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THE CALL OF IRELAND

OUR editorial, 'Dublin,' has prompted Mr. Fred E. Dukes, hon. secretary of the Irish Association, to give readers in general, and members of the Central Council in particular, some idea of conditions in Ireland. The following is a list of rings of bells and their distance from Dublin:—

Twelve-bell towers—

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Excellent.	45 & 30 cwt. tenors.
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Ten-bell towers—

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	Excellent.	43 cwt.
St. John the Baptist's, Dublin.	Fair.	28 cwt.
Mt. St. Alphonsus, Limerick.	Excellent.	23 cwt. 120 miles.
Enniskillen Cathedral.	Excellent.	20 cwt. 110 miles.
Londonderry Cathedral.	Excellent.	30 cwt. 180 miles.

Eight-bell towers—

St. George's Church, Dublin.	Excellent.	21 cwt.
Christ Church, Bray.	Good.	30 cwt. 12 miles.
St. Peter's, Drogheda.	Fair.	20 cwt. 30 miles.
Arklow, St. Saviour's.	Excellent.	22 cwt. 50 miles.
Kilkenny Cathedral.	Excellent.	20 cwt. 75 miles.
Waterford Cathedral.	Excellent.	20 cwt. 95 miles.
St. Mary's, Limerick.	Excellent.	24 cwt. 120 miles.
Christ Church, Lurgan.	Excellent.	21 cwt. 90 miles.
Belfast, St. Thomas'.	Excellent.	20 cwt. 110 miles.
Holywood, SS. Philip and James'.	Excellent.	12½ cwt. 115 miles.
Bangor, St. Coomgall's.	Fair.	20 cwt. 130 miles.
Carrickfergus, St. Nicholas'.	Excellent.	14 cwt. 120 miles.
Ballymena, St. Patrick's.	Good.	21 cwt. 140 miles.
Coleraine, St. Patrick's.	Excellent.	20 cwt. 150 miles.
Hillsborough, at present relanging.		100 miles.

Six-bell towers—

Rostrevor, Co. Down.	Good.	12½ cwt. 75 miles.
Bandon, Co. Cork.	Fair.	12 cwt. 190 miles.

There are, therefore (writes Mr. Dukes), only a few towers in Dublin vicinity, but opportunity may be taken to arrange two or three tours for peal ringing, one for towers in south and say one or two 'up north.'

Apart from ringing, the delegates may like to know something about Dublin and its surroundings. In Dublin they would, no doubt, be interested in all or some of the following: St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, Trinity College, Dublin Castle and Guinness' Brewery! South of Dublin there is Killiney (Ireland's Bay of Naples), Dublin Hills, Bray and Co. Wicklow, known as the Garden of Ireland, with Glendalough and the Vale of Ovoca. At Arklow, J. W. Washbrook rang his peals, with two tower-bells 'in hand.' North of Dublin there is the Hill of Howth with its excellent view of Dublin Bay and Ireland's Eye. The Boyne Valley, where King William of Orange defeated King James, extends inland from Drogheda.

Dublin is well served with hotels, which are compelled to maintain a certain standard and must be registered with the Irish Tourist Board. Perhaps those who propose recommending the visit would consider making a week or two's holiday of the Council meeting visit.

A sub-committee has been formed by the Irish Association to consider preliminary details, which they hope to have completed by the time of our annual meeting, and it is hoped to have some further information within a short time of Easter Monday, the date of our meeting. 'We hope, however, that the matter will be given every reasonable consideration and that the Council will honour Ireland with its first meeting out of Great Britain in 1949,' concludes Mr. Dukes.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	*GEORGE A. PACKER ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	ALAN F. THIRST ... 8
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 6	HENRY E. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
*MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 8
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LIVERPOOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 2	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam Lord Derby.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR TATE ... Treble	†JACK WAUD ... 5
†HORACE S. MORLEY ... 2	†THOMAS H. FOSTER ... 6
†GEORGE WAUD ... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... 7
†J. J. TAYLOR ... 4	CHARLES H. HUMPHREYS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 2	†MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
*DONALD C. PRICE ... 4	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM PYE ... Treble	RICHARD BENSON ... 5
*MISS R. M. ELKINGTON ... 2	HAROLD WALKER ... 6
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 3	ALBERT FORD ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
*MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon, Dartford.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Treble	ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 5
GEORGE BEENEY ... 2	PETER H. ROLLISON ... 6
ERNEST GOWER ... 3	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 7
RONALD W. PANKHURST ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

In honour of the birth of Janet May to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. R. Percy.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... Treble	ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 5
STANLEY WEBB ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
*WILLIAM CLIFT ... 3	JOHN CHERTERMAN ... 7
HARRY E. BALAAM ... 4	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. W. MUNDAY.

* First peal.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... Treble	JOHN WILLIS ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	TIMOTHY J. ANDERSON ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HICKSTEPP.

First peal as conductor.

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DARTFORD KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
FREDK. A. COLEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
DENNIS L. HALL ... 4	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BRO. F. RALPH WILLIAMS, Justice Lodge (4632) Treble	
BRO. JOHN BOOTH, Standish Lodge (4955) 2	
BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge (4120) 3	
BRO. EDWARD IDDON, Antiquity Lodge (146) 4	
BRO. EVEREST FORD, Rectitude Lodge (5197) 5	
BRO. ALBERT FORD, Affability Lodge (317) 6	
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity Lodge (146) 7	
BRO. PETER CROOK, JUN., St. John's Lodge (221)... .. Tenor	

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by BRO. A. TOMLINSON.

A memorial to the late Lord Derby.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

SIDNEY PROCTOR Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 5
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 2	*JOHN CRAGG ... 6
*ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3	*ALBERT SCOTT ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 16 cwt.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qt. 5 lb.
JOHN B. FORD Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS... 5
FRANK V. SINKINS ... 2	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE 7
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 4	DAVID H. PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ARTHUR HATCH Treble	CHARLES BLAKEY ... 5
ERIC BRUNTON ... 2	CHARLES CLEGG ... 6
ROGER LEIGH ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES MARSH Treble	RONALD KENRICK ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	THOMAS MARSHALL ... 7
NORMAN HEAPS ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 5
RONALD E. NORRIS ... 2	CYRIL J. GOULD ... 6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	ELLIS J. SILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS AUDREY A. EWINS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
TONY PRICE ... 2	RONALD C. NOON ... 6
WALTER SPARROW ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RHODA HEMMING ... Treble	GORDON HARRISON ... 5
+GEOFFREY HAIR ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	*THOMAS MARRIOT ... 7
GEORGE F. BAILEY ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Major. + First peal of Major 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 5
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 2	STANLEY E. COOK ... 6
*RONALD MARLOW ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN (C.C.C. No. 216).

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

SQUIRE CROFT Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	PHILIP WALKER ... 5
*REV. NOEL E. HOPE ... 2	H. PETER RAYNOR ... 6
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*PALMER WHITTELL ... Treble	+EDWARD ELLINGER ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	KEITH WHITTELL ... 6
+ERNEST BLOMFIELD ... 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 7
EDWARD GRIMES ... 4	CLAUDE WOODWARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ERNEST BLOMFIELD.

* First peal. + First peal in the method. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GLOUCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS AND
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.

RONALD WRIGHT Treble	HARRY DANIELS 5
GEORGE CASE 2	WILLIAM COX 6
WILLIAM SIDWELL 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
HAROLD AUSTIN 4	HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation Tenor 16 cwt.	
W. E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	*ALBERT E. WHITING 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER D. POOLEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. COLLINS ... 5
*HORACE WERRETT ... 2	PETER BORDER ... 6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 7
+ROY V. WEBB (15) ... 4	CYRIL H. KINCH ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

WILLIAM DIXON ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	+GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
*PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	*RICHARD E. DEAN ... 5
HARRY W. BADGER ... 2	+JOSEPH YOUNG ... 6
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
*WALTER AVERY ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. In memoriam Mr. W. H. Badger, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 or 4 lb. in E flat.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 5
LESLIE T. HANSELL ... 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 6
ALAN WHITE ... 3	DONALD C. PRICE ... 7
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

Tenor 11 cwt.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NORMAN G. GOODMAN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
+GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
*VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

GRESENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*BASIL LAST ... Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 4
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 2	BERT GOGLE ... 5
+GEORGE ADAMS ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz., (1) Charlwood and Neasden (spliced); (2) St. Albans and Wragby (spliced); (3) Cappel; (4) Sand- (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... Treble	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 4
ERIC SIMPSON ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in nine methods.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

*PETER MARRIOTT (12)... Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4
+ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 5
TOM. J. MARRIOTT ... 3	ALFRED MOULD ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods of Minor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

PETER J. WOODGYER ... Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 2	FRANK CORKE ... 5
*HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 3	THOS. G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

* First peal of Minor. Quickest peal on the bells.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*STANLEY G. WHITE ... Treble	HENRY COLLEY ... 4
*FREDK. H. MEETEN ... 2	HENRY WEAVER ... 5
RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal of Minor. In memoriam Edmund H. Lindup.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	*GEORGE AMOR ... 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	BRIAN SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods. 90th peal as conductor. *

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings), 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*TONY BURROWS ... Treble	†ROBERT J. ANDREWS ... 4
FRANK UWINS ... 2	DAVID SLEET ... 5
*P. ROY COLLINS ... 3	*REG. J. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID SLEET.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal in two methods by all.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, and 12 of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR S. READE ... Treble	*JACK MOORE ... 4
C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 2	ARTHUR SHOREY ... 5
*KENNETH WHEELER ... 3	PATRICK EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*A. VICTOR WILSDEN ... Treble	*JAMES STOCKBRIDGE ... 4
*MRS. J. STOCKBRIDGE ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*ALAN E. BUTLER ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, and two extents each of Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JACK BAGSHAW ... Treble	ERIC SIMPSON ... 4
*HENRY KIRK ... 2	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Primrose Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... Treble	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

To welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen.

BECKLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of (1) St. Simon's; (2) St. Martin's; (3) Fynsham; (4) St. Leonards; (5) Cassington; (6) St. Peter's; (7) Plain Bob; (8) Kennington; (9) Old; (10) Norfolk; (11) April Day; (12) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (13) St. Columb; (14) Clifford Pleasure; (15) Southrepps Pleasure; (16) Grandsire; (17) St. Blaise; (18) Fortune; (19) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (20) Northrepps Pleasure; (21) Antelope. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY W. BADGER ... Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 3
†NORA HONEY ... 2	ALAN R. PINK ... 4

REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method. The first peal on the bells.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The First Session of the Twentieth Council
(51st Annual Meeting) will be held at Skinners
Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C. (by kind
permission of the Master, the Rev. Canon
Adam Fox, D.D.), on Whitsun Tuesday, May
18th, 1948, at 11 a.m.

All nominations for Officers—President,
Honorary Librarian and Honorary Secretary
and Treasurer—signed by two members of the
Council, together with all notices of Motions,
signed as above, must be in the hands of the
Honorary Secretary not less than two calendar
months previous to the meeting.

Subscriptions became due on January 1st.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

A new handbell record
of Major with a peal of
13,664 Double Norwich

Court Bob Major has been claimed by Mr.
Ernest C. S. Turner. This was rung at the
Royal Masonic Junior School, Bushey, on Feb.
29th, by E. A. Barnett, C. W. Woolley, H. G.
Cashmore and E. C. S. Turner (conductor).
The feat was accomplished in 6 hours and
4 minutes. Congratulations to all concerned.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since the last
peal at Chobham, Surrey. This peal was the
first to include members of the local band.

At Evesham, Worcestershire, big things are
being planned, including the recasting of the
bells.

Mr. Ellis J. Hills has broken a 30 years'
absence from the peal columns by a peal at
Rochester, Kent. This was the first peal on
St. Margaret's bells for 20 years.

Sixteen-year-old Miss Rhoda Brown is the
first of her sex to call a peal in the Eastern
Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. We
doubt whether any other lady of 16 has called
the Rev. E. Banks James' peal of Cambridge
Surprise.

The title of the Surprise peal rung at Frod-
sham on January 27th should be Cheshire
Surprise and not Chester Surprise as published
in 'The Ringing World' of February 27th.
The error is regretted.

Owing to the bells going badly, a peal
attempt failed at Bispham, Lincs, on Feb.
28th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr.
and Mrs. Shuker.

There was, however, 1,260 Grandsire Triples
rung at Christ Church, Manchester, in honour
of the happy occasion on February 22nd by R.
Benson 1, A. Cairns 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, A.
Frost 4, R. Arvey 5, B. Walshaw 6, H. Reynolds
(cond.) 7, J. Clegg 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Our overseas letter bag
includes a letter from Mr.
George W. Williams, of
Charleston, South Carolina, telling of 889
changes rung at St. Michael's, Charleston, on
New Year's morning. 'Our midnight "peal"
was well received by those who could hear it
above the accumulated noise of ships' whistles
and automobile horns, and we are aiming next
year for a true quarter-peal.'

An interesting point about the peal of
Double Norwich at Portsmouth Cathedral on
February 14th was that it contained 92 singles
and no bobs.

Eighty-three-year-old Frank V. Sinkins rang
in his birthday peal at Stoke Poges on Feb.
14th.

Other octogenarians receiving birthday peal
honours were Mrs. Williams, mother of
Laurence J. Williams, at Churchkirk, Lancs,
and Mr. Senior, of Parbold, Lancs, who was
the donor of the tenor bell at Douglas-in-
Parbold.

By ringing the treble and tenor respectively
to a peal of Bob Major at St. Michael's,
Basingstoke, Messrs. C. W. Munday and E. P.
Austin have each 'circled' the tower.

The half-muffled peal at Marlow was to the
memory of Mr. W. H. Badger, who was asso-
ciated with the church for 78 years, either as
chorister, bellringer or organist. It was rung
on the first anniversary of his funeral.

From Mr. A. R. Wilson, of Holy Trinity,
Hobart, a letter tells of their Royal Wedding
ringing. 'We had a great evening ringing a
"peal" of Doubles 10 times (120 x 10 = 1,200).
We finished with a Royal salute of 21 bells at
9.40 p.m. The stonemasons have nearly com-
pleted the tower, the exterior has been re-
paired and all of us are very pleased with the
work done.' A photograph of the team is
included.

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HENRY JOHNSON DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD RECORD NUMBER OF PEALS A FAREWELL TO A BELOVED RECTOR UNUSUAL SECRETARIAL RECORD

NO signs of austerity marked the Diamond Jubilee gathering at the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, last Saturday. The Food Office regarded the occasion as one meriting the relaxation of the 100 maximum rule, and a company truly representative of the Exercise, numbering 160, was present.

In the chair was Canon T. Guy Rogers for the last time, his retirement after 23 years as Rector of St. Martin's taking place this year. The past 12 months were memorable in the history of the Guild, having been a vintage year with a record number of peals and some of exceptional merit. Those present included two ringers—G. T. Mitcheson and Charles Williams—who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. To them was accorded a special round of applause.

Mention was made during the proceedings that Mr. W. H. Reeves had entered his 20th year as secretary of St. Martin's. His predecessor, Cdr. A. Paddon Smith, held office before him for 20 years, and before him for 20 years was Mr. W. H. Godden as secretary. Will tradition prevail over experience? That is the question.

THE GUESTS.

Supporting Canon Rogers and Mrs. Rogers on the top table were the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and Lady Mayoress, Rev. Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston) and Mrs. Blofeld, Councillor A. Paddon Smith (Master), Rev. F. G. Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Reeves, Mr. G. E. Fearn (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Fearn, Messrs. F. E. Haynes, A. Walker, W. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (London), Mr. T. W. White.

The visitors included Messrs. K. S. B. Croft, J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Miss M. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, Mr. J. L. Millhouse and Miss Millhouse, Miss J. Southerst, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wayman (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Messrs. W. Allman, J. E. Bibby, J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Messrs. C. Dean, R. Davies (Croydon), Messrs. P. Baker, C. Rouse, W. Williams (Cheltenham), W. T. Elson, T. H. Francis (London), J. Bass, C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), Miss M. Fidell (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss M. R. Cross (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. F. Skidmore, F. J. Sampson, J. M. Stallard, C. Baker (Bristol), D. C. Mears, L. Fidler (Hitchin), S. H. Green (Kent), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin (Southampton), Messrs. C. Sharples (Blackpool), R. Godwin (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot), Mr. D. T. Matkin, Mrs. Marshall-say, Capt. E. F. Samson (Bournemouth).

A visitor from the Lincoln Guild, Mr. K. S. B. Croft, proposed the toast of 'Church and State and the City of Birmingham' in a particularly able fashion. Touching on affairs of State, he implored those present not to accept the doctrine of any creed without exercising commonsense and freedom of thought. He commiserated with Birmingham, the city of a thousand trades, at having lost two through nationalisation.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY PEALS.

The Lord Mayor, in his reply, expressed regret at the resignation of the Rector. On the theme of the toast he gave this dictum: The State is the servant of the people and the people not the servant of the State. If they kept that principle in the forefront, then prosperity would come their way.

As to ringing, it was his sincere wish that it would not be long before they would be ringing for a thanksgiving in their churches to

celebrate economic recovery, bringing with it a knowledge that they were living in a more peaceful world and that they would then be free to carry forward the great social reforms they wanted to see, particularly housing.

The Chairman reminded the company that he must have responded nearly 20 times to the toast. He recalled the past work of the Church as a social agency and said that a great deal of what was done by the Church in the past was now done by the State. It was very important that the voluntary spirit in the Church should be preserved and that the Church should remind people that there was a higher authority than the State.

In conclusion, Canon Rogers said: I have been here 23 years and I would like to testify to the happy relationship that has existed between me and the ringers. Whenever it has been necessary for me to issue a special appeal there has always been a contribution from the bellringers; their relationship has been economic as well as courteous. It is now time that a more nimble rector should climb the steps of St. Martin's tower.

FOR HENRY JOHNSON'S INSPECTION.

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' was entrusted to Mr. J. F. Smallwood. Many of them, he said, had heard that toast proposed by men who had known and rung with Henry Johnson. Year by year they had seen the number of those who knew him sadly diminishing, and to-day there were very few who could tell them much about him.

Henry Johnson was a great character and there was no doubt that he left his mark on the ringing of Birmingham as was evident by the strength of St. Martin's Guild. How interesting it would be if Henry Johnson could step back out of the past and survey ringing as they knew it to-day. One of the things that would have given him a great deal of pleasure as it had done to them was the enormous amount of restoration work in Birmingham, primarily as the result of the activities of St. Martin's Guild. There was no doubt that the influence of this Guild had stretched far and wide, and more restoration work had been undertaken in this city than in any other city of its size. There were still one or two backward districts in the city.

Another thing Henry Johnson would have noted with pleasure was the work of the Central Council, which had been in the forefront in spreading the knowledge of ringing and helping youngsters. He would also be pleased to know that ringers themselves owned their own newspaper. They could control its policy and that would have pleased him very much. He would have rejoiced that two of Birmingham's most promising 'youngsters,' Albert Walker and George Swan, had recently rung their 500th peal together.

THE MASTER'S REVIEW.

'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was honoured on the call of the Master, Cdr. A. Paddon Smith, who said if there were only two backward districts in Birmingham they would be very glad. He took it that Mr. Smallwood referred to bells, and one of those was Handsworth Old Church, whose bells should be recast. Five of them were very old.

From the toast they would observe that St. Martin's Guild had achieved prosperity. It had been handed down to them. St. Martin's was the headquarters of the Guild in the earliest days and still was. The records of their Guild went back to 1755 and they were one of the oldest guilds or societies of any kind in the City of Birmingham. That was not the beginning because in 1647 he believed a man named Billingsly left a croft of land in Broad Street to provide bell ropes for St.

Martin's Guild in perpetuity. That had and appreciated in value, and it might be said that St. Martin's had never lost a peal through a rope breaking.

A record number of peals had been rung by this Guild and some of them were exceedingly important in the Exercise. One was Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on April 12th. It was a Birmingham band that rang the first peal of Cinques at Exeter, and he was a member of that band. Another was the peal of Cinques at St. Martin's to commemorate Mr. Albert Walker's 50th year of membership. It was 5,050 changes—most appropriate.

The Master had a special word of congratulation to the Lincoln Guild on their record peal of London Surprise Major at Heydour and welcomed four members of that band present—Messrs. J. L. Millhouse, C. McGuinness, J. A. Freeman and John Freeman. By their performance the St. Martin's Guild lost their record of London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, of 14,103 changes. That peal occupied 8 hours and 40 minutes and the Heydour peal 8 hours and 25 minutes. An interesting feature was that both those peals were heard by Mr. Harry Withers as umpire.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S RECORD.

The Master had also a special word for the handbell peal at Bournemouth, in which Mr. James George rang the tenors on his 94th birthday. It was a most extraordinary performance and certainly had never been done before. When Mr. George lived in Birmingham he said he would live to 120. In those days he was the proud possessor of a large handsome black beard, but when he started talking about 120 his beard started to grow grey. He promptly shaved it off. Then his moustache turned grey and he disposed of that. They all wished him the best of luck. (During the proceedings the good wishes of Mr. George were conveyed to the company.)

Altogether 71 peals were rung for the Guild in the past 12 months, the largest number in that period. To paraphrase the saying of a famous statesman: Never have so many peals in the history of this Guild been rung by so few in so short a time.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, the secretary, prefaced his reply by reading a telegram from the Master of the College Youths conveying best wishes for a successful evening, also one from John Taylor and Co. On a personal note Mr. Reeves mentioned that he had the honour of ringing in both Exeter peals. Cdr. Paddon Smith was 20 years secretary of the Guild, and his predecessor also held the office for 20 years. This was his 20th year and they would be looking in due course for another secretary of St. Martin's Guild. He hoped his successor would receive the same generous support as had been accorded to him.

Mr. W. C. Dowding proposed what he characterised as the happiest toast of the evening, 'Kindred Ringing Societies and "The Ringing World."' There was a very strong fellowship among bellringers which was not found among other organisations. If that same feeling of fellowship prevailed among individuals and nations they would be living in a happier world to-day.

Mrs. Deal replied for kindred societies and said for the first time St. Martin's Guild had invited a woman to reply to that toast, which she characterised as a gallant gesture. It was always a pleasure to come there; 23 years ago she was delighted to be there when she rang in a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples. The kindred societies owed a great deal to societies like St. Martin's Guild. They were the rocks on which they built their ringing

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Henry Johnson Dinner

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world, and to-day the other world full of unhappiness made them turn to their little world for consolation.

Mr. T. W. White also replied.

Mr. F. E. Haynes gave the health of the chairman, in which he assured Canon Rogers that his interest during the past 23 years in their welfare was very keenly appreciated. He hoped that it would be possible before he left them to see that St. Martin's ringing chamber, which was in a dilapidated condition owing to enemy action, was restored to its former state so that they could welcome their visitors.

The Chairman promised to look into the matter and added: 'If you really want to show your affection for me will you please find me a house without delay.'

A strong entertainment programme was provided. Songs and duets were sung by Miss B. Marshall and Mr. W. C. Dowding with Mrs. J. C. Edwards as accompanist, there were tunes on handbells by Messrs. E. Mansell, R. Mansell, W. Pocock and A. Print, but the crowning delight was the perfectly struck Stedman Cinques by Messrs. F. E. Haynes, F. W. Perrens, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, F. E. Pervin and G. Fearn.

THE LADIES' GUILD NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The almost incessant rain did not impair the intention of some 20 odd members and a good number of friends to attend the annual meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on February 7th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

At the business meeting eight new members were elected, viz.: Elsie Jackson and Nellie Sanders (Rostherne), Jean Brookes (Bowdon), Lily Dunn, Betty Lee and Elsie Leyland (Holy Trinity, Bolton), Alma Dance (Marple) and Muriel Reay (Westhoughton). The secretary's report and statement of accounts were approved.

Officials elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. G. Wilde; ringing chairman, Mrs. E. M. P. Lawton; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Elkins; assistant secretary, Miss S. P. Wain; District Committee, Misses A. Potter and D. Wilde; Central Committee, Misses M. E. Ridyard and F. M. Laffin.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and the local ringers, especially Mr. P. Crook, sen.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Chichester was again the venue for the annual meeting of the Western Division, and Canon Lowther-Clarke conducted the Association's form of service in the Cathedral. The Bishop of Chichester welcomed the ringers to the Cathedral and thanked them for their service ringing throughout the diocese Sunday by Sunday. The Bishop afterwards joined the company at tea.

Before the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master (Mr. F. I. Hairs) and held in the Chapter House, members observed in silence the passing of Mr. E. H. Lindup. The report and balance sheet showed an improvement on last year. With one alteration on committee, officers were re-elected. Rogate became an affiliated tower and seven other ringers were elected association members. Subject to permission, meetings are to be held at Walberton, Billingshurst, Fittleworth and Pulborough.

Forty-three ringers, representing 15 towers, took part in the ringing, which ranged to London and Bristol Surprise.

The wedding of Miss Daphne Lambert, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lambert, to Mr. Raymond Jenkins at Horsmonden, Kent, was the occasion for the ringing of 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by F. J. Lambert, sen. 1, F. Bromley 2, A. W. Durham (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, A. V. Bromley 5, E. Bromley 6.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

LEICS.—On Feb. 18th,

1,260 Stedman Triples: T.

Beadsmoore 1, W. F. Woodward 2, A. Beads-

moore 3, E. W. Beadsmoore 4, J. W. Cotton 5,

H. Beadsmoore 6, E. Morris 7, E. J. White 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th,

1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E.

Brown 1, J. Merritt 2, S. E. Cook 3, F. W.

Bishop 4, H. A. Nobes 5, W. A. Theobald 6,

J. H. Hunt 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First

in method for 1, 2 and 4.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 15th, at St.

Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples:

Miss Lorna Briggs 1, W. E. Clarke 2, R. Brown

3, S. Jessop 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey (cond.)

6, J. Petch 7, B. Jackson 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, on Feb.

10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Best 1,

A. R. Macdonald 2, Miss F. M. Child 3, J. E.

Daniels 4, Rev. R. Routh 5, G. E. Evenden 6,

H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, P. A. Hunt 8.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Feb.

13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. Marriott (first quar-

ter) 1, H. Kirk 2, J. T. Marriott 3, F. A.

Forster 4, J. Bagshaw 5, A. Hibbert (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 12th,

1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Chapman

1, B. P. Morris 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, G. E.

Watson (cond.) 4, J. Shatford 5, B. J. S.

Addington 6. First of Cambridge by 1, 3, 4, 5.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: J. W. Eden (first in method)

1, Mrs. E. A. Barnett 2, A. S. Richards 3, C.

Brett-Smith 4, F. A. Coley 5, G. V. Murphy 6,

E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. J. Lemon 8.

CROSTHWAIT, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb.

15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Davies 1, T.

Hogarth 2, W. Thompson 3, F. Barnes 4, F.

Hogarth 5, R. F. Grisdale (first in method) 6,

J. W. Brownrigg (first as cond.) 7, S. T.

Hogarth 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb.

17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Blond

(cond.) 1, G. Bishop 2, J. Gordon 3, K. White

4, E. Robey 5, H. Bishop 6, A. Webb 7, B.

Brown 8. First quarter of Kent by all.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th,

1,320 Minor (240 New London Pleasure, 360

College Exercise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob):

J. D. Buckingham 1, C. J. Mann 2, A. Apple-

ton 3, H. R. Appleton 4, G. H. Neville 5,

B. G. Mann (cond.) 6.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb.

8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Melhams

(first quarter) 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, P. Bettridge

(first 'inside') 3, H. Belcher 4, J. B. Sansom

5, J. E. Chilcott 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Blacklands on

Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Joiner

1, A. A. Easton 2, J. Downing 3, S. C. Driver

4, J. E. Pennells 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett

(cond.) 7, T. Reed 8. Rung for the wedding

of Mr. L. Butler and Miss C. Marsh.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 15th,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with two covers): A.

Kingsbury (first quarter) 1, F. Leech 2, E. V.

Rodenhurst (cond.) 3, E. Gregory 4, J. Capper

5, C. Hayes 6, T. Gregory 7. A compliment to

T. Gregory, on completion of 50 years of ring-

ing at Hodnet Church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th,

1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Cox 1, R. Blaby 2,

A. Heywood 3, A. G. Jones 4, A. Newton 5,

W. Avery (first in method) 6, R. Biggs (cond.)

7, Miss A. Smith 8.

IFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260

Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 240

Old, 240 April Day): L. W. H. Busby 1, Miss

M. H. Biedermann 2, Miss N. K. Honey 3,

A. R. Pink (cond.) 4, J. Adams 5, W. Fern 6.

First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's

Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Bob Minor: L.

Smith 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, P. Beresford 3,

J. Webb 4, W. Cope 5, D. Beresford (first of

Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4.

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE.—On

Feb. 21st at St. Teilo, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles:

W. L. Williams 1, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 2,

R. Scudimore 3, A. Reynolds 4, J. W.

Williams 5.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—At South-

wark Cathedral on Feb.

22nd, 1,263 Stedman

Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, G. Davis 2, H. Lang-

don 3, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 4, J. Stevenson

5, J. E. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips 7, J. Rumley 8,

R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Brake 1, R. Beale

2, R. Welch 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, H. Gaylard

5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, H. R.

Cannon 8. First of Triples by 6 and 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On

Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1,

H. S. Arbin 2, Miss P. Jackson 3, E. Marshall

4, S. Casley 5, T. Pink 6, C. W. Ward (cond.)

7, G. Herbert 8. In memoriam Mrs. W.

Langley. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire

Triples: A. Edge (first quarter) 1.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Feb. 14th,

1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Buckley

(cond.) 1, R. Airey 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, A.

Prost 4, C. Higginson 5, B. Walshaw 6, J.

Bentley 7, F. Johnson 8. First quarter for 2,

5, 6 and 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church on Feb.

15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Coles 1, P.

Raynor 2, J. Lonsbrough 3, Miss R. Higgins 4,

P. Semmens 5, D. Gallop 6, J. Dickinson

(cond.) 7, P. Wright 8. First in method for

3, 5, 6 and 7.

POPULAR, LONDON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,263

Stedman Caters: N. G. Hollingsworth 1, T. H.

Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, J. Armstrong

4, L. H. Bowler 5, C. W. Otley 6, R. H.

Begrie 7, W. D. Grainger 8, J. Bullock 9, W.

Partiss 10.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tottle (first quar-

ter) 1, M. Farthing 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short 4,

W. Kent (cond.) 5, G. Burge 6.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St.

Jude's on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles,

unconducted: R. B. Altass 1, Miss R. E.

Donnelly 2, T. A. Napper 3, W. M. Rowe 4, J.

Duncan 5, E. W. Wright 6. First unconducted

quarter in Australia.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, at St.

Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W.

Darvill 1, Miss A. Bailey (first as cond.) 2,

H. V. Frost 3, Lieut. W. J. Southam 4, B. E.

Johnson 5, F. J. Spicer 6, T. J. Southam 7,

H. G. Mason 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Lawrence 1, F.

V. H. Sinks 2, A. H. Bates 3, W. E. Judd

4, Miss A. A. Ewins (first 'inside') 5, W.

Welling 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, E. H.

Preston 8.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, at

the Minster, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E.

Foster 1, P. N. White 2, F. G. Hooper 3, F.

Pickard 4, A. E. Chilton 5, J. W. Raithby 6,

J. F. Miner (cond.) 7, W. S. Chandler (first

quarter) 8.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 14th,

1,260 (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. G.

Goodger 1, F. P. Wright 2, L. C. Wells 3,

J. L. F. Upton 4, C. F. Mills (cond.) 5, R. M.

Cripps 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,224

Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Rhodes 1, G.

Preston 2, P. Cote 3, B. Thomas 4, T. Cutts

5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First in method by

all except 6.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,272

Bob Minor: Miss M. Grain (first quarter) 1,

M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 2, H. Sharp 3, G.

Gillett 4, O. A. Needham (first in method) 5,

R. H. Bullen 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: W. Banner 1, J. Hall (first

quarter) 2, F. Gregory (first as cond.) 3, W.

Woodford 4, H. France 5, F. Gibbard 6. A

birthday compliment to Mr. Gavis Chapman,

who was 100 years old that day.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At St.

Luke's, Bakenhall, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Sted-

man Triples: K. Chilton 1, H. Boswell 2, J. G.

Martin 3, E. E. Speake 4, C. R. Collins 5, J.

Reynolds 6, A. D. Collins (cond.) 7, S. Griffiths

8. First in method for 1 and 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HETHERSETT IMPERIAL C.B. MAJOR

Sir,—Mr. Taylor very rightly draws attention to the significance of the terms 'imperial' and 'court' used in the classification of methods, and most ringers will agree with his definition of the former.

The characteristic of a court method, it seems to me, is the place-making about the treble, and what goes on in 1-2 does not decide the issue.

Hethersett contains court places in addition to imperial—the method is merely the front work of Sawston Imperial spliced with Dublin Court—and to classify it as completely as possible both words were included in the 'title.'

—Yours faithfully,
NOLAN GOLDEN.
Norwich.

PRESTON CAPES BELLS

Dear Sir,—The claim of Mr. Perry to have rung the first quarter-peal on these bells (see page 88) is not quite correct. On Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1945, I attempted a peal there, but owing to the heavy going of the bells we had to finish it after 2,520 changes in 1 hour and 55 minutes. At the time I was only 17, and calling and turning in the tenor on this very bad going ring was more than I could manage. Others partaking in the attempt were P. Amos, E. Lines, C. Hinton. —Hinton.—Yours, etc.,
WILLIAM R. HAMMOND.
Northampton.

SCHOOL RINGING GUILDS

Dear Sir,—I note with very great interest that Mr. T. S. Williams, of Shrewsbury, and Mr. F. C. W. Knight, of Orpington, are doing some very good work in forming ringers' guilds in their schools.

I am a schoolmaster and teach in a school containing approximately 250 boys, whose ages range from 11 to 16 years of age.

Three and a half years ago I approached the headmaster and asked his permission to form a school ringing guild. Needless to say, he was very interested and helpful. A large classroom was put at my disposal for 45 minutes of a lunch time break, and notice was given of a talk on 'The art of change ringing.' I proposed to give. The room was packed ten minutes before the commencement of the talk.

I feel sure that the boys and girls who attended found the 45 minutes of their time spent in listening well worth while. I was afterwards able to recruit some beginners, and we decided to meet for practice twice a week during the lunch break, using some handbells borrowed from our Cathedral.

In 18 months I had a band ringing double-handed Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. The boys visited their local church towers and were naturally given all help possible by the local ringers.

Two years ago four of these boys were given an audition at the B.B.C. I was in the engineer's box and witnessed the performance, which consisted of three courses of Bob Minor and a plain course of Grandsire Triples excellently struck. The average age of the boys at the time was 14½ years.

Unfortunately, and to the disappointment of the boys, the B.B.C. have not made use of the recording taken.

These boys, and others, have now left school and are active ringing members and conductors of our Association—at least two boys have since conducted their first peal.

Since the formation of our ringers' guild I have given a talk on 'The art of change ringing' at least once a year and have had bumper attendances.

In support of Mr. Knight and Mr. Williams, I am sure that any campanologist schoolmasters who embark upon a similar venture would find it very interesting and useful to the Exercise.—Yours truly,

ALFRED L. SIMMONDS,

Senior Engineering Master.

Mid-Essex County Technical School,
Chelmsford.

BREAKING A TRADITION

Dear Sir,—The following quarter-peal at Kingston-on-Thames of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on February 8th by the following is of special interest: Miss B. Harris (first in method) 1, H. W. Barrett 2, Miss Peggy Kitchen 3, G. C. Goodman 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, H. J. Eldred 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, H. G. Andrews (first as conductor) 8. This was only the second occasion Kingston bells have been rung for evening service (first was at the Vicar's request on November 2nd, 1947) for over 100 years.

Mrs. Savage, of Kingston, died in 1833, and in her will made a bequest to the church, part of which was for the bellringers, in the following terms:—

And I direct that the said last mentioned divisions shall be taken and applied by the Vicar of Kingston for the time being at his discretion in gifts to the ringers of Kingston Church while they conduct themselves in a sober, orderly and attentive manner and perform their duties both of ringing and chiming to the satisfaction of the said Vicar with an especial condition that the present laudable custom be observed of abstaining from the ringing of peals on the evenings of Lord's Day.

The old ringers apparently 'wangled' round the terms laid down so as to make sure of not losing their money by deciding that no ringing whatever should take place after morning service.

Fortunately our Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton, M.A.) and his churchwardens are very interested in the ringers, and we hope that much more will be heard of the bells for evening service in the future.—Yours truly,

H. W. BARRETT.

Hon. Secretary and Master.

BECKLEY, OXFORDSHIRE

To rival Ernest Morris' oddities is Beckley, Oxfordshire, where the first peal on the bells, one of 21 methods of Doubles, is recorded this week. Writes the conductor (Mr. Alan R. Pink):—

'The bells are immediately overhead and all bobs, singles and instructions, of which there are plenty in multi-double peals, had to be shouted at the top of my voice in order to overcome the noise. Normally there is no ringing in this tower, and the bell hanger of our band got there early, as is his wont on these missionary expeditions, and did some necessary cutting and splicing. This was the first peal on the bells and I venture to think it will be a long time before there is another, but we enjoyed it.'

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		CLOCK	CASE
			4th
			X
W	TENOR	LADDER TO CENTRAL HATCH ABOVE	2nd
	X		X
			TREBLE
			X
			3rd
			X
		S	

Hardly a circle is it? The central ladder interferes with vision to a certain extent. It isn't often the ringer enjoys an inspection of 14th century mural paintings as he does on the north wall in this tower.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY MERSON.

Ringers from a wide area will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Percy Merson, of Bishop's Hull, Taunton, on February 18th, at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Merson gave his whole life to ringing; he was a very staunch Sunday service ringer at his own parish church, Bishop's Hull, and in later years conductor of St. Mary's, Taunton. A very safe ringer in all methods, he was a first-class striker.

His peal list was not a long one—about 140—but it contained many that were landmarks in the progress made in his time. For 25 years he was hon. secretary of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association and always gave much of his time to the learner.

The funeral at Bishop's Hull was attended by a large number of ringers and other parishioners. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery. A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of St. James' by the following: George S. Coles 1, Arthur W. Hayward 2, Clifford Williams 3, William H. Tarr 4, Arthur H. Reed 5, Henry Mockridge 6, William G. Gigg 7, Henry Churchill 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A mishap to the tenor limited ringing to the front eight at the annual meeting of the North-Western District at St. Peter's, Croydon. Canon Renshaw, in his address, welcomed 60 ringers, and at the tea table afterwards thanked the ringers for upsetting his bell for Sunday ringing—a remark greeted with applause.

Sixteen new members were elected at the business meeting presided over by Mr. F. E. Collins. The retiring officers and committee were re-elected.

Mr. Collins congratulated Mr. W. H. Hewett on having rung his 500th peal. The meeting concluded with a vote of appreciation to Mr. Simmons and his band for their welcome. Ringing in the evening was at St. John's, where some members rang Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus for the first time.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Under 'any other business,' the Alton and Petersfield District at the annual meeting on February 7th at Alton passed a resolution suggesting to the Guild Central Committee that 'the subscription paid annually by ringing members be raised.'

Canon E. A. Berrisford (district chairman) presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Guild Ringing Master), and there was an attendance of 40 members. The meeting stood in silence in memory of the Rev. J. J. Scott, late Vicar of Hawkey.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. E. Bassett) reported a slight increase in membership, which included ringers at Bentworth for the first time in the history of that tower. Mr. W. R. Read (Blackmoor) and Mr. R. A. Budd (Petersfield) were elected members. The district officers were re-elected, and the next quarterly meeting fixed for April 17th at West Meon.

Votes of thanks included one to the Vicar for conducting the Guild's service. Ringing reached Cambridge Surprise Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

Most of the towers in the branch were represented at the meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey on February 14th, and visitors were present from Cheltenham, Bishop's Cleeve and Dumbleton. Capt. Rester presided over the business meeting when new members were enrolled from Twynning and Eldersfield. Ringing ranged from Doubles to Double Norwich and Grandsire Cinques.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

KENNETH MEDWAY ... Treble	EDWARD J. FRY ... 4
HAROLD L. PARFREY ... 2	†GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
*F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* Fiftieth peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... Treble	*ERIC KEMP ... 4
*THOMAS CUMMINS ... 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 5
†MISS RHODA BROWN ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by MISS R. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 10, 1948, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	PETER NIX ... 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH. Witness: Cyril Reek.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7-8

PHILIP A. CORBY ... 9-10

Composed by F. G. MAY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Feb. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7-8
JOHN WALDEN ... 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 1-2	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on twelve 'in hand.'

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of six extents each of Reading, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

FREDK. E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
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A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First peal of seven Doubles methods in Ireland, for the Association and by all the band.

Tenor size 14 in D.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4
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MRS. J. THOMAS ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First six-bell peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

* 100th handbell peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells and 50th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8

FRED PRICE ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT NEWSTEAD, WILLOWS LANE,

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 13th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. 3106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Great Mongeham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Northbourne available after tea.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 13th. Old Whittington, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 3131

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, March 13th. St. John's, Mare Street, Old Hackney, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea early, please.—H. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec., 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3126

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Feltham, Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3 p.m.—F. A. Finch, Hon. District Secretary. 3149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 13th, monthly meeting, St. James'. Usual arrangements.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec. 3153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Bring own sugar.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3141

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Durmeston, near Blandford, on Saturday, March 13th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec. 3164

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Saturday, March 13th, practice meeting at Wivelsfield (5). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. 3159

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, March 13th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 3153

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell contest to be held at Kirkburton, March 20th. Tea provided. Entries and names for tea to reach me not later than March 13th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 3128

SOUTHWELL MINSTER.—Meeting, Saturday, March 20th, 2.30. Service. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by 16th. Easily accessible by road and rail.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 3139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Shorne, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 16th.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 3145

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, March 20th, Corley (5), 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Corley Rock Tea Gardens for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. Ringing at Keresley (5) after tea.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 3165

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Goring (6), March 20th, 3. Names for tea (by 17th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3163

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Tilsworth (6), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—H. C. Hillyard. 3167

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & L.D.G.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3169

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester District.—Meeting, Gloucester, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names to Branch Sec. W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 'Phone Gloucester 4053.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Nailsea, Saturday, March 20th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3182

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8 bells), March 20th, 2.30. Names for tea by 16th certain.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3179

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Saturday, March 20th, 4 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge Wexham Slough. 3178

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cold Higham, March 20th. Service 3.30. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Rev. G. V. Fenn. 3180

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey (8), March 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3179

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, 4.45 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3178

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 20th. Hordle bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Milford-on-Sea bells (8) from 6 p.m. Tea at Milford 5.15 p.m. for those notifying Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3177

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, March 20th, at 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names by 17th, please, to W. A. Wood, Posseway, Croft near Leicester. 3176

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Penistone (8), Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. A. Champion, 24 Church Street, Penistone, by Wednesday 17th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 3171

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6) on Saturday, March 20th. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin. 3175

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Diseworth, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 3174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Barkby (5), March 20th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Village Hall, 5. Bring own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 3173

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Tea provided free. Names for tea to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton, by March 18th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3187

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3171

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Members bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 3184

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Snaith (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring food, tea provided.—T. H. Foster. 3183

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, All Saints' 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells—Cathedral (12), All Saints' (10), Claines (10) and Hallow (8)—times later. Own arrangements for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 3185

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting at Norwich, Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells, Mancroft. St. Giles' and St. Miles' 10 to 11.45 and 2.15 onwards; also St. John de Sepulchre 2.15 onwards. Service, Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. W. G. Bridge. Lunch, Samson and Hercules House, 1 p.m. 4s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Names for lunch to me by March 20th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 3079

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, on Easter Monday. Committee meeting, Sutton's Hall, 10.45 sharp. Service in Parish Church 12 noon. Luncheon provided for members and friends at 3s. 6d. per head; applications for tickets to under-signed as early as possible, please. Towers: Dartford, Crayford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church) and Bexley—times later. Business meeting in Church Hall after lunch. Light afternoon teas obtainable at Sutton's Hall.—G. H. Spice, General Secretary, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3147

ILANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. St. Woolos' bells available all day to 3.30 and after the meeting.—F. J. Hannington. 3168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wells, Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preach. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Wickenden's Restaurant. Names essential, 1 p.m. Committee meeting, Priest Row, 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Bells—St. Cuthbert's 10.45 to 11.40, 2 to 3 and in the evening except from 6.30 to 7; Cathedral, after lunch till 2.45 and during the evening from 4.45. The following towers will be open on notice being given: Dinder, Croscombe, Glastonbury (both towers), Chewton Mendip.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 3172

REDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available during the day. Full particulars next week. 3170

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DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Easter Monday. Service 4. Business and tea, Fortes Cafe. Names to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, before March 22nd. Ringing from 3 to 8.—J. Arbury. 3162

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. 3188

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NORTH-WEST BRANCH.

The North-West Branch's annual meeting at Bradworthy was attended by over 40 members, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill presiding. The report and balance sheet were presented by the secretary and accepted. He said monthly practices at Holsworthy and general practices at Bridgerule and Pyworthy showed keen interest. The branch has made considerable progress.

The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman), J. W. Sangwin (secretary), W. Shears (treasurer), F. Sangwin (Ringing Master), with F. Sangwin, the Rev. W. H. Smale and W. H. R. Smale (representatives to the General Committee) were all re-elected. Ten members of the local tower were elected as members.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar (the Rev. Dobson), the Rev. Ravenhill and the Rev. W. H. Smale for their parts in the service, and to the members of the local band, who gave the branch a hearty welcome.

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