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WASTAGE

By C. K. L.

IS the wastage which occurs during the training of recruits to the Exercise inevitable? It is alarming to note the complacency with which the majority of ringers regard this loss, and whilst it must be admitted that there will, of necessity, be some failures surely the high percentage of recruits who fail to become ringers is a challenge to every member of the Exercise. No statistics are available to help us to decide what and where the deficiencies are, and though we may seek consolation in the fact that this has always been the case we should not excuse ourselves on that score, rather we should pause to consider whether, with all the advantages we enjoy, we are making the best use of the material coming forward.

First, let us consider the would-be ringer. It is generally admitted that no two persons are alike either physically or temperamentally, yet how many instructors completely ignore this fundamental truth and treat all recruits in exactly the same way? We suggest that every instructor should adopt the slogan, 'They are all different,' and adjust his teaching methods to each individual.

Secondly, there is the question of teaching methods. Are these the best and up-to-date? We are sure that all our older readers will allow that the counter-attractions to-day are much more powerful than they were in their day, and if some of the suggestions which follow appear somewhat heretical to them we would urge them to remember that twentieth-century counter-attractions cannot be combated with nineteenth-century methods.

Our experience has been that most instructors require a pupil to attain an unreasonable degree of efficiency in any one stage before proceeding to the next. This undoubtedly produces first-class results, but what is usually glossed over by these instructors is that it also produces an excessive percentage of losses to the Exercise. Now we all know the satisfaction which follows from the successful completion of a task which has hitherto been out of our reach. If we are to be successful in training recruits to the Exercise we should encourage them to learn by doing and at the same time take care that no task set is beyond their capabilities at that moment. This is difficult, for every pupil progresses at a different rate, and the provision of a series of progressive steps fostering a sense of achievement is a problem.

To the first part of the problem we can offer no other advice than 'Remember they are all different.' To the second we suggest that each instructor tries to find his own series of graded steps from each of the well-defined stages of progress to the next. The following is suggested as a broad basis.

Promotion from the 'pulling a bell' stage should be more rapid than at present. Rounds can be attempted with the instructor standing by as soon as the pupil is able to control his bell fairly well. Corrections to style can be carried out while the pupil is trying to ring rounds. It may cost a few stays and try the patience of the instructor, but the increased enthusiasm of the pupil will be the reward.

The monotony of the rounds stage can be relieved by the use of call changes; in fact, we have found that some recruits acquire a feeling of compass more readily from Queens than from rounds. Call changes should be based on the first method to be rung by the pupil, i.e., the method is rung row by row at the direction of the instructor.

This brings us to another point. While the pupil is learning to pull a bell and ring rounds, etc., he should be learning the rules of and to prick out the method he is to ring at the next stage. This principle should be carried on throughout his novitiate; his homework should be one stage ahead of his practical work.

We have all experienced the difficulty of having several learners able to ring, say, Bob Major but being held up until one other has reached the same stage. This is a highly dangerous situation, and

the instructor must employ all kinds of dodges to give variety to the practice while giving the laggard plenty of opportunity to catch up. Changing the observation bell often successfully disguises a well-worn touch. Reverse Bob affords a treble man practice in hunting and gives the learners a little further advanced something to think about. Original Major offers plenty of scope for practice in hunting for the learners and at the same time keeps the rest of the band on its toes.

To sum up in three slogans: Remember they are all different. Nothing succeeds like success. Variety is the spice of ringing.

We should see to it that once the spark of interest has been kindled no efforts are spared to fan it into the blaze of unbounded enthusiasm.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	*ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 11
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6	ALAN ELSMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

MRS. JESSIE KIPPEN ... Treble	A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	ROY FAITHFULL ... 7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 4	*JOHN H. HUNT ... 9
MAURICE BUTLER ... 5	†GEORGE SYMONDS ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. First peal of Caters on the bells. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF B.V.M., SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HESKETH ... Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
*MISS MARY WALSHAW ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 8
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
*RONALD AIREY ... 5	FRED S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 6
MISS MURIEL REAY ... 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 7
MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... 3	RONALD KENRICK ... 8
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 4	JAMES J. JACKSON ... 9
JOHN ASHCROFT ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all except treble and tenor ringers. First peal in the method on the bells. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. James Taylor, Aughton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 5
*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 2	ALAN R. PINK ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
†NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 London, 1,184 Rutland, 416 Cambridge, 384 Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Bristol, 288 Norfolk, 288 New Gloucester and 160 Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*†KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
*JOHN S. MASON ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods. † 100th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise in ten methods as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 6
*MISS HAZEL DALE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams, the late Master of the Guild.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BRIAN WARWICK ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
*ALAN E. JACQUES ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 7
*DOROTHY UDALE ... 4	CECIL H. F. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN R. LEEVES ... Treble	MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ... 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 6
†EDWARD EADE ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	†PETER J. OSTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.



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On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. DAVIES ... Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*MISS B. WHISTLER (N'm) Treble	REV. A. G. THURLOW (Sel) 5
MISS G. A. SMITH (N'm) 2	†A. S. WATT (Pem.) ... 6
REV. B. SHEPPARD (Ty.) 3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 7
T. B. ROWSELL (Jesus) 4	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED (Caius). Conducted by G. DODDS.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major away from treble. Rung for the 70th anniversary of the Guild. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	H. PETER RAYNOR ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	ALAN R. PINK ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*GORDON WALFORD ... Treble	WILL H. VIGGERS ... 5
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 2	EDWIN S. SMITH ... 6
*ERNEST GARDNER ... 3	CHARLES W. DENYER ... 7
†MRS. EDNA DENYER ... 4	EDWARD J. BRAGG ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

* First peal of Major. † First of Kent T.B. Major. First of Major as conductor. In honour of the award of the M.B.E. to Major E. J. Bragg. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.	
MISS HAZEL DALE ... Treble	MRS. JESSIE KIPPIN ... 5
*MISS AUDREY EBBS ... 2	MISS NELIA LEAHY ... 6
*MISS CECILY BURBIDGE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 4	*MRS. BETTY FAITHFULL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*BRYANT J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	*ANTHONY A. BIRCH ... 5
ARTHUR R. GALE ... 2	†DAVID H. PEARCE ... 6
†MISS RUTH TABRAHAM ... 3	†WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 7
†WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. PEARCE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as birthday compliment to Arthur R. Gale.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RONALD H. DOVE ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of London in the tower and the first peal on the back eight of the twelve.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	*JAMES W. RAITHEY ... 5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL 2	*HAROLD DENMAN ... 6
*†ARTHUR R. FOWKES ... 3	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 4	J. FREDK. MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal in method. † First peal of Major. First peal in method for Guild. In memoriam George Williams.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 5
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 2	CYRIL TOYNE ... 6
LUCY MOTTISHAW ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ... 4	HARRY ASHTON ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major. First peal in these methods spliced on the bells and by all the band. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. R. Pritchard's Composition. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*FRANK OLLER ... Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
*HERBERT SUTTON ... 2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 6
EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 3	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 7
RONALD TRAVISS ... 4	JOHN E. BROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in method. First peal as conductor in method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5
SAMUEL BIRCH ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6
HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

BARBARA M. HARRIS ... Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 7
HERBERT J. ELDERD ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK L. FISHER Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 3	†RONALD W. STEWARD...	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal of Kent T.B. Major 'inside.' A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parker, of Tuddenham. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	RONALD C. NOON ...	5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... .. 2	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 3	*HARRY RICHARDSON ...	7
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 4	GEORGE CARE	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. In honour of the 25th anniversary of the Guild. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*CYRIL H. GODFREY Treble	FRANK C. MAY	5
RODERICK W. CROUCHER	DONALD COOMBS	6
†MRS. C. WOODGATE 3	GERALD FROST	7
WILLIAM S. MAY 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a welcome to Roderick James Croucher, born on February 5th, 1949. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN R. LEEVES Treble	†EDWARD EADE	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 2	†MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ...	6
†HENRY N. VAUGHAN 3	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	7
PETER J. OSTLEY 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS. * First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	REV. F. F. RIGBY ...	5
*MISS MURIEL REAY 2	*JOHN ASHCROFT	6
*SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*JOHN HALSALL	7
*ALBERT GREENHALGH 4	*JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*RONALD LORD Treble	CHARLES R. BELTON ...	5
HARRY DUNCOMB 2	*ALAN H. HOUGH	6
THOMAS C. BELTON 3	THOMAS K. DEACON ...	7
FRANK TROTMAN 4	GEORGE P. GARNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 24 cwt.	
RONALD G. BECK Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	HENRY J. SANGER	6
PERCIVAL H. HULL 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS... .. 4	HARRY SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.	
*GEORGE WEST Treble	FREDERICK S. WILSON ...	4
GEORGE R. HINER 2	FRANK PICKERING	5
ELIJAH PAMMENTER 3	HARRY MORTEMORE ...	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

* First peal, aged 70 years.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob (4 variations), ten six-scores of Grandsire (10 variations), five spliced 240's of Grandsire of Pitman's arrangement, and five of Morris'. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.

*CHARLES E. GILBY Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	3
PERCY AMOS 2	†WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	4

ARTHUR MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells, which have been five since 1886. Rung for the silver jubilee of the Guild.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's (variations). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL COUSINS Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS	4
WALLACE W. COUSINS 2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
*JAMES GIBSON 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Bob and two of Plain Bob.

*H. STANLEY GRISDALE...Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	4
JOHN ANDERSON 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	5
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON... .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*COLIN LOKE Treble	†JOHN SKERRITT	4
BRIAN S. COPE 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	5
†G. F. L. MARQUAND 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON...	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in five methods. A first birthday compliment to the son of Mr. G. F. L. Marquand.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK SAVAGE Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	GEORGE CLARE	5
RONALD G. BECK 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

RAMSBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN E. MANNERS Treble	*GEORGE A. NEWMAN ...	4
*FREDERICK J. READ 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5
T. ARTHUR PALMER 3	*WILFRED J. LIDDIARD...	Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cottle 1, O. Smart 2, R. Tolman 3, J. Smart 4, J. Hill 5, N. V. Andrews 6, A. L. Mitchell (cond.) 7, A. Andrews 8. In memoriam Mr. Geo. Williams.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: George Gardner 1, C. H. Webb 2, J. Oughton 3, T. H. Wright 4, G. A. Newton (cond.) 5, C. S. Aylett 6, C. R. Belton 7, George Garner 8.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.—On January 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. W. White (cond.) 1, R. Lydster 2, D. Ellen-der 3, H. Folwell 4, F. Brassington 5, C. Lawrence (first of Triples) 6, B. Ellender 7, G. Gardner 8.

BRISTOL.—On January 30th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Stedman Triples for the Bristol University Society: Marie R. Cross 1, Pamela Woolley 2, May I. Kennelly (first Stedman) 3, Dorothy T. Richardson 4, A. York-Bramble 5, I. W. G. Fulford (first Stedman) 6, J. R. Worrall (first Stedman as conductor) 7, I. H. Trueman 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On January 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: J. R. Dacre 1, G. E. Watson (cond.) 2, B. S. Cope 3, P. Chapman 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. W. Bird 6, T. Garley 7, B. J. Saddington 8. First in method by 1, 3 and 7.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Gray 1, J. Lush 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (first as conductor) 5, H. J. Gray 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 6. First by a local band.

FISHTOFT, Lincs.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Single Court Minor: H. Harrison (first quarter) 1, A. Pearson (first 'inside') 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ballard (cond.) 1, G. Chalton 2, A. Jordon 3, J. A. Walton 4, E. Sowman 5, B. Ridgeway 6, F. Vallance 7, M. Abbott (first on eight) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Bob Major: D. F. Harman 1, E. F. Pryor 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, W. D. Prockson (first 'inside' in method) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, G. Charge 6, W. A. Theobald 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Eileen D. Farrell 1, Mrs. O. R. Rogers 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, S. Croft 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, E. Dodds 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, F. Hopgood 8, F. D. Bishop 9, A. Tomlin 10.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbot's, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Ottley 5, W. D. Granger 6, E. W. Furbank 7, A. B. Wiffen 8, J. Bullock 9, W. W. Bailey 10.

LILLESALL, SHROPSHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ruscoe (cond.) 1, D. Cartwright 2, J. Bickley 3, W. Reynolds 4, L. C. I. Watson 5, G. Lowe 6. In memory of the late Vicar, Rev. C. H. Watson, M.A., killed in a road accident.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Keeley (aged 14, first of Major) 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, S. H. Green 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Moore (cond.) 1, C. Stannard 2, S. Sturgeon 3, A. Baalam 4, H. Foulger 5, D. Rowland (first of Caters) 6, W. Stannard 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Goodship 9, J. W. Banks 10.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Kefford (first quarter) 1, H. Werrett 2, S. Bonnett 3, W. Collins 4, W. Pooley 5, I. Werrett 6, J. Dear 7, R. Webb (first as cond., aged 15) 8.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,680 changes of Plain Bob Major: J. Greenwood 1, Gordon Turner (first quarter, aged 15) 2, W. Noble 3, L. Healey 4, N. Bennett (longest touch) 5, C. Nicholl 6, W. G. Turner 7, J. Pearson (cond.) 8.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Hendley 1, J. I. Davis 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, A. G. Rose 4, W. H. Young 5, R. H. True 6, H. C. Baverstock (cond.) 7, H. P. Davis 8. To Mr. F. W. Townsend on his 82nd birthday.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and April Day): Rev. R. W. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Carter (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 3, J. Honey 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright (first quarter away from tenor) 1, E. A. Reeve 2, R. Charge 3, E. L. Miles (cond.) 4, J. W. Chapman 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Sparkes 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Barton (first on eight) 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayer 3, F. J. Spicer 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, R. W. Darvill 7, H. G. Mason 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal, C. G. Woodhead 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, A. W. T. Cleaver 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 7, G. Dodds (first of Royal as conductor) 8, A. S. Watts 9, B. D. Price 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

WATFORD.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Wise (first on ten) 1, R. G. Bell 2, M. J. Foster 3, H. G. Timms 4, A. W. Dix 5, W. G. Paul 6, F. H. Crook 7, P. H. Avey 8, S. H. Hoare 9, G. W. Seaman (first as cond. on ten) 10.

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LATE NEWS.

The first peal on the augmented ring of Birmingham Cathedral was rung on February 17th.

Barnsley District Society are arranging a dinner in September to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the society.

The peals at Chilcompton, Trowbridge and Ditcheat were rung as a mark of esteem and affection for Henry R. Newton, who reached his 84th birthday on February 12th. The men who rang the peal at Trowbridge would like to put on record their gratitude to Arthur Prince, who waived his prior right to the use of the bells.

Having reached the allotted span of life, Mr. George West has rung his first peal at Rawmarsh, Rotherham. And many more!

The peal at Prittlewell, Essex, on February 5th, replaces one rung on February 7th, 1948, by F. Robinson, which was false.

Mr. Ernest F. Salmon informs us that the peal at North Stoneham on February 1st was not his first of Stedman at the 47th attempt, but his first peal of Caters, in any method, at his 41st attempt. He has rung several peals of Stedman Triples and one of Cinques.

Two births were celebrated by the peal at Barwell, Leicestershire, on Feb. 9th—a son to the wife of T. C. Belton and a grandson to C. R. Belton, captain of the local band; and a first granddaughter to G. P. Garner, vice-captain of the band.

Two new trebles are being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for St. Mary's, Slough. This will make them the only ring of ten in Buckinghamshire. Mr. E. H. Preston informs us that the company hope to ring Caters for Easter.

Warmly complimented are those responsible for the ringing room at St. Mary's, Shoreham. 'It was a picture of brightness and extra welcome,' writes 'Visitor.' The crowning touch in the centre was the bowl of pink tulips, reflected in the round table's polished surface, and the impression created added greatly to my enjoyment of the meeting as a whole.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are indebted to Mr. Harold W. Rogers for the block and picture of the annual meeting of the London County Association which is featured on the next page.

All tickets have been sold for the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham on March 5th.

Corston, Bath, ringers were entertained to supper at the Rectory on February 9th by the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Tunwell in appreciation of their services Sunday by Sunday.

After a period of about ten years the first course of London Surprise Major has been rung by a residential company at St. Andrew's Church, Derby.

Owing to pressure on our space the report of the dinner to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Cambridge University Guild is held over until next week.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trehalla rang his first peal on his own bells on February 12th. It was a tribute to Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross.

Forty years after, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. Cragg returned to Caythorpe, Lincs, and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 12th to mark the 46th anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band in which they participated.

Many of our readers probably listened to 'This is the West of England,' the radio feature on Sunday night, and heard Mr. 'Brandy' Fisher talk about ringing and Congresbury bells. About a dozen changes of Grandsire Triples followed.

How often is a peal conducted by a county councillor? Mr. Arthur E. Sharman, for many years hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association between the two wars, and now a member of the Bedfordshire County Council, had this distinction at Leighton Buzzard on February 12th, 1949.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S 'ANNUAL'



Officers of the London County Association present at their annual meeting on February 5th. Front row, left to right: Messrs. A. Boyack, R. H. Begrie, C. A. Hughes, C. W. Ottley, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Messrs. H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender (Master), Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, E. Alex. Young and M. C. J. Strickland. Behind: Messrs. S. J. Hart, A. F. Udall, A. H. Keighley and G. M. Meyers.

An 'All Ladies' Team Wins Handbell Cup

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. ALEX YOUNG.

Over 130 members and friends were present at the annual meeting of the London County Association on February 5th at the Cathedral and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ringing taking place at both churches in the afternoon and again at the Cathedral in the evening.

Three teams entered for the handbell competition, the best being a plain course of any method on eight bells, the main consideration being correct and good striking. One team was from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and the other was from All Saints', Isleworth. Messrs. G. H. Cross, T. W. Taffender and C. W. Ottley were elected umpires, and the winning team, who rang Grandsire Triples, consisted of Miss R. J. Pett, Mrs. K. Parr, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Miss E. Farrell.

The service, conducted by the Association's hon. chaplain (the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark), was held in the afternoon. The choir, under the direction of Sir Elgar Cook, sang the anthem, 'Blest are the Pure in Heart.' A most fitting conclusion to the service was in the form of a few personal words from the hon. chaplain.

At the commencement of the business meeting the hon. chaplain spoke to the Association for the first time since his election in 1948 and wished it well. He felt sure it would continue with the good work now in progress.

The Provost then presented an illuminated address to Mr. E. A. Young. Signatures of 18 of the officers of the Association were surmounted by the words, 'The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan

Guild hereby express its gratitude and appreciation for the services of E. Alexander Young, Esq., A.R.I.B.A., during his 56 years in office.'

The Provost informed the meeting that, although he had only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Young on two occasions, he had begun to realise, quite apart from normal routine work, some of the highly specialised services performed by him, only one instance being the design and gift of the Masters' badge.

Mr. Young, who is now 84, expressed his gratitude for the kind and appreciative thoughts conveyed by the testimonial.

Presenting his report, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) said that the average attendance at the general meetings had been 40, excluding non-members. These meetings had been held at Southwark Cathedral, Isleworth, Chelsea, Battersea, Putney and Fulham, with the addition of a special meeting at Westminster and Lambeth for the benefit of Central Council delegates on Whit Monday. Practices had also been held on the first Monday in each month at Lambeth with an average attendance of 16. Resuscitation of the activities of the Northern and Southern Districts had taken place with meetings at Poplar, Hackney, Holloway, Battersea, Chelsea, Clapham R.C., Clapham Park, Chiswick and Westminster.

Seventeen peals had been rung in methods up to Superlative Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Treble Bob Maximus, the last-named being the first peal of Maximus at Southwark Cathedral since the rehanging of the bells. Thirty members had been elected whilst five had passed on. A 36-page report book had been produced, and copies were available.

One of the greatest works of the Association had been the rotational visiting of towers which have no full band of ringers. This had taken place on 49 Sundays during the year. Quarter-peals, frequently in Surprise methods, were successfully negotiated on most occasions. The hon. treasurer, Mr. C. J. Strickland, stated that a slight profit had been shown on the year's working, but for the coming year printing expenses would be very heavy.

Two new officers were elected: Miss Audrey Castle as one of the assistant secretaries, and Mr. E. Beachamp as junior steward. New members were elected as follows: Miss S. Coker and Miss D. Coker (High Wycombe), Messrs. C. Norris (Chatham), T. Blow (Sanderstead), H. Evans (Chiswick) and B. McArthur (Sheppey).

Illuminated peal books dating from 1827 were available for inspection.

A SUFFOLK DIAMOND WEDDING

Suffolk ringers forgathered at The Fountain, Tuddenham, on February 2nd, in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker. Now 84 years of age, Mr. Parker has been a keen ringer since the age of 16. A reception was followed by tea and a musical evening with handbell ringing, Mr. C. W. Pipe being M.C.

Mr. Parker is a native of Grundisburgh. For 34 years he was host at the Fountain Inn, Tuddenham, and at the same time carried on a builder's business. He retired nearly 10 years ago.

The day coincided with the 89th birthday of Mr. William Dye, one of Mr. Parker's oldest friends, and it was deeply regretted that illness prevented him from attending.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to see the report of the peal of New Cambridge Royal at Wells on January 22nd. It is obvious from the names of the participants that the peal was one of high quality, and Mr. Pink's single-handed ringing of the tenor is a notable achievement.

The circumstances in which Mr. Worth and I rang the bell double-handed last summer perhaps tended to make it difficult to estimate accurately the magnitude of the single-handed task, but we both thought that it would be truly formidable, at any rate in a Surprise Royal method.

There is little doubt that Wells tenor will now be rung single-handed in other Surprise Royal peals. The first time, however, is always the hardest, and Mr. Pink's performance should be ranked among the outstanding heavy-bell feats in the annals of peal ringing. I congratulate him most heartily and sincerely.—Yours faithfully.

Hale, Cheshire. J. C. E. SIMPSON.

HEADCORN PEALS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Sone's enquiry regarding peals at Headcorn, Kent, may I take it that the name should read 'James Barham,' not 'Bartram,' as printed.

I have a copy of James Barham's peal book, from which I quote the following:—

Friday, December 26th, 1766, was rung at Headcorn, 5,184 changes of Oxford Tripple Bob in 3 hours, 26 minutes, by Wm. Tilley, Richd. Masters, Stephen Bayley, Edwd. Mason, Jno. Sweetlove, Edwd. Cook, James Barham, Thomas Lacy. Very fine striking and first trial by the above.

No other peal rung at Headcorn appears in the book.—Yours truly, G. W. MOSS. Manningtree, Essex.

THREE COPIES OF FIRST EDITION SURVIVED

Dear Sir,—The book described by Mr. Charles F. Good in your issue of February 11th may be one of the editions of 'The Tintinnalogia.' If Mr. Good will write me giving details of the page numbers on which the various methods are described I will gladly identify it for him. Three copies of the first edition of 'The Tintinnalogia' and only one of the second edition are known to have survived.—Yours faithfully,

Bicester, Oxon. FREDERICK SHARPE.

'TINTINNALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Good's letter re Fabian Stedman's book, according to his description it is undoubtedly 'The Tintinnalogia' which came out before F. S. wrote his book on the method he invented, which he printed in 1677 and dedicated to the College Youths.

When the late W. H. Fussell passed over in 1944 I saved his library of ringing books from being destroyed. We have them arranged in our belfry as a library, and there is nearly every old text book on ringing and most of the books on county bells. But among the text books I found the F. Stedman book on his method. I consulted Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and he recommended me to hand it to the College Youths, which I did in 1945 for safe keeping, as it was too valuable to be in a belfry. The College Youths will be most grateful to receive any old books on ringing, as their library was destroyed in the blitz during the war.

EDWARD H. PRESTON.

Slough, Bucks.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 10th 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Kindred 1, Miss D. Cook (first 720) 2, E. Newton 3, A. E. Coleman 4, R. W. B. Coates (cond.) 5, P. Kindred 6.

TOURS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—During the past three or four years I have organised a peal tour of East Kent during the month of August. This year I propose to break away from tradition and run the tour in another part of the country. I wonder, therefore, if you would kindly allow me the hospitality of your columns to make known the fact that I can offer excellent accommodation to anybody who would care to organise a ringing tour in Kent during August.

My headquarters have always been in Folkestone, and the charge was 6s. per person per night, bed and breakfast, in a very excellent private boarding house. The private coach, a 32-seater, calls at the house every morning and is supplied by the East Kent Road Car Company at a cost of about £60 for about 400 miles. There are some very fine rings of bells in East Kent, and anybody who would care to undertake to organise such a tour would be well rewarded for his efforts, and any such person is invited to write to me for full details of accommodation, private coach and towers. I shall be glad to help in every way.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

THE LADIES' GUILD SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Forty-three members and friends of the Southern District attended the annual meeting of the district at Guildford. Ringing was enjoyed at S. Nicolas', and following an excellent tea at the Y.W.C.A. the ladies held their meeting. The secretary (Miss W. A. Oliver) reported upon a very successful year with a number of new and hon. members.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

In spite of the unfavourable weather, a highly successful meeting of the Central District was held at Dartford, Kent, members and friends being present from a wide area.

At the business meeting held after the service and a splendid tea in Sutton's Hall, five new members were elected. It was proposed that the next meeting should be the annual meeting of the district to be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Clerkenwell.

The suggestion of having an outing in September received good support, so it was decided to proceed in making arrangements. The meeting closed with a very warm vote of thanks to Mrs. Jenkins for making all the arrangements, and to whose efforts the success of the meeting was largely due.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Cambridge District was held in Cambridge on January 22nd. Members and friends were present from Cambridge, Ely, Fulbourn, Harston, Hockwold, Melbourn, Meldreth, Newmarket, Over, Little Shelford, Sawston, Sudbury and Trumpington.

The ringers' service was held at Great St. Andrew's and was conducted by the president of the branch, the Rev. P. D. Chamier (Vicar). After the service the ringers were entertained to tea in St. Andrew's Parish Room by the president and Mrs. Chamier.

At the business meeting the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier; Ringing Master, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; Deputy Master, Mr. C. Hurst; secretary, Mr. N. L. Martin; deputy secretary, Mr. C. W. Cook; committee, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, A. Hurst and C. Hurst. Mr. C. W. Cook was also elected secretary-treasurer of the District Bell Repair Fund. The following new members were elected: Miss A. Stockdale (non-resident), Mr. P. Pigg, Mr. T. Howe, Miss I. Start and Mr. P. Matthews.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

That all 11 belfries were ringing regularly for Sunday services was reported by Mr. C. Denyer at the annual meeting of the Farnham District on January 29th, which was attended by a company of 70. He mentioned the rapid strides towards proficiency at Hawley under the leadership of the Rev. K. C. Davis, and the growth of the Ash Bell Fund.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, secretary and treasurer, reported that the total district membership was 129, of whom 105 were ringing members. Average attendance at the district meetings had been 46, including the Three Guilds' Festival at Yorktown, attended by 109 bell-ringers from 40 towers. Mr. Joyce spoke of the seriousness of the financial position, and it was eventually agreed to ask the Guild to amend the subscription ruling so that the district could impose an annual levy of 6d. on each member in addition to the two shilling subscription fee.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. S. Joyce; auditor, Mr. P. Eldridge; executive committee representatives, Mr. P. Eldridge, Mr. W. Viggers and Major E. J. Bragg.

Mr. W. Viggers congratulated Major E. J. Bragg on being awarded the M.B.E. The chairman (Mr. Stedman) was also congratulated on having attained his 80th birthday.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild.

The bells at Farnham Parish Church were rung for two hours prior to the meeting, and a special service was conducted in the church by the Rector of Farnham (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), assisted by the Rev. K. C. Davis (Vicar of Hawley). In the evening there was ringing at Aldershot Parish Church.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at the Cathedral, Chester, on January 29th, with the Dean, Bishop Norman Tubbs, occupying the chair. The attendance consisted of 55 members and visitors, who included Mr. George Newton.

Ringling in various methods was carried out before the service in the Cathedral, after which the ringers were entertained to tea by the Dean and Chapter. At the business meeting the officers of the branch were re-elected and the quarterly meetings for 1949 were provisionally arranged to be held at Christleton, Handley and Pulford.

Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the tower, and ringing continued until 8 p.m. In addition, the bells of Old St. Mary's were made available, through the kind offices of the Rector (Rev. J. Kingdom).

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT SEVENOAKS

On January 30th, the ringers of Sevenoaks held their first Ringers' Sunday. This had been advertised in the local papers and there were large congregations at both morning and evening services. The choir and clergy were rung in to, and out from, the services with courses of Grandfire Triples on the handbells.

During the course of his sermon the Rector referred to two of the local ringers, Mr. H. J. Ford, who had completed 50 years as a ringer at Sevenoaks when he retired in 1947, and Mr. P. Turley, who had completed 37 years with the band and was still an active member.

The evening service was of particular interest to ringers, as Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, read the lessons and gave the address. The churchwardens were so impressed by this service that they have asked if Ringers' Sunday can become an annual event.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*GERALD ARMSTRONG ... Treble	HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3
+RONALD LORD ... 2	ALAN HOUGH ... 4

†THOMAS C. BELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS C. BELTON.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' ‡First peal in the method.
First as conductor. First peal since rededication. In memoriam
Charles H. Belton.

BISHOPS CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble	FRANCIS MILES ... 4
IVOR GOULTER ... 2	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... 5
PETER BAKER ... 3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A compliment to Mr. P. Baker and Miss R. Ansell on their engagement.
STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOUGLAS FEAR ... Treble	WILLIAM H. TARR ... 4
*DOUGLAS WITT ... 2	FRANK E. HANSFORD ... 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	WILLIAM WARREN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

*First peal 'inside.'

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three different 720's Kent Treble Bob and four different 720's. Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. J. J. TAYLOR ... Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH ... 4
JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 2	EDWARD PHILPOT ... 5
HORACE S. MORLEY ... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

*First peal. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HELEN GORRINGE ... Treble	*ALBERT H. KEMP ... 4
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

*First peal in three methods.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS MARY ATKINSON ... Treble	BERNARD O. MANN ... 4
MISS F. MARY LACEBY ... 2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 5
WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

*First peal. To celebrate the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Guild.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
JOHN CROOKS ... 2	*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 3	*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

*50th peal together. A diamond wedding compliment to Charles W. Parker.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 each of Stedman Slow Course, Reading, St. Dunstan, Antelope, Union, Stedman, Northrepps Pleasure, St. Blaise, Fortune, London, St. Simon's, Norfolk, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

TREVOR PAYNE ... Treble	REGINALD A. DARE ... 4
MARJORIE LEGG ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
EDWARD J. AVERY ... 3	EDWARD E. FISHER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First in 21 methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. J. Atwell.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

ROSEMARY SMITH ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
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BRENDA FELS ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

A compliment to Mr. F. J. Reeve on his golden wedding celebrated on January 21st, 1949.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

A birthday compliment to Miss E. B. Millhouse.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
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GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4	*PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8
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Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 37, WARKWORTH STREET,

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

Tenor size 14 in D.

P. M. FREEMAN (Jesus) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6
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E. M. ATKINS (S. Caths) ... 3-4	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 7-8
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Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 6 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT 37, WARKWORTH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS A. STOCKDALE (Grtn) 1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 5-6
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W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4	P. M. FREEMAN (Jesus) ... 7-8
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*B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (S. Caths).

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

*First peal of Royal. Tenor size 14 in D.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

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

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

OBITUARY

MR. E. D. BINNING.

His friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. E. D. Binning, of Cheddar, Somerset, on February 13th, at the early age of 32. He was previously captain of the local band and a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The funeral on Feb. 17th was at St. Andrew's Church, and six members of the local band acted as bearers.

A quarter-peal was rung after the interment by the following: C. Richardson 1, W. Sargent 2, E. C. Wickham 3, E. Fisher 4, R. E. Hudson (cond.) 5, H. Fountain 6, A. Hill 7, J. Small 8. E. C. W.

MR. ISAAC GARSIDE.

The ringers of Moorside Church, Oldham, Lancs, have suffered another heavy blow by the death of Mr. Isaac Garside, which took place on February 7th in hospital after a short illness. He was a regular service ringer at this tower for about 18 years and a member of the Lancs and Yorkshire Associations.

Mr. Garside had rung about 40 peals, 32 being with the writer, among them his first in 1933, and his last only a few weeks ago. His most notable performance was in 1947, when he rang Oldham Parish tenor to a peal of Double Norwich. A few weeks later he repeated the performance, no mean feat, as anyone who knows will agree. He also excelled in the field of sport, and, although he enjoyed all the ball games, readily admitted that bellringing fascinated him most of all.

He was laid to rest near the bells he loved to ring, amid a large gathering. Six of his fellow-ringers acted as pall-bearers, and when the cortege approached the church the muffled bells were rung full pull and stand. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by I. Kay 1-2, H. Barlow 3-4, V. Sykes 5-6, F. Dunkerley 7-8.

The tower bells were rung after the funeral in various methods until 5 p.m. Among the many floral tributes were those from the Moorside and Oldham parish ringers. 'Ike,' as he was known to his many friends, was in his 35th year and a bachelor. I. R.

MR. FRANK CHAPMAN.

The funeral took place at Hawkhurst on February 7th of Mr. Frank Chapman, who was a member of St. Lawrence's band for 54 years. He was captain for many years and retired when the ban on ringing was introduced.

A fine tenor ringer, few could cover Triples better than he. Of his peals, the one he cherished most was Bob Major for the Coronation of the present King, which was the first by a local band.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Chapman, a nephew, and Mr. L. W. Jarvis represented the St. Lawrence band. The bells were rung half muffled on the Sunday preceding the funeral, but at the express wish of Frank the bells were rung open on the evening of his funeral to 1,260 Grandsire Triples by M. S. Cloke 1, Miss H. Gorringer 2, Miss E. F. Wood (first in method 'inside') 3, F. J. Lambert 4, L. W. Jarvis (cond.) 5, A. H. Kemp 6, W. Gorringer 7, L. T. Pope 8. W. G.

MR. T. HITCHENSON.

The funeral took place on February 8th, at Davenham, Cheshire, of Mr. Thomas Hitchenson, aged 83, who had been a ringer at this tower for many years, but retired when the ban was imposed. In his memory a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung the same day by J. Booth (first quarter) 1, Miss Nancy Evans 2, A. G. Lawrence 3, A. Booth 4, H. Parker 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6.

Winchester and Portsmouth

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Basingstoke on January 29th, and was attended by over 100 ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the branch chairman, the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, and an address given by the Rev. G. M. Vallance, Rector of Sherborne St. John.

After tea in the Church Cottage, the business meeting was held. Membership of the district was given as 137, with six hon. members. The death of the Master of the Guild, Mr. George Williams, the day before the meeting, was a great blow to all members present, as he always attended the meeting and was a friend to all; he will be greatly missed. Mr. S. J. Riddell, of Yateley, another very old member of the Guild and a ringer at Yateley for 40 years, also has died. He too had set a fine example in teaching others to ring, ringing for services and practices, besides being of a friendly nature.

The chairman, in closing the meeting, said he was surprised to see visitors from as far apart as London and Northampton, and he felt that ringing was a great brotherhood, and was pleased to be associated with such an ancient art.

The bells of St. Michael's and All Saints' were kept going until 9 o'clock in a variety of methods.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

A record attendance of 66 attended the 15th annual meeting at Diss at February 5th. A special service was conducted by Canon J. A. Appleton (Rector). Owing to the large number present, the tea and meeting were held in the Magistrates' Room.

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided, supported by Canon Appleton, vice-president, Canon T. A. Nock, Rev. J. T. Poole, Rev. F. E. Vokes, Mr. N. Golden, Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Harrison, Branch Secretary, and Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, E. Whiting, W. G. Saunders, F. C. Roper, and E. Philipo. The officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. E. Whiting as Ringing Master for the South Norfolk Branch.

Mr. Harrison, on behalf of the branch, congratulated Mr. F. W. Middleton, B.E.M. (who was present), on the great honour bestowed upon him in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Golden thanked the Rector and all who helped, also the Suffolk ringers present and members of the Royal Air Force.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Congratulations were extended to Bentley at the annual meeting of the society on January 29th, when they were awarded the Walker cup for Sunday attendance. The placings were: Bentley 312 (out of 312), Doncaster 308, Thorne 295.

Canon L. L. Davis (president), in announcing the result, said two years ago there were no ringers at Bentley, and all the present band had been taught to ring since then.

The cup was presented by its donor, Mr. Harold Walker, of York, to Mr. R. Sander-son, of Bentley. Reference was made to the sterling work of Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, who had taught all the ringers at Bentley almost single-handed, and without whom the five bells at Bentley would have been silent.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley; peal secretary, Mr. F. Newsome; auditors, Messrs. E. Cooper and H. Wagstaffe; committee, Messrs. E. Darlingwater, E. Padgett and B. Burkitt. Ten new members were elected, six coming from Sprotborough.

The service at St. George's Church, Doncaster, was conducted by the president, and the tea organised by the wives of Doncaster ringers was enjoyed by a company of 50.

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BIRTH

COLCOMBE.—On Feb. 14th, 1949, at Rodney House, Walton, to Doris Eva (née Jones), wife of Herbert Colcombe, a daughter, Valentine Dawn. 4847

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 4843

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MISCELLANEOUS

WROTHAM, KENT.—The tower secretary is now Miss Edna M. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 4856

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The monthly practices at St. Martin-in-the-Fields have been changed from first Wednesday to first Tuesday of March and April at usual time.—G. W. Steere. 4855

MEETINGS

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—No ringing at All Saints', Eastbourne, to-morrow. St. Mary's available 2.30.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 4860

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Roydon (6) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus Service from Epping hourly, commencing 2.50. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4786

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting Tuddenham, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Bring own food. Bus leaves Ipswich 2.20 and 3.45.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4824

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon (6), Feb. 26th, 3. No arrangements for tea.—J. F. Wilkinson, Dis. Hon. Sec. 4800

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—Annual meeting at Bures (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3.15, following dedication of new peal board. Tea only for those who notify Mr. Leslie Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk. Business follows. A good company is requested to welcome the new Vicar.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 4812

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Terrington St. John. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 4801

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. No tea. Meeting 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4808

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting Swaffham, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea as soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 4809

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 26th. Stoke Poges, 3; Slough, 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4810

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. John at Hackney.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4829

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Meeting Feb. 26th, Netley Abbey, postponed; illness near church.—G. Pullinger. 4837

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) at 3. Service at 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Mar. 5th. 4805

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor (10), Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield, 11.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 4818

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting Neath (6), Mar. 5th, 3. Service and business meeting.—E. Stith, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 4797

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Bells: St. Martin's (12), 1; Bishop Ryders (8), 2; Aston (12), 3; St. Chad's (8), 3.30; Cathedral (12), 4.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, Sat., Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. Names or numbers very essential not later than Wednesday, Mar. 3rd.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 4796

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Hanslope on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks. 4823

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Mar. 5th, Christ Church, Southport. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea by Mar. 2nd, please, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale. 4838

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Business 6.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 4383

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 131st anniversary will be held Saturday Mar. 5th. Bells available at 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please notify R. White, 68, Eaton Road, Appleton, Berks. 4802

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Felkirk, Saturday, Mar. 5th, 2.30 Tea provided for those who notify me not later than Mar. 3rd.—Daniel Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4858

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Ospringe, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head only to those who notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 16, King's Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, Mar. 2nd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4820

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting London, Mar. 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Great Baddow (8) available 7-9. Numbers for tea.—Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4831

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Finchampstead (6) on Saturday, Mar. 5th, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 4834

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Cheadle, Saturday, Mar. 5th. C.E. bells 3 to 5, R.C. 6 to 9. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. W. Potts, 28, Town End, Cheadle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4836

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagden (6), Mar. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4840

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting and Lancaster Branch half-yearly meeting at Lancaster, St. Peter's, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (10) available 1.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster, by Wednesday, Mar. 2nd.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 4842

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Fish tea available, 2s. Names to Mr. G. H. Dunnington, 2, The Broadway, St. Ives, by Friday, Mar. 4th.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4831

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Crediton (8), Mar. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Mar. 3rd.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 4845

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, Mar. 5th, at Mansfield, St. Peter's. Bells 3.30 to 5.45 and 7 to 9. Tea, 2s. 6d. per head, at 5.45. Names to Mr. Charles Carr, 3, Forest Road, Mansfield, Notts, by Wednesday, Mar. 2nd, latest.—Wm. Thornley. 4846

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Dedication at Somerby, Saturday, Mar. 5th, by Bishop of Leicester, 3 p.m. Tea and handbells in Institute. All ringers welcome (no names).—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 4849

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Three Horse Shoes.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4850

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Lower Beeding, Mar. 5th, 3. Tea. Notify G. T. Sennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Mar. 2nd. Bus, Horsham Carfax.—G. T. Jennings, Hon. Div. Sec. 4853

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Henry A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 4851

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Saturday, Mar. 12th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please advise early for tea.—H. J. Sanger. 4848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, Saturday, Mar. 12th, Central Club, Chain Street Reading, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4804

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Backwell on Sat., Mar. 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Mar. 8th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 4844

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting Staverton, Mar. 12th. Names for tea no later than Monday, Mar. 7th, to Miss P. Jackson, The Red House, Staverton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 4839

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Names for tea to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, by Mar. 8th. 4832

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, by Wednesday, Mar. 9th.—L. Baines, Dis. Sec., 30, Cotterells Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 4858

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall 5. Names early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 4854

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—March 12th, St. Mary's, Merton Park, 1.45 to 2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham (Colliers Wood station), 2.45 to 4. Tea own arrangements, 4 to 5. Business, The Hall, Ravenslea Road, 5 to 5.40; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 5.45 to 8. Any person wishing to come on outing but does not wish to be catered for, cost approximately 16s.—A. F. Udall. 4859

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 25th, 1949, as reported at annual general meeting, London County. Please write stating number of seats required. Enclose deposit on seat(s). Latest date for booking seats Feb. 28th. Postal orders to be crossed: Write A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4794

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Mr. J. W. Jones reported on the recent recasting and augmentation of Blaenavon bells, and it was learned with satisfaction that the four bells at Porthkerry are to be increased to six and that there is an enthusiastic band there who, under Mr. L. J. Malings, are ringing 24 variations of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus.

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