David Charles, son of the ringer of the fourth, and brother of the ringer of the second, born September 5th, 1956.

LYDD, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Boulden 1, Olive Boulden 2, Maisie Vantom 3, R. Hodgson (first of Triples as cond.) 4, A. Hicks 5, S. Boulden 6, D. Hodgson 7, L. Terry 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Edwards, formerly ringer and vergier at this church.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 1, T. Barton 2, H. Springate 3, F. A. Mitchell 4, R. C. Burns 5, G. Kenward 6, P. F. Borer 7, E. C. Barton 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Miller 1, F. Burgess 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. Downing 4, B. Linnell 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, G. Burton 8. For the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert Wright Stopford as Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss D. Miller 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. A. Eldridge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Frost.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Yvonne Harding (first quarter) 1, A. M. Coombs (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Palmer 3, M. Williams 4, F. Roussel (cond.) 5, S. Philbrick 6, T. Yeomans 7, R. Escott 8. For harvest festival.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Mead (first of Stedman) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, L. Batley 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, F. P. Mead 5, F. Ranson 6, P. J. Hutchings 7, R. Hadaway (first quarter) 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (being one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Old Bob, All Saints, Marchington, Plain Bob and Kennington): J. King 1, H. Curtis 2, A. Osborne 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. A farewell to Kenneth D. Perkins, who is leaving the district for Manchester University.

SAWRIDGE-WORTH, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W.aley (cond.) 1, R. Springham 2, S. Brooks 3, S. Carter 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Aley 6, S. Clark 7, E. Rochester 8. For harvest festival.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gare 1, Beryl Higdon (first 'inside') 2, T. Higdon (first quarter) 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, D. Gare 5, J. Rendell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Timothy Mead, vergier and ringer at this church.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. Saunders 1, J. Warner 2, F. Luffkin 3, W. Arnold 4, E. Bright 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6. **WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter 1, Mrs. E. G. North 2, I. Hughes 3, C. Webber 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, G. Walford 6.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

WARD—CORDWELL.—The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ward, of 8, Hadley Avenue, Manchester 13, and Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Cordwell, of 577, Middleton Road, Chadderton. 9144

MARRIAGE

ROBERTS—HOLAWAY.—On Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 1956, at All Saints', Carbis Bay, by the Rev. L. V. Jolly, Rector of St. Enoder, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, R.D., to Mrs. Eira Holaway, of Grey Mount, Carbis Bay. 9114

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Oct. 20th. Streatham. Immanuel 3.30 p.m. St. Leonard's, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting in Immanuel Church vestry 5.30 p.m. Nomination of officers. Own arrangements for tea; plenty of teaspoons in district.—Zeeta recommended.—A. B. Peck. 9080

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available: Stoke, St. Michael's, and All Saints', Allesley, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Meeting at Savings Centre, entrance in Pepper Lane, at 6 p.m. Dinner at The Wine Lodge, The Burges, 7 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets 10s., from the Branch secretaries or J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9090

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of memorial tablet to the late Herbert Fields, of St. Neots. 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. Dis. Sec. 9083

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9105

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 20th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Dis. Sec. 9084

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, Saturday, Oct. 20th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3. Service 4.30 p.m.—D. Priestley. 9070

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish (6), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. 9069

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 9101

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, Oct. 24th. 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcomed.—Bullock, Sec. 9136

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Oct. 25th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7 to 9 p.m. Every effort to attend, please.—Hutchings (TUL 0800). 9125

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Locking, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Waverley, West Lynne, Cheddar. 9113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Babcary, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 9129

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Malpas, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (at small charge) reserved for those notifying by first post, Oct. 24th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 9127

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free only for those notifying Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9141

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. F. Brown, 37, Newdigate Road, West Hallam. Trent bus 25 or 26.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9117

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh (12), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9115

DONCASTER AND SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting to be held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—F. A. Staveley and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 9119

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Darlington, St. John's, 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Oct. 25th Mr. E. Burnett, 202, Brinkburn Road, Darlington.—E. P. Rock. 9142

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Combined Bristol City and Rural Branches.—Saturday, Oct. 27th, St. James' (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Church House. Notify by Oct. 24th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 9116

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Laverton Village Hall. Names to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9132

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Minchinhampton, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Six bells, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after. Notify for tea by Oct. 24th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9134

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in bowls pavilion afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 24th to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, will be appreciated by the ladies. 9134

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9106

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 9111

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Codicote, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Beverley.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's, Chatham, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Rochester Cathedral, 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Apply at once.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 9130

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6. Tea 5 p.m. Lovely light eight here (new).—Thornley, Sec. 9130

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Liversedge, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea—please notify by Monday, Mrs. H. Jones, 240, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9118

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social will be held at the Bull's Head, Shelthorpe, Loughborough, on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 10s. 6d., available from undersigned, or District secretaries. Ringing arrangements: Loughborough, All Saints' (10), and Foundry (10), 2.30 to 5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 9138

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Scothern (6) Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3 Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 9100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 23rd, please, to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Enstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 9104

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Slough (10), Oct. 27th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. only for those names received by 23rd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9143

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Collingtree on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 9103

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Compton Bassett (5), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Rumming, 43a, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 9133

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 27th, changed to Salehurst. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 24th, please, to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9110

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at East Meon (8) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 23rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 9109

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, to Mr. C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley, near Basingstoke, Hants.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9137

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9139

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-West District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (North-East District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Walthamstow, St. Mary's. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, E.17, will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, E.17. 9135

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 29th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9135

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Special meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m., when we shall be honoured with a visit from our new president, Mrs. K. Lock. I hope each member will make every effort to attend. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea to Mr. S. Bobbie, 4, Caldwade Grove, Sittingbourne.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9073

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Sheffield on Nov. 3rd. Cathedral (12) 2.30-5 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 2.30-7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Marie's room. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hurst, 23, Carver Street, Sheffield 1. 9146

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. No names no tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9121

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook.—C. W. Towers. 9112

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 19th annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 5.45 p.m. Ample seating accommodation. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to Evensong; All Saints' (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each available up to Tuesday, Oct. 30th, from any member of Dinner Committee, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9102

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary notice. The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tickets (10s. 6d.) on sale shortly.—R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9145

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