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THE SAMPLING OF YOUTH

'You can't get the young ones to stick to it nowadays.'

THIS observation is often heard in towers up and down the country from ringers. 'You start them off,' they will tell you. 'They are keen at first. You get them up to ringing rounds and perhaps doing a bit of hunting, and then they're off. Pictures, courting, night school, or just can't be bothered any more.' 'Must have taught nearly every youngster in the town to handle a bell some time or other,' some will add; but one and all will agree that 'you can't get the young ones to stick to it nowadays.'

It's a revealing sentence is this, especially that sting in the tail—the 'nowadays.' Teenagers, we are given to understand, have not always been like this, and there never has been such a lot before. Sometimes the 'nowadays' is followed by 'Now, when I was a youngster . . .', and sometimes this is not actually spoken; but it is generally clear enough that comparisons are being drawn between the speaker's youth—be it five or 50 years ago—and today's, and today's are found to compare pretty unfavourably. It is not surprising really, because after all we *did* stick it and they do not; we have the experience of subsequent years through which to filter our memories, they have not; we have put away childish things, they have not. No, they cannot stand comparison with *us*! But what are we comparing, anyhow?—the child with the man, not the child of today with the child of yesterday. It does, of course, cut both ways, since the youngsters are probably also drawing their comparisons and vowing and hoping they will never become such old stick-in-the-muds. If it were really true that each generation failed to match up to its predecessor, what glorious pinnacle of achievement and sobriety man must have occupied in the days of William the Conqueror, or Nero, or the Babylonian Empire or the Stone Age! History books give the lie to this: man has not been slithering downhill generation after generation.

No, we are not being fair if we put all the blame on the youngsters. Boys and girls in their 'teens are living excit-

ing lives, all sorts of new experiences and vistas are opening out every day; it is the hors d'œuvres of their lives, when they sample a bit of this and a bit of that. It is not a time to stick to anything; the heavy, solid dishes are soon to follow—earning a living, marriage, running a home—they *will* have to be stuck to.

Are we right to look upon every youngster who enters the belfry as a potential lifetime ringer, and expect him to acquire the serious-minded adult approach to it? Some may become lifetime ringers, most will not; but rather, let us rejoice that they have chosen ringing as one of the dishes they are sampling, and let us see that the dish is as attractive as possible. They may learn nothing about ringing; but who knows what else of value they may acquire in the Christian atmosphere of our belfry?

'He'll never make a ringer,' sometimes we say, encouragingly, about one who is sticking it but making rather heavy weather of it. Who are we to judge? Better 'judges' than we have been wrong on this very point before now; and even if we do turn out to be right, he might well have learnt something from making the effort to be a ringer that will be of lasting value to him. We had best keep opinions like this to ourselves.

The young, too, are perceptive of the ways of adults. They are not slow to criticise us when we are inefficient and bungling. Used to the rigid discipline and organisation at school, they expect a lesson to be a lesson, and they expect that if it is said to start at 7.30 it will start at 7.30, not five-to-eight. They are quick to sense the hypocrisy of ringing for service and not attending it, and quick, too, unfortunately, to follow suit. They want to respect the adults they meet but will not give respect where it is not due. The youngsters of today are good for us.

Must we look upon teaching teenagers to ring as a deadly chore? Suppose we *have* taught every youngster in the parish to handle a bell—have we not taught them at least one thing worth knowing? It is certain, at least, that if we do keep teaching scores of youngsters to handle a bell, and still have not got a band of ringers, there is something wrong with the present generation of *us*, not them!

P. G.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

DIANA J. PERRINS Treble	MICHAEL ELSON 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON 9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 10
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
JOHN McDONALD 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Maximus in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	JOHN McDONALD 7
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	JOHN WALDEN 8
MARGARET A. SWANN 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
RUTH M. BORDER 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 10
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5	PETER BORDER 11
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY Treble	RICHARD GRANT 7
DOREEN D. DUTTON 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
*ROBERT B. SMITH 3	JOHN A. ACRES 9
†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 4	E. ALAN JACQUES 10
S. ANTHONY JESSON 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
†JACK P. KESTERTON 6	‡THOMAS O. PIERCY Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First on 12 bells. 50th peal for Richard Grant; 500th peal for Shirley Burton.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

E. CHARLES BAILEY Treble	†CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 6
JAMES B. MORLEY 2	*PETER M. ADCOCK 7
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOKE 3	*ERNEST G. PEARCE 8
*GEOFFREY R. DREW 4	‡TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 9
*ROGER L. K. WHITELE 5	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ 25th peal this year. First of Royal as conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	ANTHONY E. COX 6
MRS. A. E. COX 2	DENNIS KNOX 7
SHEILA WALLACE 3	GEOFFREY HARRISON 8
*MARGARET TILBURY 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL 9
†DEREK FRANCIS 5	SYDNEY M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of these bells to 12.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
MICHAEL ELSON 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 6
*MICHAEL W. SEYMOUR .. 2	DENNIS KNOX 7
FRANK C. PRICE 3	ALBERT R. G. TWINN 8
JOAN BERESFORD 4	WILLIAM H. COLES 9
MICHAEL J. PALMER 5	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First 10-bell peal.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Tyler.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER Treble	ARTHUR HATCH 6
STANLEY WALMSLEY 2	JOHN JACKSON 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITES .. 8
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 4	FRANK STEAD 9
CYRIL CROSTSWAITE 5	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 10).

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTSWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	JOHN D. KAPE 5
*SHEILA WALLACE 2	†ARTHUR FOXALL 6
MRS. A. E. COX 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
ANTHONY E. COX 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

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

Rung half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

PETER J. MORTON Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. 2	ANTHONY AGER 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
PAUL J. RIGBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the festival of St. Edmund of Canterbury.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT Treble	†NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 5
*ANDREW N. STUBBS 2	DAVID T. DARBY 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight. First on eight as conductor.

A birthday compliment to David T. Darby; also to the mother of the tenor ringer.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	J. HARRY COOK 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT 6
ALFRED HINMAN 3	ROLAND COOK 7
RONALD RUSSELL 4	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
This peal contains 15 courses of 8, 6, 7's, 15 of 7, 8, 6's and 15 of 6, 7, 8's.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM A. DOWSE 4	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Neil Bennett.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

COLIN CONWAY Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
*FRED PRICE 2	JAMES E. DANIELS 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JOHN HARTLESS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	ROY DUESBURY 5
ROGER K. WHITTELL 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS 7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS 4	EDMUND E. DAVEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Whittell on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Also a compliment to Mr. R. Clouston and Miss C. Fountain Page, married this day at Lavenham.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
*BEVAN WILLGRESS 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 6
PETER ADCOCK 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday. Also in honour of the birth of a son (Nicholas Richard Goddard) to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. G. Thurlow, a brother for Stephen.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.54).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DARESBUY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN RYDER Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON 5
†JOHN HAYES 2	CECIL RADDON 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	HAROLD WARRALL 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*THOMAS WILKINSON Treble	STANLEY ANDERTON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	PETER CROOK 6
JOHN FROOME 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. 7
†M. JOHN HALLIWELL 4	RICHARD DAVIES Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell tribute to Archdeacon Lambert, who is leaving the district.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 QUEENSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	TERRY EARLE 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

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BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,792 Cambridge, 1,504 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 100 changes of method, and all the work of all the methods for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. Treble	*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 6
JOHN G. PUSEY .. 3	DAVID T. DARBY .. 7
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
*First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 2,080 London, 800 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
PETER BORDER .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. G. F. Barker.

BRISTOL (EAST).

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 49 lb. in G sharp.
*ELIZABETH M. JACKSON .. Treble	ANGELA GRAINGER .. 5
ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 2	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 6
*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 3	ANTONY BENNETT .. 7
JANE K. A. COOK .. 4	DAVID HEIGHTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

*First peal on eight bells. First on eight bells as conductor.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

JOHN S. RANK .. Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	*BARRY HOLLAND .. 6
*DENNIS HOLLAND .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

*First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE .. 2	WILLIAM J. BUTON .. 6
*ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 3). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

*First peal of Yorkshire.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

*VICTOR SAVAGE .. Treble	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	*†PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6
*DON C. EXELL .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
*D. JOHN HUNT .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

*First peal in the method. †First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡50th peal.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
HERBERT A. ABRAHAMS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells. The conductor's 60th tower in Hampshire for a peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
HENRY HUBBALL .. 2	†ROBERT EDWARDS .. 6
*YVONNE EDWARDS .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
*First peal of Major. †First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES HAYLINGS .. Treble	*LEONARD DOVEY .. 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE .. 3	ARTHUR JOPP .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

*First peal of Minor.

A compliment to Alan F. Davies and Judith M. Price, on their engagement.

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 2	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 5
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

*First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*700th peal for the Guild. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 4
BRIAN MILLS .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 5
*HAZEL WHITE .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

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

**BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods, being seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Ockley, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise and Norbury, (5) Capel, (6) Sandal, (7) London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. PAMELA CLARKE .. Treble	J. DAVID CLARKE .. 4
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. 2	JOHN MEREDITH .. 5
RICHARD CLIFTON .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in ten T.B. by all except the conductor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*ANN GEORGE .. Treble	*EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4
MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	†STANLEY JENNER .. 5
†GEORGE FRY .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

*First peal in six methods. †25th peal together. The conductor's 50th peal.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BETTY FAUNCH .. Treble	*DONALD LAWSON .. 4
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 5
†JUDY MOIR .. 3	RAYMOND SUART .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

*First peal in two methods. †First 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the visit of Princess Alexandra to Millom, to open the new Comprehensive School, earlier in the month.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*CYNTHIA CLAYTON .. Treble	ROGER MAHER .. 4
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 2	GORDON ROTHWELL .. 5
†JOHN ROBINSON .. 3	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN P. PARTINGTON.

*First peal of Minor. †First on an 'inside' bell, and of Minor.
First as conductor.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*WILLIAM IVINGS .. Treble	†ROBERT A. REEVES .. 4
†EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

*First peal in the method. †First of Minor in the method. ‡First of Surprise 'inside.'

WEST TANFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 4
FRED HODGSON .. 2	EDWARD HUDSON .. 5
JOHN A. BROWN .. 3	THOMAS COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

*First peal in four methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven plain methods, each extent being called differently, viz.: (1) Hereward Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RITA A. GOWER .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
*ROSEMARY E. GOWER .. 2	LAWRENCE T. POPE .. 5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

*First peal in seven methods. 50th peal on the bells, all of which have been arranged by the local band and have contained a nucleus of local ringers.

Rung to welcome Peter Justin Carlton, born on November 4th, to Jeanne Carlton, wife of the ringer of the third.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*ROGER W. BARKER .. Treble	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 4
†JILL V. MORGAN .. 2	*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 5
‡JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First 'inside.' ‡First of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' §First of Surprise.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ALAN R. BRIDGES .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. 4
JAMES BENNETT .. 2	*ERNEST PEARCE .. 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

*First peal in seven methods. Mr. James Bennett has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung in memoriam Ernest G. Cooke on the second anniversary of his death. He was churchwarden, sexton and bell-ringer at this church for many years.

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FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

E. JANE LANGTON Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.
MIKAELA ERIK 2	MICHAEL R. ROSE 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
	F. ERIC ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
A 21st birthday compliment to J. Michael Lakin, Master of the Society.

NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

E. MARION KEY Treble	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.
*ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 3
	CLIVE M. SMITH 4
BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on five bells. First in the method by all the hand, on the bells, and for the Society.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*PETER R. JONES Treble	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE 4
†JOHN McCULLOCH 2	EDWIN JONES 5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER .. 3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JONES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the present church.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Alnwick, Newcastle, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.

EDWARD B. LEGGETT .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	THOMAS BIRD 4
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

JAMES T. ROOKE Treble	Tenor 14½ cwt.
MALCOLM FOSTER 2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 4
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

HANDBELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 3, HONINGTON CRESCENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 17 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court: 293 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN 3-4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 17 methods. † First in 17 methods 'in hand.'

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Nov. 21st, a half peal of Grandsire Doubles (21 sixscores, 10 different callings): C. Rouse 1, O. Mills 2, C. Legg 3, H. Hobbs 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, F. Roberts 6.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: O. G. Smart 1, Miss C. White 2, Miss H. White 3, R. W. Rex 4, G. K. Dodd 5, R. Tolman 6, A. L. Mitchell 7, R. F. Crook (cond.) 8.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Proctor (first quarter) 1, J. Riley 2, Mrs. R. Worrall 3, B. Corbishley 4, R. Worrall (cond.) 5, G. Armit 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Proctor.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss B. Russell 3, Miss V. Look 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. A farewell to Miss V. Look, who is leaving Bath for Brackley, North Hants.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): C. Pearce 1, Miss T. Jones 2, Mrs. G. Randall 3, J. Phippen 4, G. C. Grant (cond.) 5, E. E. Bray 6, L. A. Fear 7, P. R. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard Burnett, for many years a choirman at St. George's Church, Beckington.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, J. Bowdon 2, W. Cholwill 3, C. Sangwin 4, R. Pearce 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Cholwill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Honey, late churchwarden and ringer of this tower.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Stephen's in-the-City, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Elisabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, B. A. Shackleton (first of Royal 'inside') 3, M. J. Horseman 4, Joan Gray 5, J. Brain 6, D. Exell 7, R. G. Hooper 8, D. J. Hunt 9, J. H. Gilbert (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 5 and 7. Also at St. Mary Redcliffe, 1,310 Stedman Cinquses: B. A. Shackleton 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, Monica Horseman 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. Stallard 6, D. C. Exell 7, J. Brain 8, M. J. Horseman 9, D. G. Yeoman 10, E. F. Hancock 11, J. H. Gilbert 12. First of Cinquses for all except 2, 3, 5, 11 and 12. For Evensong. Also at Christ Church with St. Ewen, on Nov. 25th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Monica Horseman 1, J. Stallard 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, L. Pearce 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman 6, D. G. Yeo 7, D. J. Hunt 8. For St. Catherine's Day.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quick (cond.) 1, M. W. Toze 2, H. Purchase 3, D. Bellamy 4, R. A. Toze 5, A. Collard 6.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Mayes 1, Jill Mayes 2, D. Newis 3, Sheila Percival 4, A. Dilley 5, J. Hobson 6, P. Tompkins 7, J. Hulme (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the men who gave their lives in the two world wars.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Kingcott 1, Monica Horseman 2, H. W. Knight 3, M. J. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, G. Prescott 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Brain 8. For the patronal festival, also an 85th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Christine Fanning 1, C. Smyth 2, J. R. A. Muller 3, Janet Taylor 4, J. Kirkaldy 5, W. H. Jackson 6, E. Eldridge (cond.) 7, B. Lake 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, J. Askew 2, K. Newby 3, W. Wall 4, W. T. Turner 5, H. Woods 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8. For Confirmation.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Napper 1, B. White 2, D. Jordan 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, C. Garlick 5, F. A. White 6, G. W. Bishop 7, W. Corderov 8.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Russell 1, Mrs. Willmott Dobbie 2, Mrs. M. Layton 3, J. Atkins 4, R. T. Russell 5, J. Lindon 6, D. Layton (cond.) 7, Miss M. Parkin 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Layton.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. E. Bebb (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 3, P. J. Joyce 4, W. W. Wright (cond.) 5, J. C. Basher 6. Rung when only five ringers arrived on a practice evening.

GORING, OXON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Gill Brown 1, Patricia Heather 2, Janet K. Secker 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, Lucy E. E. Allen 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the accession to the throne of King Edgar, by members of the Reading University Society.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Clarke 1, Mrs. A. Gilbert 2, S. Scott 3, M. W. Gilbert 4, J. T. Mannering 5, M. L. Howe (cond.) 6. Rung for the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gwen May 1, Pamela Bird 1, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, D. Wright (cond.) 6. First of Kent Treble Bob Minor for all. For Evensong.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Hutchings 1, Mrs. M. Stephens 2, P. Inskip 3, Mrs. C. Izzard 4, G. Hutchings 5, W. Izzard 6, L. Turner 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. T. H. W. Barker, Vicar of Kempston, 1929/47, interred here this day.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Euston (cond.) 1, A. Queen 2, Miss E. Pearson 3, A. Lewry 4, D. Sibson 5, C. Wood 6, H. Clark 7, H. Andrews 8. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Andrews 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss E. Langton 3, G. Parsons 4, R. Newman 5, D. Sibson 6, M. Sinden 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 15th at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Erik 1, Miss E. Langton 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, A. Queen 5, J. Seager 6, D. Sibson 7, H. Andrews 8. Also at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Nov. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Euston 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, G. Parsons 3, T. H. Holmes 4, L. V. Chamberlain 5, D. Sibson 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, J. Marks 8, D. A. Chapman (comp. and cond.) 9, B. J. Luck 10. For Evensong.

LONDON, WORCS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): E. T. Newbury (cond.) 1, M. Hawkes 2, F. Hawkes 3, E. W. Penn 4, A. Halling 5, D. Williams 6.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ivings 1, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 2, W. J. Cross 3, W. Minnear 4, E. Honour 5, H. Adams 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, F. E. Day 2, H. W. Milford 3, W. G. Lavers 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8. For the patronal festival and the second anniversary of the reconsecration.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,312 Essex Treble Bob Major: F. May 1, Miss V. Hester 2, W. Smith 3, G. Sandwell 4, W. Ellis 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, M. Hallett 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, H. Wordboys 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, P. Sadler 2, M. Hallett 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Brown 1, Patricia Heather 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, Janet K. Secker 4, Lucy E. E. Allen 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, J. P. Blond (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mollie Tibbury, master of the Reading University Society.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carson (first quarter) 1, Christine Rodgers (first 'inside') 2, Miss N. Chaddock 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, Susan Chaddock 5, G. S. Lee 6, N. Chaddock 7, P. Walker 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. G. S. Lee, who died on November 26th, 1957.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. R. Turner (first quarter) 1, I. R. Slee (first 'inside') 2, P. Stevens 3, J. L. Queen 4, R. Dobson (first quarter) 5, I. Collins 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Arbury 1, J. Ayres (first of Stedman) 2, C. J. Turner 3, P. C. Davis 4, E. J. Manley 5, C. C. Deem 6, C. C. Turner (first as cond.) 7, K. Clarke 8.

SLEAFORD, Lincs.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Fenney 1, R. Asher 2, D. Brown 3, A. Bird (first 'inside' on eight) 4, W. Weston 5, A. Dixon 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. To mark the completion by Canon Waudby of 21 years as Vicar of Sleaford.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,279 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Dedworth): Patricia Ryan (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Janice E. Williamson 3, M. J. Thomas 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, B. Harvey 6. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Jones 1, D. E. House 2, Nita Fricker 3, Janice E. Williamson 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Patricia Ryan 6. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, Pamela Jones 3, D. E. House 4, Janice E. Williamson 5, B. Harvey 6.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCs.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Maddocks 1, K. Hall 2, F. Howard (first quarter) 3, G. Rumney 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. M. Quinn 6.

STEAP, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill A. Jessop (first quarter, 16) 1, Cecily C. Roberts 2, C. E. Wakefield (first 'inside', 15) 3, C. R. Jelley (16) 4, C. M. Press (cond., 15) 5, Rev. D. J. Snelgar 6. Rung half-muffled by the Vicar and members of Bedales School in memory of Mrs. H. B. Jacks (Bedales, 1946-59), who died suddenly on November 6th.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Broxton (first quarter) 1, Nadine Price 2, N. Sprackling 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6, P. Warren 7, A. Halling 8. For evening service.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. W. Sinfield 1, M. Pearson (first quarter) 2, P. Pratt 3, R. J. Scott 4, I. Knox 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Arthur Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, R. Hawkes (first 'inside') 3, Albert Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, D. Williams 6.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Bishop 1, Jean Bassett (first 'inside' on eight) 2, Edith Bassett 3, A. Hemsley (first on eight) 4, C. Pilbeam 5, L. W. Giles 6, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 7, J. Wilcox 8. The first quarter on eight by a local band. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Laws 1, D. Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, T. Pearson 8. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. H. R. Darby, B.A., as Vicar of Waltham Abbey; also to celebrate the christening of Janet Mary Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Chapman, both of this tower.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bull 1, Ed. F. M. Samson 2, Audrie Samson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. G. Cherrett 5, C. T. Brown (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 5. Rung in memory of Mrs. Farrow, wife of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Vicar of East Lulworth, who died on November 24th.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings, Elizabeth Carson 2, Caroline Carpenter 3, Anne Garnett 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. West (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, B. Allen 3, A. Spreadbury (first as cond.) 4, W. Vince 5, P. Foss (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles by all the band except 5. Rung for Evensong and a farewell compliment to Ben Allen, who is moving to Wickford, Essex.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Tomlin 1, M. Hallett 2, W. Smith 3, F. May 4, R. Harrison 5, W. Ellis 6, A. House (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

The picture of 'Ambridge' ringers and belfry in the 'Borchester Echo' has intrigued one of our readers. Could any reader supply the identity? An 8-bell peal board on the wall is one clue. Has the art of bell-ringing been introduced into this famous diary?

A peal of Prittlewell Surprise Maximus was rung on November 28th at Saffron Walden, conducted by Mr. G. William Critchley.

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. We are pleased to state that both are well and very thankful too!

Mr. Edward G. Battle, ringer and clerk at St. Peter's, Wenhaston, has died. To his memory a peal of Minor was rung on the church bells on November 30th.

Peals of Minor rung by the College Youths are not a frequent occurrence, but a recent spate of birthdays at Warsop, Notts, resulted in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung as a birthday compliment to H. T. Rooke, George Challans, J. T. Rooke and Frank Cook, who are all Sunday service ringers at Warsop.

Three bishops have a date with the teenagers in the 'Sunday Break,' A.B.C.'s religious programme for the younger generation. They are Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, of the Church of South India, on December 27th, the Bishop of Aberdeen and the Orkneys, on April 24th, and the Bishop of Coventry on May 8th.

Replying to criticism in Yarmouth 'Mercury' that the bells are very subdued, the Vicar (Rev. Gilbert Thurlow) states: 'We began by making them soft, rather than making them so loud that everyone in the neighbourhood would complain. We can always make them louder by removing some of the wooden panels that block the windows.'

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The dedication of Farnham Parish Church bells took place last Saturday evening. After the service there was an hour's ringing, and the remarkable transformation by Messrs. John Taylor from the former lumpy ring afforded great pleasure to all who participated. An officers' peal attempt was arranged for the following Tuesday. The new tenor is about 19 cwt. and the bells are very quiet in the ringing chamber.

A new use for handbells—a cure for flatulence. Authority: Guild of Medical Ringers (see report).

The first peal at Thurstaston, Leics, was on April 17th, 1920, and the 100th peal on November 28th, 1959, both being the same transposition and both conducted by Ernest Morris. The latter was also rung to mark the engagement of Miss Carole Dawes and Mr. Keith Leake, both local ringers, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bindley, wife of the local tower keeper.

'The Ringing World' on December 25th (Christmas Day) will go to press on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Will correspondents please post as early as possible notices and other communications for that issue, remembering that postal delays invariably occur in the period before Christmas. Greetings should reach us by Monday, December 14th, for our issue of December 18th.

The band who rang the peal at Nantwich would like to place on record their indebtedness and thanks to Frank Morton (Wistaston), called from bed after being on nights to stand in at 20 minutes' notice, for Mr. A. J. Pitman, adrift on British Railways. Frank is the young, energetic 6-bell tower Ringing Master of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild. The hospitality and transport laid on by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stenson were also much appreciated.

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SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING 1958

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Cinques 5, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 3, Minor 1. Total 12.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 10, Triples 10, Minor 14, Doubles 20 (1 conducted). Total 58 (1).

Bedfordshire.—Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 4, Minor 15, Doubles 5. Total 45.

Cambridge University.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 14 (1), Triples 1, Minor 5 (3). Total 22 (4).

Chester.—Maximus 1, Royal 9 (1), Caters 3, Major 48 (1), Triples 3, Minor 30 (5), Doubles 7 (4). Total 101 (11).

Cleveland and North Yorkshire.—Nil.

Coventry.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 9 (1). Total 20 (1).

Cumberland and North Westmorland.—Major 2, Minor 2. Total 4.

Derbyshire.—Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 33, Triples 3, Minor 24 (3), Doubles 25 (22). Total 90 (25).

Devonshire.—Maximus 1, Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 4, Doubles 14. Total 28.

Dudley and District.—Caters 1. Total 1.

Durham and Newcastle.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Major 12, Triples 4, Minor 9. Total 28.

East Derbyshire and Notts.—Doubles 1. Total 1.

East Grinstead.—Major 1. Total 1.

Ely.—Major 21, Triples 3, Minor 28 (2), Doubles 8. Total 60 (2).

Essex.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 20, Triples 1, Minor 36, Doubles 2. Total 64.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Cinques 2, Royal 1, Caters 9, Major 8, Triples 6, Minor 12 (1), Doubles 17. Total 55 (1).

Guildford.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 7, Triples 2, Minor 8, Doubles 3. Total 22.

Hereford.—Triples 1, Doubles 9. Total 10.

Hertford.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 36 (3), Triples 4, Minor 35 (1), Doubles 4 (1). Total 86 (5).

Irish Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 12 (1), Minor 2 (1), Doubles 1. Total 20 (2).

Kent.—Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 52 (1), Triples 16, Minor 26, Doubles 6. Total 110 (1).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1. Total 1.

Lancashire.—Maximus 3, Royal 10, Caters 5, Major 58 (2), Triples 21, Minor 25 (5), Doubles 7. Total 129 (7).

Leicester.—Maximus 8, Cinques 5 (1), Royal 22 (2), Caters 6 (3), Major 64 (11), Triples 18 (7), Minor 41 (7), Doubles 17 (1). Total 181 (32).

Lincoln.—Maximus 2 (1), Cinques 2, Royal 7 (2), Major 35 (4), Triples 2, Minor 46, Doubles 8. Total 102 (7).

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Cinques 1, Major 5, Triples 8, Minor 5, Doubles 14. Total 33.

London.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 1. Total 6.

Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Major 18, Triples 3, Minor 11. Total 33.

Middlesex.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 37 (1), Triples 4, Minor 13, Doubles 1. Total 57 (1).

National Police Guild.—Caters 1. Total 1.

New South Wales.—Triples 1. Total 1.

North Staffs.—Major 3, Triples 4, Minor 2, Doubles 6. Total 15.

North Wales.—Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 3. Total 6.

Norwich.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 39, Triples 6, Minor 48 (2), Doubles 17. Total 114 (2).

Oxford.—Cinques 3, Royal 5, Caters 6, Major 60, Triples 21, Minor 25 (1), Doubles 16 (1). Total 136 (2).

Oxford Society.—Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 3 (1), Triples 3, Minor 1. Total 10 (1).

Oxford University.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 3. Total 13.

Peterborough.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 23, Triples 2, Minor 27, Doubles 39. Total 93.

St. David's.—Major 1. Total 1.

Christmas Bells On The Air

On the morning of Christmas Day, at 9.10 in the Home Service, greetings will ring out from the towers of Blackburn Cathedral; the Parish Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset; St. Donard's Church, Belfast; St. Mary's Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire; Elkstone Parish Church, Gloucestershire; Holy Trinity Parish Church, St. Andrews, Fife; St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, Breconshire; and (recorded) from the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem.

The Beaconsfield bells (foreman of ringers, Harry Wingrove) will also be heard ushering in Christmas at 12.1 a.m., prior to the service to be broadcast from that church.

St. Martin's.—Royal 6, Caters 1, Major 34, Triples 1, Minor 5 (1). Total 47 (1).

Salisbury.—Cinques 1, Major 9, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 3. Total 19.

Scottish Association.—Royal 1, Major 3, Triples 1. Total 5.

Sheffield and District.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 1. Total 7.

Shropshire.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 1. Total 10.

Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 1, Triples 1. Total 5.

Sherwood Youths.—Major 1, Minor 1 (1). Total 2 (1).

Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Maximus 2, Royal 5, Caters 8, Major 16 (1), Triples 6, Minor 11, Doubles 8 (2). Total 56 (3).

Southwell.—Royal 2, Major 8, Triples 6, Minor 43, Doubles 15. Total 74.

Suffolk.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 32, Triples 2, Minor 38, Doubles 6. Total 82.

Surrey.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15, Triples 8, Minor 8, Doubles 4. Total 39.

Sussex.—Royal 4, Major 19, Triples 10, Minor 16, Doubles 7. Total 56.

Swansea and Brecon.—Doubles 3. Total 3.

Truro.—Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 13.

Universities Association.—Major 3 (1), Minor 1 (1). Total 4 (2).

University of London.—Cinques 1, Royal 1 (1), Caters 1, Major 4, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 9 (1).

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Royal 8, Caters 4, Major 32 (3), Triples 9 (2), Minor 22 (2), Doubles 4. Total 79 (7).

Worcester and Districts.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 2 (2), Major 20, Triples 9 (2), Minor 12, Doubles 12. Total 61 (4).

Yorkshire.—Cinques 1, Royal 12, Caters 4, Major 53, Triples 6, Minor 45 (5), Doubles 11 (11). Total 132 (16).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 8, Triples 2, Minor 16, Doubles 11. Total 39.

Total: Tower bells, 2,371; handbells 140. Grand total: 2,511.

W. AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
H. MILES.

METHOD ANALYSIS

More detailed analysis of methods having had ten or more peals rung in them during 1958.

Maximus.—Yorkshire 10.
Cinques.—Stedman 25.
Royal.—Cambridge 36, Yorkshire 20, London 10, Kent T.B. 12, Plain Bob 37.

Caters.—Grandsire 43, Stedman 39.
Major.—S. Surprise 3 and more 49, Bristol 48, Cambridge 121, Lincolnshire 26, London 57, Pudsey 12, Rutland 28, Superlative 31, Yorkshire 96, Kent T.B. 44, D. Norwich 72, Plain Bob 185, Little Bob 11.

Triples.—Grandsire 142, Stedman 59, Plain Bob 14.

Minor.—30 or more methods, 11; 20 to 29, 15; 14 to 19, 13; 8 to 13, 30.

Doubles.—30 or more methods, 11.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual metropolitan meeting of the Guild took place on November 28th, when three towers in the south-west of London were visited. They were those of St. Mary's, Barnes, St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints', Wandsworth. The attendance of members was not quite as encouraging as on previous occasions, but thanks to several 'visitors' who dropped in, there were quite enough to enjoy some good touches.

The thanks of the Guild are sincerely extended to the respective incumbents and to the tower captains who so kindly met us and made the arrangements. The meeting was brought to a happy end with the usual dinner, which was digested to the carminative effects of the handbells.

D. L. G.

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THE LESSON



This charming picture will delight every ringer's eyes. In the tiny village of Marston Trussell, Market Harborough, with a population of 130 people, the bells had been silent until recently since Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Now 12 people have been enlisted to ring this light ring. Mr. Millward, of Clipston, Northants, is here seen giving one of the pupils a lesson. Two teams are being built up and there are great hopes that they will be able to ring for the Nativity. The Rector, the Rev. H. Whiteman, stands in the doorway.

These bells were rededicated on August 15th, after restoration by Messrs. John Taylor, which included the recasting of the tenor. The five bells were cast by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, between 1612 and 1623. The canons are retained on the front five.

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RINGERS VISIT DISNEY LAND

A well-attended meeting of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild and the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Guild was held at the little village Church of St. Peter, Norton Disney, on November 28th.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to his parish, and even congratulated them on finding it. A splendid tea, arranged and served by the Vicar's wife and helpers, was partaken of in the Village Hall, surrounded by pictures of Disney characters personally autographed by Walt Disney when he visited the village of his forefathers a few years ago.

Both business meetings were soon dealt with, the Vicar kindly taking the chair, and the collection of £1 6s. 6d. for the bell repair fund was divided between the two Districts. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and his wife were proposed by Mr. J. Freeman, of Lincoln, and Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark.

More ringing followed on these pleasant six in a variety of methods, including plenty of rounds for the many learners present.

W. L. E.

'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' (OR: WHAT THE DICKENS IS GOING ON?)

AN express bus heading north on October 30th was the bearer of 16 Manchester University Guild members, several rucksacks and eight handbells. From Ambleside Youth Hostel next morning the party set out on foot in the direction of Hawkshead, by way of Brathay, where it took to the woods—except Patricia and George, who later circulated the story that they dare not because of a man with a very large (and doubtlessly shaggy) dog. After wandering purely by accident on to the main road, and the inevitable photographs by the sign 'To The Drunken Duck,' the party climbed the hill to the said house to admire the view and the brew. Having rung (handbells), we pressed on and into a Hawkshead café to be joined for dinner by the 'mechanised' few.

The non-pealers having rung on the delightful bells, the 'bobbies' (i.e., pealers) went off into changes, and came to a sickening halt some minutes later. Enthusiastically persuaded by the Vicar, the band started again: a peal has never been lost on the 11 cwt. eight, and the Vicar wasn't going to be deprived of the record by eight MUG's! During the ringing many visitors peered into the ground floor ringing room; two elderly ladies in particular were heard stage-whispering: 'What are they doing?' 'Bell-ringing.' 'Oh, yes, I see.' Despite this, and the second ringer's attempt to run in at a non-existent bob after 2 hours 49 minutes, rounds came up after 2 hours 50 minutes—the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells and the first of Rutland for the Guild.

After thanking the Vicar and local ringers, the band commandeered the local taxi to the ferry, thence by bus to Kendal Y.H. for a late supper and to hear of the others' visit to Bowness. During the hours of darkness, George's socks were again heard walking the corridors (this time in shoes), but they did not awaken Pat—she had had too many plums for supper.

Sunday dawned: the 'mechanised' rang on Ambleside's 'glorious' 32 cwt. eight and the hardy ones walked to Crosthwaite to be welcomed by the Vicar and ring for morning service; unfortunately some had again taken a 'short cut' and did in fact arrive at Underbarrow—about two miles away and having but one small bell. They eventually reached Crosthwaite in time to ring in the peal of Bob Minor (with one or two 'firsts'), and arrive back in Kendal to hear the last courses of the Bob Royal peal—again with one or two 'firsts.'

After evening service ringing, the party could be seen leaving the town, disguised variously as hikers, walkers and 'men from the Prudential' bound for wetter climes, each one having achieved at least one peal, each one wishing to thank sincerely the vicars and local ringers for their welcomes, co-operation and enthusiasm (without which it would not have been worth while), and Jim and Pat for organising this 'quiet' week-end.

Your chronicler, in or out of the belfry.

B. A. T.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BE THANKFUL FOR JOY AND PLEASURE OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—Enough of this moralising about peal ringing and 'tower grabbing'! If the puritans would only be logical they would realise that on grounds of mere necessity there is no case for ringing of any kind, just as there is no case for music in church services, or vestments or flowers on the altar. Blind and deaf people have to manage without these things.

Rather let us be thankful for the joy and pleasure we obtain from our ringing; and if others, having more time and a greater inclination, are able to obtain more pleasure than we do, let us wish them well.

Most of the silly letters which appear in 'The Ringing World' from these curmudgeonly moralists are utterly nonsensical. What may be termed pleasure ringing is only possible if permission has first been granted; and if the incumbent and local ringers are willing for the bells to be used, what concern is it of the busybodies who write disparaging letters to 'The Ringing World'?

As to the priest who, according to your itinerant correspondent, is alleged to have said: 'It is no responsibility of the Church to raise large sums of money merely to amuse ringers to ring peals, often to the annoyance of nearby residents,' I would quite agree. However, he has the remedy in his own hands—he need not give permission for his bells to be rung; but for goodness' sake let him mind his own business and not presume to speak for the many of his clerical brethren who delight to welcome visiting ringers, and some of whom, even in these days of clerical 'hard-umpness,' express their pleasure by offering a 'cuppa' to their visitors.

It has been my great pleasure to go about all over the place ringing peals, and on outings of all sorts; and I would here record my thanks to the innumerable local ringers and clergy who so often turn out to meet us and bid us welcome, and ask us to come again.

Of course, there are occasional lapses from good behaviour on the part of some visiting ringers, such as failing to ask the locals to ring with them or failing to leave everything as they found it; but these instances are few and far between and usually result from youthful exuberance rather than 'snootiness' or intended discourtesy.

Let the reformers give the peal ringers and 'tower snatchers' a rest for a bit. Perhaps they could, with advantage, turn their moralising to things like the standard of striking at the average meeting (people never seem to think of nuisance to the neighbours in this connection), or perhaps, who knows, to the state of ringing in their own tower or other towers in their District.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

P.S.—I am sorry to embarrass my old friend Jim Pipe, but it would perhaps be a good opportunity to record that on their annual tours 'Pipe's Pilgrims' make a very generous donation at each tower they visit.—P. A. C.

PEAL RINGING AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The C.C. state that all peals, to be officially recognised, must be published in the 'R.W.'. They obviously want this (with essential footnotes, such as 'first in the method'), as this allows the Peals Analysis Committee to draw up certain facts and figures each year.

Whatever some people may think, the analyses which they carefully prepare do give some indication of the health of the Exercise as a whole; e.g., although there are exceptions, the majority of peal ringers are loyal supporters of the art and are regular Sunday service ringers.

Therefore, if the 'R.W.' can only pay its way by making a charge for peals, this charge must come from the C.C. itself and not from the peal ringers.

I, like most peal ringers, have my own reasons for ringing peals, and it certainly is not so that my name can appear in print and thus obtain 'cheap publicity,' as Mr. Soper ('R.W.', November 27th) suggests.

Another most important point is that a lot of peal ringers are annual postal subscribers to the 'R.W.'. We are told that the postal subscribers pay their way, but they only form 37½ per cent. of the total number who take the journal. Why, therefore, should a postal subscriber pay still more by having a levy put on his peal ringing and so subsidise those who have their copy from the newsagent?

Why do people take the journal from newsagents? As far as I can make out, there are only two possible reasons:—

(a) It is cheaper that way.

(b) 'Their newsagent was kind to them during the war, and so they don't want to cancel the order now.'

Regarding (a), we have been told this is going to be altered so that we all pay approximately the same.

For (b) there is only one question to be answered: Which is most dear to you—your newsagent or the Exercise and the 'R.W.'?

As for me, I don't mind how much I pay so long as it only costs the same whether I get it through a newsagent or through the post. I know £1 15s. is going to be a lot of money to pay out in January, but at least I won't have 8d. added to my paper bill each week!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID HEIGHTON.

Bristol.

COVEHITHE CHURCH, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—With reference to the concluding paragraph of Mr. W. E. Box's letter in your issue of November 20th. The 'one church in another' is not unique.

Curiously enough, there is another instance of this only five miles away from Covehithe as the crow flies—at Walberswick.—Yours faithfully,

E. M. PALIN.

Ranmoor, Sheffield.

EXTENSIONS OF WHITWICK AND LYME

Dear Sir,—The latest effort in method extension is so misfounded that it calls for some comment. For years various dubious extensions have caused much controversy. Now Mr. Brian G. Warwick and his band seem bent on leading us back into chaos. How anyone can think that Whitwick and Lyme Surprise Royal are satisfactory extensions is quite beyond me.

The Methods Committee of the Central Council, produced in 1953 a sane and very generous report on extension, which was adopted at the Bournemouth meeting. This was published in 'The Ringing World' for the 17th, 24th and 31st of July, 1953.

In point of fact, it is quite evident that Mr. Warwick has not read the report, or if he has, that he has not applied the rules laid down in this case. These methods simply do not conform to the requirements. It is clear that no difficulty arises with the extension of the work above the treble since this is Cambridge. If the formula explained in the report is used to extend the work of Lyme and Whitwick Surprise Major under the treble, one obtains in each case nine possible extensions to Royal. Of these, only one in each case has plain bob lead-ends. These are the following:—

LYME

-30-4-50-16-70-18-12-3.14-34.9.

WHITWICK

-30-4-50-16-70-18-12-3.14-12.9.

which are therefore the only possible extensions. Personally, I feel that the report is over-generous in this case: I don't think Whitwick or Lyme extend at all. But that is only an opinion. Here are the rules, and we must work with them.

The closing paragraph of the Committee's report reads as follows:—

'In view of the impossibility of regularising the position of incorrect extensions which have been rung in the past, except by wholesale renaming, the Committee proposes that these recommendations become operative in respect of any new method extension rung after the date of the adoption of this report and that those previously rung to peals may continue to hold the names under which they were originally rung.'

Unless it is to be inconsistent, I can see no action open to the Council other than the renaming of these methods.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow.

JOHN R. MAYNE.

FAIREST WAY

Dear Sir,—May I take this opportunity to say how glad I am that at last the decision has been made to improve the finances of 'The Ringing World' by increasing the price. This is certainly the fairest way to strengthen your financial position, rather than taxing any one particular section of the Exercise by introducing peal booking fees. I am sure that no good ringer will object to paying an extra few shillings a year to such a good cause as 'The Ringing World,' which does so much for the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE N. MELTON.

Ipswich.

(Correspondence continued next page)

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LETTERS—Continued**HON SECRETARIES' PEAL OF
50 YEARS AGO**

Dear Sir,—The following interesting news item appeared in the '50 Years Ago' column of our local paper recently.

'On Saturday, October 30th, 1909, in 2 hours and 25 minutes, 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the residence of Mr. F. S. W. Butler, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough, being Holt's Original, by F. S. W. Butler 1-2, Clem Glen 3-4 (conductor), A. Wash 5-6, S. F. Palmer 7-8. This was the first handbell peal rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Each ringer was an honorary secretary: F. S. W. Butler the Gainsborough and District, C. Glen the Yorkshire Association, A. Nash the Barnsley and District and S. F. Palmer the Sheffield and District. Mr. S. F. Palmer is, I believe, the sole survivor of this historic event. —Yours sincerely, GEO. L. A. LUNN.

Lea, Gainsborough.

PEAL RINGERS AND DONATIONS

Dear Sir,—A. V. Davis wants 'forthright views': well, here is one to supplement Montague J. Soper's letter to you.

You have published 48 peals this week and eight donations connected with same. Knowing the precarious financial position of the 'R.W.', how on earth the other 40 dare send theirs in beats me.

I do not ring in peals. Service ringing, attendance at meetings and an occasional quarter peal is my limit, and that being the case I enclose a donation to cover the cost of inserting this letter.—Yours sincerely,

N. ROBINSON.

Willingham, Cambridge.

SHIPS' BELLS

Dear Sir,—With all these ships going to the scrap heap these days, has anyone wondered what happens to all the ships' bells? They are fortunately not being broken up but are being sold. There are at the moment over 300 bells of all sizes, and all highly polished, with the ship's name and date on them, some going back as far as 1918.

If anybody would like to buy a unique set of 6, 8, or even 12 ships' bells and hang them for ringing, it would possibly rank as one of the lightest rings. And as for the price, well, anybody could buy one for they are going as cheaply as £1 and go upwards to £10; so the only thing to do to get them is to telephone the Director of Stores at the Admiralty.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL,

Havant, Hants.

COVEHITHE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Last August Bank Holiday weekend I walked to Covehithe with my wife, and we sheltered from the wind in the church porch to eat our sandwiches. An old countryman soon appeared and began weeding the churchyard path, whom we asked whether he could tell us why the outer shell of the church was ruined. He answered that he didn't know for sure, though some said that Cromwell had done it; but, if we asked him, he didn't believe that Cromwell could have done half the damage he was said to, knocking down churches up and down the country, for why?—because he was only 59 when he died and so he couldn't have had time to do it all!

In answer to Mr. Box's inquiry whether the 'one church in another' is unique, I believe that there is a similar building in the village of Walberswick, a few miles to the south. Presumably both of these villages shrank in population when the sea encroached rapidly upon this part of Suffolk in the 18th and 19th centuries. —Yours sincerely, R. J. COOK.

Carshalton, Surrey.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**West Dorset Branch**

About 60 members attended the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at Beaminster on November 28th. The organist and choir of St. Mary's led the singing. The Vicar of Beaminster conducted the service and gave the address, while Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson.

Tea was served by the wives and friends of Beaminster ringers, led by Mrs. Pannell. At the business meeting Canon Cox, who has been Branch chairman for 30 years, was quite firm that he must now retire. The Rev. J. S. Arthur (Vicar of Beaminster) was elected chairman. Mr. C. W. Powell, of Lyme Regis, was elected vice-chairman. The remaining officers were re-elected.

Regarding the rehanging of the bells at Askerswell, the Rev. O. L. Willmott told members that a sixth bell had been given, but they had received advice not to use a metal frame, being situated near the sea. The new wooden frame would involve much more cost. The Branch therefore donated another £5 towards this extra cost.

'The Ringing World' was discussed, and everyone seemed to be in agreement that a charge of up to 1s. per rope should be made for the publication of peals.

Five new ringing members and 11 non-resident members were elected. Ringing included Cambridge Surprise Major.

Winchester District Ringers' Outing

On September 5th a party of 34 ringers and friends from the Winchester District spent a very enjoyable day in Sussex. During the day ringing took place at Midhurst, Petworth, Pulborough, Steyning and Shoreham.

At Arundel, an excellent tea was enjoyed before ringing at the Parish Church. In the evening ringing took place at Westbourne and South Harting.

Thanks are due to all who made us welcome.

**MR. RANALD CLOUSTON
MARRIED AT LAVENHAM**

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, who is hon. technical consultant on bells to the Central Council for the Care of Churches, and hon. technical adviser to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, was married at Lavenham Parish Church on November 21st to Miss Christobel Fountain Page, daughter of Preb. M. F. Page and Mrs. Page, of Stowupland, Suffolk. The bride's father was formerly Rector of Lavenham, and she is a State registered nurse and midwife, and practised midwifery at the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, and for the past year at the Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dennis Fountain Page, brother of the bride, assisted by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. A. H. Morris), the Archdeacon of Ipswich (Ven. T. R. Browne) and Canon H. W. S. Cotton, Rector of Lavenham.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory brocade dress with long sleeves and a boat-shaped neckline, and a slight train, with shoulder-length veil topped by a tiara. Her bouquet was of white carnations, freesias and chrysanthemums, and she wore an old gold pendant which was a christening present.

Her attendants were Mrs. Priscilla Gillett, a friend, and Miss Elizabeth Offord, her niece, who wore old gold taffeta, with headdresses of autumnal flowers with nylon fur cape stoles. Best man was Mr. Olaf Harald Clouston, brother of the bridegroom.

A reception was held at Lavenham Guildhall, and the honeymoon was spent on the south coast. Their address is Lavenham, 1, Cannon's Close, Radlett, Herts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
West Lindsey Branch**

The West Lindsey Branch was fortunate to have such a fine day for its meeting at Blyton on November 21st, when this 5-bell tower attracted some 40 ringers, including the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. A. Freeman), together with visitors from Yorkshire and Coventry.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Calthrop) and the lesson was read by the Vicar of Hibaldstow (Rev. F. Insull). The business meeting followed an excellent tea in the Wesley Chapel Schoolroom and was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker).

During an interesting account of the recent rebuilding of Hibaldstow Church tower, the Vicar stated that work was going ahead to rehang the existing three bells, with the eventual aim of augmenting them to six. The bells, one of which was being recast, were now at the bell-founders', and after being tuned they would be hung in a 6-bell frame with modern fittings. It was unanimously agreed that an immediate grant of £10 be made from the Belfry Repair Fund and a further grant be considered at a later stage.

More news of bell-hanging activity in the district came from the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn), who reported that Belton bells had now been augmented to six and the two new trebles had been dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln when he visited the church for a Confirmation service on November 4th.

It was agreed that a dinner and social evening be held in the New Year, but that it should not be held on the same day as the annual meeting.

Many more ringers arrived after tea, when Messingham bells were available, and the 4-bell tower of Scotter proved remarkably popular during the evening.

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TWO PIONEER BANDS OF LONG AGO

By T. OGDEN

NOT so very long ago a little windfall—quite unexpectedly—came my way, and with part of it I decided to treat myself to a copy of 'The Story of Handbells,' the author of which is Mr. Scott Brink Parry, of Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. This book can be obtained in this country from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, 34, Whitechapel Rd., London, E.1, price 24s. 6d. post free.

In chapter 2 the author describes the history of ringing bands in America, and goes on to state:—

'In 1844 Barnum (of Circus fame) went to England, during which time he arranged to meet in Liverpool a Band of Lancashire Handbell Ringers' and

'With typical American enterprise, Barnum hired the group for a tour of the United States, and returned in 1847, bringing with him the Lancashire Ringers. Attached to his generous offer to the Ringers was the stipulation that they be billed as "Swiss Bell Ringers" and that they dress in Swiss costume and grow long moustaches. When they objected on the grounds that they spoke only English, Barnum assured them that if they kept their Lancashire dialect unspoiled by purer accents, the American public would never know the difference! And so, because of Barnum's insistence that the Lancashire ringers appear as "Swiss" ringers the misnomer that handbells and tune ringing are indigenous to Switzerland has continued to the present day.'

FIRST PEAL IN U.S.A.?

Later, the author continues: 'Ringers remained in the States long enough, however, to ring the first successful peal in this country (U.S.A.) on Sunday, June 9th, 1950, on the ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Philadelphia.'

I have not been able to discover further details of either the method rung or the names of the ringers of this notable first peal. Perhaps one of our American readers could furnish some information about it; an item of particular interest would be the home towers of the individuals concerned.

However, before we jump to the conclusion that this Lancashire band of 1847 were the first Englishmen to introduce tune ringing on handbells (Mr. S. B. Parry does not claim that they were) and change-ringing on tower bells to the U.S.A., let us see if we can find anything on this side of the Atlantic that will perhaps throw a little more light on this interesting subject.

The 'Oldham Chronicle' published its very first edition on Saturday, May 6th, 1854, and in its columns, under the heading of "Local and District News" appears the following:—

'The Campanologist Band or Swiss Bell-ringers celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of their departure from Oldham, on Friday, the 14th, ult., at the Coach-and-Horses Inn, Church-lane, the establishment of Mr. Ernest Macdonald, where the last three anniversaries have been commemorated. The members did ample justice to the capital supper provided by their worthy host; after which songs, toasts and sentiments went briskly round; and in the course of "the wee short hours ayont the twal" the company broke up highly delighted with the evening's entertainment. The anniversary has always been punctually observed in every part of the globe to which the peregrinations of the band have conducted them—not only throughout England, Scotland, and Ireland; but also in France, Spain, Canada, the United States, Cuba, etc.'

This report is the earliest mention concerning handbell ringing in the Oldham District that I know of, but this band must have been in existence some tens of years previously, as their celebration was held to commemorate the band's departure from Oldham on April 14th, 1841, (but where to, we are left to guess!).

Another excerpt from the 'Oldham Chronicle,' this time of Saturday, February 27th, 1954, states:—

'Just over a century ago a group of Hollinwood handbell ringers (all Hollinwood men) playing as the Swiss Bell Ringers visited many Continental countries, and also made a tour of America. On Wednesday, December 4th, 1844, and Saturday, December 13th, 1845, they played before His Excellency the President of the United States!'

(Underneath is a picture of seven men, dressed in old style costume, standing behind a table on which can be counted 37 large and small handbells. Several of the men are wearing long moustaches!) The excerpt continues:—

'The third ringer from the left is the late Mr. Isaac Ogden, grandfather of Mrs. Macdonald of Werneth, who has a photo and a silk programme for each of the Washington concerts. The band's repertoire included the Overture to "Fra Diavolo," "The Bell Waltzes" arranged expressly for the band. "Meet me by Moonlight Alone," "The Bluebells of Scotland" with Variations, "Hail Columbia" and "Yankee Doodle".'

PHOTOGRAPH AND PROGRAMME DESTROYED

I have recently been in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald who, much to our mutual regret, have not long since destroyed the photograph and programmes as being of little interest now to their family, and they did not then know of anyone else who would have valued them. When I told them of my interest in anything of this kind, they expressed their sincere regrets at having made away with these relics, as they would have liked to have passed them on to any person who would have treasured them. I blame myself for not getting in touch with these good people earlier. It is quite possible that there are no more of these programmes in existence now, except perhaps in the earlier records of the White House at Washington, while it is fairly certain

that there will be no more copies of the photograph extant. Mrs. Macdonald told me that they wore a kind of white smock, gathered at the wrists and waist, but otherwise similar to a surplice but with a collar attached, worn with a thin black tie, knotted at the front. They must have looked very striking when in action!

Well, now, what can we deduce from all the foregoing facts? The caption under the photograph stated that these Ringers were 'all Hollinwood men.' Hollinwood is a parish and district within the boundaries of the borough of Oldham, it lies about two miles from the town centre, and it seems more than likely that there would be some little local rivalry between the Hollinwood men and the Campanologist Band. The members of the latter would probably hail from nearer the town centre, and it has occurred to me that some of them if not all, could have been tower bell ringers at Oldham Parish Church which at the time possessed the only ring of bells (12) in the town. The Coach and Horses Inn, Church Lane, would not have been many yards from the churchyard gates, but it has since been superseded by a much more modern hostelry.

FIRST TOURIST

The Hollinwood band seem to have been the first in touring the U.S.A., as they played at the White House on December 4th, 1844, and again on December 13th, 1845, two years before Barnum took his band of Lancashire Ringers to the U.S., as Mr. Parr states. It seems to me that the Campanologist Band could have been the ringers that Barnum introduced to the States, following in the wake of their Hollinwood rivals, but in the absence of any other information, this can now—12 years later—be only a matter of conjecture.

Nevertheless, of one or two things we can be absolutely certain. These two bands of ringers must have played a leading part in introducing the art of tune ringing on handbells to the New World. Theirs would be no easy comfortable journey, such as would be provided for the humblest third class traveller of today. From the time of leaving the Mersey Bar their vessel would be entirely at the mercy of wind and wave until the Western shores were in sight. This might be in four weeks under good conditions; it could take four months if the weather was at all adverse. Once on the other side, in between periods of comparatively luxurious living, they would no doubt have to "sleep rough" at times, but devoted to their art they must have been, to undertake a tour of this magnitude in those days at all.

START OF TUNE RINGING IN U.S.A.

Otherwise, I do not think they would differ very much from the ringers of today; who, like them, enjoy 'a bit of a do' both with the handbells and around the festive board.

The present popularity of tune ringing on handbells in the U.S.A. at the present time must have its roots in the soil they tilled so long ago, and little would they think then that their exploits would still be noted over a century afterwards. Englishmen, and those from Lancashire in particular, have often in times past, and at the present day, demonstrated to the world their skill and aptitude, both in the spheres of commerce, and also that of the arts, and these Lancashire ringers of so long ago were no exception in their own particular art. Their music would bring pleasure and happiness to audiences wherever they went, and from such as them has been handed down to us this way of making music, so traditionally English, that affords so much pleasure to us, today.

Let us remember these pioneers with pride, and resolve that we, too, will play our part in handing down to posterity our English kind of music that, centuries ago, resulted in this old country of ours being known throughout the civilised world as 'The Ringing Isle.'

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THE PROFESSOR DISCUSSES 'THE RINGING WORLD'

— And Makes An Offer

On calling on the Professor the day before the day before yesterday, I found him pacing his cell with a troubled frown on his face and his sensitive hands tightly clasped behind his back. He glowered at me unclasped his hands and placed them against his temples, kicked the cat from the hearthrug and the dog into the coal cellar.

I began to think that something had upset him.

The current issue of 'The Ringing World' (November 10th) I could see lying on the table. He pushed it at me and ordered: 'Read it!'

'But I've already done so.'

'Read it again.'

I read it again, peering through a haze of smoke issuing from what was apparently a mixture of bindweed and twitch grass that Mr. Dodge had stuffed in his pipe. I enjoyed once more the leading article, perused the peal columns, chuckled over Belfry Gossip, followed with interest the touches given by Mr. E. C. Shepherd (on which I made mental notes), digested with fascination Mr. E. Morris's account of 'Bells and Ringers in Stained Glass,' glanced through F. T. Blagrove's 'First Peal Performances,' read the letters and the reports of the various functions and pondered over the Obituary notices.

'Dull, uninteresting stuff?', demanded the Professor, when I had finished.

'Quite the contrary,' I said. 'I enjoyed reading it—but then I always enjoy my "Ringing World".'

'Pre-cise-ly.'

I then saw what was troubling him.

'Oh, you are thinking of the report of the Oxford Guild,' I said. 'where one or two people criticised the "R.W." as uninteresting?'

'Yes,' he replied, 'I wonder what they want? Strip cartoons? Pictures of film actresses in technicolour on the front page? Exactly how do they propose to make it more interesting?'

'Perhaps,' I offered, 'better-written articles?'

'That may help,' agreed the Professor, 'but I have frequently noticed that the persons who most criticise the "R.W."s' articles are usually those who, in spite of the Editor's pleas, have never attempted to write one themselves. The chappie who once described one of yours as "tripe" is quite capable of writing a much better article than you, although, so far as I can remember, he never has done.'

'I'll have a word with him.'

'Do. Mind you,' he went on, 'I am not saying that the "R.W." is above criticism; constructive criticism is a good thing—but it must be constructive. Writing to the Editor isn't much good, either, unless such letters are accompanied by sensible suggestions as to improvements. I have heard a suggestion that the paper should be divided into different sections: one for learners, another for advanced ringers and another for compositions, and so on.'

'Do you think that that would make it more attractive?'

'It may do. It could be tried, anyway, although it doesn't do to take all criticism too seriously. Whatever is done there will still be some people unsatisfied. It is important that the general "tone" of the paper is maintained so that it does not fall into the cheap sensationalism of some of the common newspapers. Imagine seeing a headline in half-inch type:

"See next week's 'Ringing World' for the inside story of the latest dispute between the ringers of Slocum-in-the-Puddle and the new Vicar"; or, "Order your copy of the NEW 'Ringing World,' the paper with bags of ZZZIP!!".

'I don't think there is much fear of such a thing happening,' I observed, carefully.

'Neither do I!', responded Mr. Dodge, 'but before drastic alterations are made I think we should consider whether these criticisms are general throughout the Exercise or emanate from a minority of ringers.'

'Ringers,' he continued, 'are a most peculiar set of animals. You, for instance, will spend pounds on outings, peals, dinners, etc., cheerfully expend £2 or upwards for an L.P. of Beethoven's "Fourth," all for your own enjoyment, but grumble when the price of the "R.W." rises by 2d. a week!'

'Not me!', I protested.

'Well, others like you,' he said. 'Ringers sometimes forget what a privileged class they are! Expensive instruments and equipment provided free of charge—'

'Yes, yes!', I said. 'but what about "The Ringing World"?''

'Here I have a suggestion to make,' said the Professor. 'I will give a prize for the best suggestion for improving the "R.W.".'

'That is extremely noble of you,' I exclaimed, 'and what is the prize?'

'I will name an hitherto unnamed irregular Minor method after the tower of the winner's own choice, and undertake to get a band to ring a peal of it!'

I could scarcely conceal my admiration of Mr. Dodge's magnanimity. H.C.

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ENGAGEMENT

EARLE—RICHARDS.—The engagement is announced between Terence Earle, of North Lodge, Stisted, Essex, and Wendy E. Richards, of Ilford, Essex. 5375

MARRIAGE

CLOUSTON—PAGE.—On Saturday, November 21st, 1959, at Lavenham Parish Church, Suffolk, Ranald Warren Monteith, elder son of Dr. Olive and the late Dr. Eric Clouston, formerly of Lavenham, to Christobel Fountain, daughter of Preb. and Mrs. M. F. Page, of Stowupland, and formerly of Lavenham Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. Clouston's address is Lavenham, 1, Canons Close, Radlett, Herts. Telephone Radlett 6286. 5380

DEATH

CHAPLIN.—On Wednesday, November 25th, 1959, Arthur C., of 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham, Essex, for 60 years a ringer at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Essex. 5374

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URGENTLY wanted for Christmas.—Anyone who has for sale a good set of 12 to 15 handbells in key G, suitable for tune ringing, would be doing a good service by getting in touch with Mr. C. T. Prior, 30, Windsor Road, Maidenhead. 5376

Christmas Week Publication

'The Ringing World' of December 25th will be on sale at newsagents on Thursday, December 24th. Notices for this issue must be sent in much earlier than usual as 'The Ringing World' will go to press on Saturday, December 19th. Will secretaries and others remember that mails are invariably delayed during the period of ten days preceding Christmas Day.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Sec. 5342

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Skelton on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens; Hon. Sec. 5379

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Fairwarp, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tea at The Foresters Arms. 5352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 5351

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5371

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m., Hertingfordbury.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Newington, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5304

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Greasley, Notts. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5359

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Paul's, Hounslow, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, followed by service and further ringing, All Saints', Isleworth. 5353

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Aldate's. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—A. J. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5350

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, will be held at Storrington and not Angmering as previously arranged. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 5389

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Pickering (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 5369

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Please notify early for tea. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, local Hon. Sec. 5390

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Luton, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea (own arrangements) 5 to 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—K. G. S. 5392

BEVERLEY AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting to be held at Goole, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Christmas tea (kindly provided by Mrs. J. J. Taylor) 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names, please, on or before Dec. 17th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—K. Kirk and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 5347

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5396

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Mangotsfield, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol. 5398

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting, Painswick (12), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 15th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 5387

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th, at the Cathedral. Bells (10) available 4.15 p.m. till 9 p.m.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 5403

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Western District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5372

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th, Burgess Hill (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 16th, to Mrs. S. M. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill.—Geo. North, Hon. Div. Sec. 5378

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Wootton Hill (6), on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room. After tea at Highclere (8). Names for tea by Dec. 15th to Mr. J. S. Scott, Andover Road, Highclere, Hants. 5400

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Batley, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parrotts Café, Commercial Street, followed by business meeting in School, near church. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 17th, to Dr. D. Atkins, c/o Staincliffe General Hospital, Dewsbury.—A. E. Marsh. 5357

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Maldon All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5385

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST JOHN JELLEY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest John Jelley, of Wigston, Leics, which occurred on December 2nd. On December 5th, the day of his funeral, a quarter peal of Grand-sire Caters was rung on the bells of St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, a tower he served with great faithfulness. An appreciation of his services will appear in a later issue

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Sheila A. Beal (first quarter) 1. Blanche M. Hunt 2. J. H. Hunt 3. C. W. Philpotts 4. R. C. Beal 5. F. G. Barron 6. H. A. Nobles (cond.) 7. M. Walker 8. For Evensong.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: A. Halling 1. F. Hawkes 2. E. T. Newbury (first in method) 3. M. Hawkes (cond.) 4. E. W. Penn 5. D. Williams (first in method) 6. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Martin.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,428 Grand-sire Triples: Tonie Crichtley 1. Linda M. Hughes 2. Mary Funnell 3. Susan Funnell 4. Veronica Miles 5. Alma M. Greaves 6. R. L. Gay (first of Triples 'inside') 7. B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For morning service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Susan Bell 1. G. Marriner 2. Catherine Powell 3. A. H. Smith 4. Hilda Oatway 5. R. Davies 6. Rev. C. Marshall 7. B. Hawkins 8. W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9. H. V. Young 10. First quarter on 10 for 1 and 3. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who moved to Somerset on November 17th.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 15th, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Tovell 1. P. W. Atkins 2. J. J. Goode 3. T. J. Fraser 4. A. D. Grant 5. P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by resident members of the University of Leicester Society.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Old London Singles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): T. Dunkley (first quarter) 1. A. Henman 2. L. Battison 3. R. Henman (cond.) 4. A. Ford 5. Rung half-muffled for the festival of Remembrance.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Burgess 1. J. Lowman 2. M. Long (cond.) 3. A. Williams 4. D. Baker 5. C. Trenchard 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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QUARTER PEALS

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Nov. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Senior 6, E. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8. For evening service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spliced: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, C. Button 3, E. Coulsdon 4, H. Gardner 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. First of Spliced for all the band and on the bells by local ringers. A farewell to E. Coulsdon, who is going to the Far East.

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