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MORE ABOUT WASTAGE

By N. CHADDOCK.

I AM in agreement with the theme of C. K. L.'s article, 'Wastage,' in your issue of February 25th. Perhaps the greatest loss is the one who gives up just after reaching a reasonable stage of proficiency, since he is, so to speak, an investment (of time, energy and patience) which brings no return. Such a loss is most likely with ringers who learn in their late teens (though this is the most suitable age). Probable causes are military service, marriage and pressure of other interests and growing responsibilities.

Regular attendance for service ringing demands real sacrifice, and is of prime importance, as if this was non-existent other ringing activities would be impossible, for bells would not be available as they are at present. The paramount need to-day in many areas is to restock our belfries with ringers, and it is foolish to let a band get very low before attempting to train replacements.

As the process of swinging a bell cannot be slowed down, many instructors break down the process into several separate (and artificial) processes, which, when mastered separately, have still to be pieced together. I think it is a mistake to prolong these separate processes beyond the first practice. Quicker results are obtained by introducing the pupil to all operations almost at once, starting by raising the bell (with assistance). The pupil's hands are then fully occupied, and not forming the habit of doing nothing during part of the operations (as when the instructor does one stroke).

The aim is to accustom the pupil at once to the operations which must be performed in sequence and time to harmonise with the movements of the rope and thus control the swing of the bell. Rounds should be varied with call changes to give practice in gauging by ear the distance to be allowed over bells of different sizes. Within a few weeks of first starting, a fairly bright pupil will be ready for attempting to learn plain hunting to Grandsire Doubles (tenor behind), followed by Plain Bob Minor. Each stage should receive only the minimum practice to permit the next to be attempted until Plain Bob 'inside' is being practised. Too long on one stage causes the next to be more difficult to assimilate.

Important points in handling for beginners are:—

- (1) Stand feet together, body straight.
- (2) Arms full stretch at point of balance.
- (3) Long vertical pulls both strokes, free hand to backstroke immediately sally is released.
- (4) All fingers of both hands round the sally and hands almost touching on sally and tail end.
- (5) Bell just over balance with minimum effort, but tight rope.
- (6) Eyes level to centre of circle, never on the sally.

Undoubtedly, comfortable counter-attractions (i.e., bed on Sunday mornings and pictures on Sunday evenings) make it difficult to attract and retain recruits. Therefore we should brighten and warm our belfries, provide good refreshment at meetings, organise occasional social functions, which may help to bind ringers together.

Loyalty to the Sunday service band to which we are attached demands regular attendance, even when it is not particularly convenient, except where work and illness intervene.

Finally, with all these ladies about, why not a cup of tea on some of these cold practice nights, as with other church activities? Where there's a will there's a way! If none of my previous remarks have stirred up opposing ideas, I am sure this one will!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES CLEGG ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	RONALD 8
JACK CLEGG 3	RICHARD 9
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	ARTHUR LAWDSEY 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	EDWIN BIRKETT 11
THOMAS HORRIDGE 6	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (55). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all except 4 and 5.

TEN BELL PEAL

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH L. STANIER ...Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 2	*JOHN F. BUTLER ... 7
*A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	WALTER LAGO ... 8
MRS. E. D. POOLE ... 4	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 9
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 5	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GIRLING RIGBY ...Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
*JOHN WILKINSON ... 2	*HAROLD TAYLOR ... 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	*PHILIP L. PARROT ... 7
*WILFRED H. BUXTON ... 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE ROBT MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

KATHLEEN HARRISON ...Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First in method on bells and by all except conductor.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*LEONARD CHAMBERS ...Treble	*HARRY GARRAT ... 5
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 2	JOHN WILLIAM RAWSON ... 6
*ROLAND BENISTON ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
*C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4	*JAMES W. BOWLEY ...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First in the method as conductor. Rung for the dedication of a memorial tablet to past ringers at Whitwick Parish Church.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HAROLD A. MAY ...Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5
*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
ERNEST LEE ... 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 5
*MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 3	FRANK MEASURES ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ...Tenor

Composed by CHAS. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
* First peal of New Cambridge Major. First peal as conductor in the method. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGKINS ...Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 5
*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
*THOMAS J. CLARK ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to Sara, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley.
Tenor 13 cwt.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation.	Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...Treble	*NORMAN H. YEO ... 5
*PERCY G. YEO ... 2	*DAVID G. YEO ... 6
ERNEST SHEARN ... 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... 7
*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 4	*BERNARD CHARD ...Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First in method. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Yeo and a birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ...Treble	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	ERNEST C. STAFF ... 6
FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 3	THOMAS SIMMONS ... 7
CYRIL J. BARBER ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ...Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

The conductor's 350th peal for the Norwich Association.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.
PATRICK PRESTON ...Treble	HAROLD PAILING ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
*PERCY E. BALL ... 4	HERBERT CAWTHORNE ...Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

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MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Containing 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D flat.

ALFRED SMITH ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM BARTON	5
CYRIL VALENTINE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

In this composition, which is now rung for the first time, all the bells do the full work of each method, and this is the first five-method Surprise peal to be rung with these qualities.

LAMBETH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, 107 changes of method, and all the work of all methods.

Tenor 17 cwt.

T. MARK WHITE ... ..	...Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
MAURICE HODGSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

The first peal in five methods for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON ...Treble	JOHN A. BROWN	5
MARGARET FIDELL	W. NORMAN PARK	6
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAM	ADAM DEAS	7
JOHN ANDERSON	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Surprise Major. A birthday compliment to R. L. Patterson of this belfry and to mark the 36th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES THORLEY ... ..	...Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	HARRY MORGAN	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	J. EDWARD CAWSE	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

* THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS D. FLEETWOOD ...Treble	*DAVID W. BEARD	5
ARTHUR CHAPLIN	GEORGE W. FAULKNER	6
*REGINALD J. FUNNELL	†COLIN E. WRIGHT	7
ALBERT W. BEARD	FRANK V. GANT	Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First in method. † First in method away from treble. A birthday compliment for Miss D. Funnell.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 5 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 10976 CHANCES;

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

E. HARRY STONELEY ...Treble	ALAN CATTELL	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	JOHN J. MORRIS	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The longest peal of Surprise on the bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition. On the 'Richardson Eight.'

GEORGE E. FEIRN ...Treble	MRS. R. RICHARDSON	5
*JOHN E. ALLEN	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	6
JACK BRAY	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
JOHN WALDEN	BERNARD H. DALLIN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... ..	...Treble	ALFRED G. HILL	5
*MRS. E. ROSCOE	2	WALTER LEMON	6
ALFRED E. WILLIAMS	3	PHILIP J. COWARD	7
FREDERICK A. COLEY	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Major and first with a working bell.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ALAN R. ANDREWS ...Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	GEORGE W. MOSS	6
*PAMELA M. PECK	RONALD G. BUGG	7
GEORGE N. ORMAN	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	HERBERT E. AINSLEY	6
FRANK BENNETT	REYNOLD I. SILLS	7
JOHN L. MORRIS (12)	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	Tenor

Composed by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to W. J. Rawlings. First peal in the method on the bells.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
JOHN PINFOLD	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	EDWARD T. LLOYD	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	HENRY H. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5756 CHANCES;

RODERICK J. LEES ...Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
HENRY H. FEARN	*THOMAS HEMMING	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*HOWARD HOWELL	7
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANK OAKSHOTT ...Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON	5
*DAVID MARTIN	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
†ERIC DODDS	ALFRED H. JAMES	7
HELEN Y. GARDENER	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside.'

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY CARTER Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER ... 5
*ERIC EDMONDS 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... 6
REGINALD DORE 3	JOHN WELCH 7
*J. MARTIN PAGE 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
*First eight-bell peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY TUSON Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	*ERNEST GOWER 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
*First peal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. Pitman's Twelve-part. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	HARRY PYE 5
HENRY O. BAKER 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middletown's Composition. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*LESLIE FORSTER 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
*First peal of Cambridge.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*BRYAN W. TRUSLER ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5
†GORDON H. ARGUILE ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY 6
*TERRY THORNER 3	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 7
SIDNEY HARRISON 4	*S. ANTHONY JESSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal on eight bells.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HARRY NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	GEORGE CASE 6
EDWARD EVANS 3	WILLIAM JONES 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. Wilde's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt.	
WILLIAM T. POWELL ... Treble	*JOHN R. COTTERILL ... 5
*JAMES B. BICKNELL ... 2	†GEORGE HUGHES 6
†MAURICE TURNER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	*GEORGE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR MARLOW.
*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN ELLERTON Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4
†PHILIP BARNES 2	JACK BRAY 5
JOHN TOYNE 3	HERBERT PARKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. ‡50th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Ronald Travers.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one 720 Oxford Treble Bob and and three 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS Treble	†FRED INGALL 4
LOWIS WILDERS 2	*PETER MASON 5
*BEAN GLASSUP 3	AMOS INGALL Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
*First peal. †First in three methods.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... Treble	†HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4
*BESSIE MOSS 2	†JOSEPH SAXTON 5
*CYRIL WRIGHT 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
*First peal in three methods. †First peal of Minor.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN ... Treble	*TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4
GEORGE CASE 2	*JOHN WHITING 5
*WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
*First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Pritchard, daughter of the ringers of the 4th.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN (14) Treble	LIONEL E. CHAPMAN ... 4
RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD 2	NEVILLE MOVES 5
JOSIAH MORRIS (81) ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

A. O. LEWIS Treble	†H. NICKLIN 4
*F. WHITWORTH 2	W. H. RAXTER 5
†J. NICKLIN 3	*J. F. NASH Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD C. BEALE ... Treble	FREDERICK WELCH ... 4
JACK W. DREW 2	THOMAS J. HILL 5
REGINALD BEALE 3	THOMAS W. VICKERY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

*First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Feb. 20th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wolstencroft 1, W. Harrison (12) 2, J. B. Robinson (13, first as cond.) 3, D. Ogden 4, R. Wimpenny 5, G. Taylor (12) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Copley 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, E. Beauchamp (first 'inside' in method) 6, S. Hart (cond.) 7, E. Howard 8.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and April Day, and 300 Stedman): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, A. E. Barlow 2, W. Betley 3, R. Gibbons 4, W. J. Vann (cond.) 5, E. Hunt 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Rawlins (first away from tenor) 1, F. Hull 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, W. Sims 4, E. Ashton 5. First quarter by 4 and 5.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, a quarter-peak of Oxford Bob Triples: P. Spice 1, G. Kite 2, E. C. Bishop 3, G. I. James 4, C. C. Cullen 5, M. F. Oakshott 6, J. E. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, S. J. Humphrey 8. First quarter in method 3 and 5.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, F. C. Case 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, F. Vickers 4, Major D. Satow 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, Miss P. Francis 3, M. Sinden 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A 78th birthday compliment to H. Cook.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Feb. 20th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss M. J. Tiller (first on ten bells) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, E. W. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, W. F. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, R. Abbott 10.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Hopkinson (first quarter) 1, R. J. Funnell 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, D. G. Blows 4, C. E. Wright 5, F. Berry 6, A. Chaplin (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8.

DATCHWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Bennett 1, W. T. Holmes 2, T. Turner 3, S. Huckle 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, E. B. McKie (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 5. First quarter since the war.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,324 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Wright 1, B. Newton 2, J. Lawrence 3, E. Pickering 4, F. Bailess 5, W. Newton 6, H. Wright 7, G. Newton (cond.) 8. First quarter-peak in the method for all the band and the first ever rung by a local company in the method for the Hinckley District.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. Langdon 2, R. Mackrell 3, J. H. Alsop 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. W. Stephenson (first as cond.) 6, G. Debenham 7, W. T. Elson 8, J. E. Chilcott 9, H. Belcher 10.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 720 New London Pleasure, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Kent: J. D. Buckingham 1, C. J. Mann 2, A. Appleton 3, W. J. White 4, H. R. Appleton 5, B. C. Mann (cond.) 6. A birthday commitment to the ringers of 3 and 6.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dobbins 1, R. Dunn 2, R. Edwards 3, W. Brown 4, A. Tew 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton (first in the method as cond.) 1, P. D. Feedie 2, J. R. Mayne 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

LENTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bird (first quarter) 1, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 2, W. Ratcliffe 3, P. Nix 4, L. Berry 5, A. Berry 6.

LINCOLN.—On Feb. 19th at St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Court, 180 Plain Bob: F. Dixon 1, A. Melton 2, Miss B. Brown 3, F. Crowe 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6. In memoriam G. Cherril (91) and A. Sendall (80), both sidesmen at the above church.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Barrett (first of Major) 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, Rev. C. C. Cox 8.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lock 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Griffin 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, D. Bishop 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. A compliment to R. Lock, who is joining the Royal Marines.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roes 1, J. Maidment 2, W. A. Theobald 3, J. Sutton 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Russell 6, R. Marlow 7, W. Chalk 8. For 70th birthday of W. Chalk, captain of this tower.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss C. M. Hoare (first quarter) 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell 3, F. Bullock 4, G. Cheshire 5, C. Wenban (first 'inside') 6, G. Hughes 7, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on Feb. 20th, a quarter-peak of Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, D. Sanderson 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, J. W. C. Bythe 5, G. L. Perkins 6, W. Ransome 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8. First Major 'inside' 5 and 7.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. R. Holland 1, P. W. Grocott (first in method) 2, R. S. Anderson 3, Miss M. Rigby 4, C. H. Page 5, F. E. Wilshaw 6, A. Peake (cond.) 7, S. Lightfoot 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. G. Leask (13) 1, D. Thorley (12) 2, T. C. Leask (13) 3, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 4, T. D. Leask 5, F. J. Jackson 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

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LATE NEWS

A broadcast of interest to ringers will take place on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8.15 p.m. on the Home Service when T. R. Robinson and Frank Phillips will be talking about bells generally.

Mr. A. J. Pitman's ingenious composition of Spliced Surprise Major in

five methods, published in 'The Ringing World' on November 12th, 1948, was rung twice on the same day—at Marsden, Yorkshire and Hambeth, London. The peal at Marsden came round at 6.45 p.m., 20 minutes earlier than Mr. Corby's band, who had originally arranged for the attempt on February 12th.

In the earlier days of spliced ringing some people objected to the fact that in spliced peals bells did not have to ring the whole of each method. A composition to overcome this objection eluded our most skilful composers until Mr. H. G. Cashmore produced a peal in four methods which was rung at Lambeth on April 19th, 1947. In the meantime, Mr. Pitman produced a peal with the additional quality of over a quarter peal in each method. This composition has been rung on at least three occasions.

Mr. F. Charles Goodman is the first ringer to circle Mulbarton, Norfolk, tower.

Mr. B. J. Saddington has twice 'circled' Cranford, Northants, his native tower.

London Surprise Royal enthusiasts are at it again! Two members of the Central Council participated in No. 3 version at Beddington.

The 75th anniversary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers occurs on March 21st and not February 12th as suggested by the Broadclyst peal published last week.

The peal at Wednesbury on February 21st was in honour of Mr. E. J. Tyler's 53 years as a ringer at the church and also a birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Cotterill.

The handbell peal at Bournemouth, a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson, was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. Mr. Wilson's hospitality after the event was much appreciated by the band.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Henry Johnson commemoration dinner at Birmingham last Saturday was an outstanding success. A company of 246 was present, and the efficient new secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, had to return remittances in over 50 letters from late applicants.

In the chair was Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, who for the past 20 years had been secretary of St. Martin's Guild. The story of the dinner and the appreciation of Mr. Reeves' service will be told in our next issue.

Towards fulfilling his objective of ringing peals in every 8, 10 and 12-bell tower in Kent, Mr. Frank Bennett, now 81, has two more towers to visit successfully.

The first peal on the 'Richardson' eight of Lincoln Cathedral was rung on February 19th. The band was made up of officers of the Lincoln Guild and Mrs. Richardson, who rang the bell which was installed in memory of her late husband.

Our bell foundries are helping the export drive in no unmistakable manner. In two years the Whitechapel Foundry have sent 70 bells to the Province of Quebec, and have on order a ring of eight for Queensland and a ninth bell for the same church.

With the 'touch of Bristol' at the Bell Foundry on February 19th, 'our evergreen Ernie' completed his 110th peal on the bells. This, besides being a record, includes five peals of 9,000 changes and over, and he has conducted the longest (13,440 in 1922) peal on the bells.

The Acoustics Group of the Physical Society invite ringers to their annual meeting at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, W.1, on March 18th at 2.30 p.m. A paper will be read on the acoustics of bells, followed by a discussion.

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LETTERS

PEAL OF BRISTOL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the 5,024 Bristol Surprise Major published in your issue of December 17th transgresses the accepted principle that only one type of bob should be used in a composition.

There is no objection to sixths place bobs in Bristol, but both fourths and sixths place bobs should not be used in the same composition.

No doubt the Peals Analysis Committee has already taken the necessary action in the matter.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

RECORDING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—When charges for printing have doubled, necessity compels Guild reports to restrict space and to omit much interesting copy, peals reports are compressed to a minimum. Even so, peals are performances, prided by ringers and indicators of progress in the art to be emulated by young ringers. Young and ambitious ringers may emulate the doings of W. Pye, F. Bennett or G. E. Fearn like a budding cricketer does a Bradman or Hutton. They do so through the records of performances; old ringers do the same and wonder, often, at the performances. Why, then, limit in any way the number of peals rung by a so-called peal grabber? Why reduce the records of such to the use of microscopic type? Tradition and practice have established a way of setting out records of peals which is good. Why change it? I am as interested in the peals rung by many whom I know only by name as I was in the records of Ranji or Grace when I was a boy. Please don't reduce the type so that I can read it only by use of a microscope.—Yours faithfully,

FRED C. SMALE.

Okehampton.

HOLY WEEK AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I agree wholeheartedly with the greater part of Mr. Rogers' letter in your edition of March 4th, but surely the most important sentence in his letter is as follows: 'As a gesture, why not all peal ringers voluntarily refrain from peal ringing for the last two or three weeks in the Lenten season?' This, I would suggest, has more significance than Mr. Rogers at first appreciated.

Apart from the fact that 'The Ringing World,' as suggested, would be able to get abreast of peal reports, is it too much to expect ringers to forgo a peal during the latter half (if not all) of the Church's most solemn and sacred season?

We in this great ringing fraternity like to think of ourselves as church officials (in the Sussex Association we have this as an object laid down in the rules), and as church officials we should be active Christians and as such should be among the first to recognise the Lenten season, not as a morbid and miserable season, but as a period of quiet respect and temperance.

Let us not this year read of peals being rung during Passion Week and even on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as was, I think, the case last year.—Yours faithfully,

PETER H. ROLLISON.

Eastbourne.

CRICKET PROFESSIONALS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I see it was stated in the obituary of Mr. George C. Collins that he was probably the only ringer who had been a cricket professional. I have rung several times in the company of Mr. Sam Coe, of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, who was for many years a well-known and popular member of Leicestershire County Cricket Club, and I believe he still officiates as scorer for the team.—Yours faithfully,

H. L. WYKES.

Thurnby, Leics.

University of London Society

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER.

The second annual dinner of the University of London Society was held at The Marquis of Granby on February 26th, preceded by ringing at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. A peal of Cambridge Major was rung on the very fine bells of St. John the Baptist's, Barnet, by kind permission of Mr. S. Casley.

Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, the president, took the chair at the dinner. After the toast to 'The Church and King,' Mr. D. Layton proposed that of the Society. This, he considered, was in a flourishing state. Although several members spent much of their time in sporting activities, he did not think it was in any danger of losing its campanological character.

Dr. Simpson replied with an excellent speech, stressing, among other things, the need for good striking. It was a speech in which he explained his favourite precepts at (mercifully) less length than he had applied them at Leeds some days previously.

Mr. G. Carter proposed the toast to the visitors, who included the Masters of the Ancient Societies of College Youths and Cumberland Youths. He thanked Mr. George Cross for the privilege of ringing at St. Martin's.

Mr. J. A. Waugh replied with some amusing incidents of his own ringing career.

After discussing the proposed Whitsun and Summer tours, the party left the premises, only to be recalled to pay the bill!

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BOLTON BRANCH.

There were three striking features at the February meeting of the Bolton Branch at All Souls' Church, Bolton, viz., youth, good striking and a high order in the methods rung. Out of a very large attendance youth predominated, both male and female. Some who are still at school handled their bells and rang the methods in a manner that must have been the envy of some of the older members. Great credit must be extended to their tutors.

All Souls' bells are very good, both in tone and 'go,' and the excellent striking caused the ringing to be very much enjoyed. The Acting Ringing Master did not find it difficult to fit all in with their particular method, because most of them were 'Surprise' bent, and when a touch in a Surprise method was being rung there were more 'standing behind' watching than ringing. The meeting can be regarded as a good omen for the future.

Along with the local towers there were visitors from Hereford, Southport, Liverpool, Morecambe, Whittle-le-Woods, Standish, Rochdale, Adlington, Ashton, Manchester and Parbold.

A 15-minute service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a hearty welcome to his church. Cups of tea were provided. Mr. F. G. Bradley moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Prestbury on February 26th proved very popular. Visitors and members attending represented over twenty towers, the former coming from as far afield as Burford, Witney, Swindon, Ross-on-Wye, Bristol and Kingston-on-Thames, in addition to those usually present.

A wedding caused some delay in starting ringing, but the bells having been raised in peal before, no time was lost after. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Hill, who also presided at the meeting, supported by the Master, Mr. Kynaston, and the Rector of Alderton.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, and was all of a much higher standard than is usual at meetings. C. R.

Central Council at York

DIFFICULTIES OVER ACCOMMODATION.

It has been very difficult to arrange accommodation at York for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday. Members of the Council are advised to book immediately. The following is a list of available accommodation:

LICENSED HOTELS.

Adelphi Hotel, Railway Street, bed and breakfast 15s., lunch 3s. 6d. to 5s., dinner 5s. (Minimum booking four days.)
Ainsty Hotel, Boroughbridge Road, b. and b. 12s. 6d., dinner 5s. (21s. per day).
City Arms Hotel, Fawcett Street, b. and b. 14s. 6d., lunch 5s. 6d., dinner 5s. 6d.
Dean Court Hotel, Duncombe Place, b. and b. 16s. 6d.
Embassy Hotel, The Mount, b. and b. 15s. (double 25s.), dinner 5s.
Great Northern, Railway Street, no terms given.

Old George Hotel, Fossgate, b. and b. 14s. 6d., lunch 5s., dinner 5s.
Windmill, Blossom Street, b. and b. 12s. 6d., lunch 3s. 6d., high tea b. and b. 16s. 6d.
Youths Hotel, High Petergate, b. and b. 14s. 6d., lunch 3s. 6d. to 5s., dinner 5s.

UNLICENSED.

City Hotel, Lendal, b. and b. 12s. 6d., lunch 4s., dinner 5s.
Galtres Lodge Guest House, b. and b. 12s. 6d., lunch 3s. 6d.
Mrs. L. Cobb, Grosvenor House, High Petergate, b. and b. 12s. 6d., no lunch.
No headquarters have been fixed.

Middlesex County Assn.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

Heston was the scene of a great gathering of the Middlesex Association, when on Feb. 12th the South and West District met at this beautiful church for their annual meeting. It was the best attended annual for many years, over 60 members being present.

The occasion was a very happy one for the Association, who were meeting the new Vicar, the Rev. Preb. F. W. Ferraro, for the first time. The warmth of his welcome will be long remembered, and another link has been forged in the chain of happy memories going back over fifty years between Heston and the Middlesex County Association.

The district secretary, in presenting his report, spoke of another successful year. Thirteen district meetings had been held with an average attendance of over forty. Peals had been well maintained, while quarter-peals for service showed a remarkable increase, St. John's, Hillingdon, under their very able leader, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, topping the list with nine. Membership was on the increase, and the statement of accounts showed a considerably increased balance over previous years, this being the first full year of the revised rules governing finance.

The officers elected were: Hon. district secretary, Mr. F. A. Finch; assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. W. W. Webb; Deputy Master, Mr. Tony Price; Central Committee, Messrs. F. W. Baldwin, T. G. Bannister and J. E. Lewis Cockey; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Newly-elected members were Preb. F. W. Ferraro, J. Ricketts, Miss A. Ricketts (Heston), D. Fowles (Cranford), D. Beveridge (Chislehurst), B. J. Bennett, Mrs. B. I. Davies (Ealing, St. Mary's), Miss D. Luke (Ealing, Christ Church), W. T. Cook (Ealing, St. Stephen's) and P. Thrift (Ruislip).

The vice-president (Mr. W. H. Coles), speaking from the chair, congratulated Mr. Tony Price on his recent performance of ringing two bells and conducting a peal at his own tower at Feltham. Congratulations were also accorded Mr. H. C. Chandler for 60 years of devoted and faithful service at Heston. Thanks were accorded to all those who helped in providing tea and for making the meeting such a success.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

Nearly every tower in the branch was represented at the annual meeting at Spalding on February 26th, and visiting ringers were present from North Mymms, Newark, Lincoln, Boston and Algarkirk.

During the short service the president, Canon Carnegie, dedicated a peal board commemorating the last peal in which the late Master of the Guild, Mr. Rupert Richardson, took part. The peal board, finished in black with gold lettering, was ably executed by Mr. A. W. Coles, who was also at the meeting.

The balance sheets, showing favourable balances, were read and adopted. All the officers were re-elected, and new members from Pinchbeck and Crowland were accepted.

A discussion about the outstanding deficit on the Richardson Memorial Fund followed, with the result that £2 13s. 6d. was collected, and a second grant of £20 was made from the General Fund. Mr. J. A. Freeman, Guild Master, thanked the meeting very warmly for this generosity, and hoped it would set a good example to the rest of the Guild. There now remains roughly £40 to be found, and any contributions will be received gratefully.

The quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: April 23rd, Gedney Hill; June 11th, Deeping St. Nicholas; August 6th, Crowland; November 12th, Gedney. It is proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Eastern Branch at Bicker when the augmented ring of eight bells is opened in April.

Mr. J. A. Freeman announced that he will propose, at the annual Guild meeting at Lincoln on April 30th, that half-yearly Guild meetings be held, one at Lincoln and the second at each of the other three branches in rotation.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION.

Fifty members attended the annual divisional meeting at Chichester on February 19th, when the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan-Jones (Dean of Chichester) conducted the Association's service in the Cathedral.

Mr. F. I. Hairs (Moster) presided at the business meeting, held in the Chapter House. The meeting expressed pleasure at the attendance of the Ven. Lancelot Mason (Archdeacon of Chichester). The Archdeacon, replying, spoke of his visitations in the diocese and deprecated the practice of leaving bells up for long periods.

The divisional secretary's report showed an increase in membership and, with three towers joining during the year, 21 were now in affiliation in the division. The balance sheet showed an increased balance in hand.

Subject to permission being given, meetings are to be held at Easebourne (April), Slinfold (May), Bosham (June), Shipley and Itchingfield (July).

The Divisional Ringing Master (Mr. R. Wood, jun.) catered for all grades of ringers in his usual adept style during ringing in the afternoon and evening.

5.184 BOB MAJOR
COMPOSED (?) BY G. DODDS.
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Three times repeated.

Single at + in 1st and 3rd parts.

First rung at Osmington School, Tring, on Sunday, December 19th, 1948.

Not a musical peal for tower bells.

Beverley and District Society

MEETING AT HULL.

'A ringers' delight' was how the visit of the Society to the 13th century Church of the Holy Trinity, Hull, on February 12th, was described. In 1727 the existing six bells were recast into eight. They have since been recast at various dates and augmented to ten with a tenor of 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D. Recently the bells were overhauled and fitted with ball bearings making a very fine ring.

The afternoon ringing, owing to the proximity of the Market, was at St. Mary's, Lowgate, where a press photographer took a picture for 'The Hull Daily Mail'.

During the singing of Psalm 150 at the service in Holy Trinity Church a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by M. Walker 1-2, C. Barker 3-4, G. F. Williams 5-6, L. Rodmell 7-8. Mr. A. H. Fox was the organist.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon), during his address, called attention to the beautiful carvings of angels, each with a different musical instrument, on the pillars in the choir. He compared the unknown sculptors of these carvings to the bellringers and belfry, who out of sight gave anonymously the great message of God's eternal love for all the world.

At tea at the Trocadero Cafe the company, numbering sixty, were welcomed by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Hull. Their welcome was acknowledged by Mr. G. F. Williams (the president) and Mr. A. H. Fox.

The secretary read an apology from Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), who had met with an accident with a circular saw. A letter of sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery had been sent.

Hessle was selected for the meeting on March 12th, and Sutton for that on April 9th. Mr. L. Rodmell was elected an honorary member and Miss Davey and Miss Jackson active members.

After the votes of thanks, the Lord Mayor accompanied the ringers to the belfry of Holy Trinity and saw the bells called off to Grandsire Caters, followed by Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and other methods.

JOINT MEETING

LADIES' GUILD (NORTHERN) AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A joint meeting of the above Societies was held on February 27th at Batley. The belfry here has many advantages over some of our more famous churches with their noble spires, causing the ringers long, wearying climbs to the ringing chamber, for at Batley the ringers go down two steps only. The ring is a light one and full use was made by all present.

A splendid tea was arranged by Mr. W. H. Senior. After tea the Ladies' Guild had first use of the Church Schools for their business meeting, while the tower bells were kept going by the men. After further touches the Leeds Society business meeting was held in the schools, Mr. T. Hill presiding.

The secretary reported that the room offered before the last meeting for the Jubilee Dinner was not now available and that he had not been successful in obtaining another. After discussion it was decided to postpone the dinner until the end of April and that the secretary make further efforts to obtain accommodation.

Three new members from Rothwell were elected, viz., Allan Strangeway, Josh. Wormald and George Perkins.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, who explained to the members how Mr. Senior had fixed up the meeting at very short notice and deserved the warmest thanks. Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded and expressed the hope that it would not be long before Mr. Senior was once again ringing and fully recovered from his present disability.

The next meeting will be at Armley on March 26th.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS 'A. SMITH.

We regret to announce the death of Francis Arthur Smith, of Bushey, which occurred at his home on February 27th, after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Smith, who was in his 85th year, was a native of Worcester, but came to Bushey in the early 90's, as head gardener at Haydon Hill, and soon afterwards took up bellringing and rang his first peal at Bushey in August, 1896. His peal list totals 180, in methods up to Bristol Surprise and Stedman Caters.

He was made president of the Hertford County Association in 1927, and was for some time captain of the Bushey Society, and maintained his interest in ringing until the end, eagerly looking forward to seeing 'The Ringing World' each week.

Besides his local societies, Mr. Smith was a member of the Middlesex Association, the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, and at his cremation at Golders Green on March 2nd the writer represented these societies. His favourite method was Stedman and he was very proud of having rung peals in this method on every bell of Bushey, Oxhey and Aidenham. M.F.R.H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Halcyon weather and a warm welcome awaited the 65 members and friends who attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District at St. John's, Deptford, on February 5th. The Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Livermore) led the service and gave an address.

A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' preceded the business meeting, at which Mr. F. W. Richardson presided. The 14 new members elected included six from Eltham and four from the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and one hon. member. Mr. P. A. Corby read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone. This was adopted. St. Mary Cray was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on April 30th, with Chelsfield as alternative if necessary. October 1st was suggested as the date of the annual combined meeting with the Surrey Association (at St. Peter's, Croydon, Surrey being the host this year).

Mr. G. V. Murphy was elected district representative to succeed Mr. P. A. Corby, who now serves on the committee by virtue of his office of peal secretary. It was agreed to hold the annual social at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, December 3rd.

IRISH NEWS

A new ring of six is to be installed by midsummer at St. Donard's, Belfast. Some 20 to 30 prospective ringers attended a meeting on February 8th to inaugurate the St. Donard's Society. Two very able ringers are foundation members, Mr. George McCleave, formerly of Ballylesson, and Mr. James Rush, of Holywood. A sum of £1,600 has been raised by the parishioners for the bells, which will be a memorial to the late Canon Moore, a former Rector.

The quarterly meeting of the Irish Association was held at Ballymena on February 12th. It was reported that change ringing in the district was flourishing and many more towers were now taking up this aspect of ringing. Membership was also on the increase, and two new towers, St. Donard's, Belfast, and Ballylesson, would shortly be added to those available. The Rev. F. J. Mitchell was elected district vice-president, and Messrs. W. Rogan, J. Campbell and J. T. Dunwoody district representatives on the General Committee. The members were entertained to tea by the local ringers, and afterwards the bells of St. Patrick's, Ballymena, were put to good use in ringing Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

**CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CRANTOCK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1 extent each of Stedman, Reading, St. Martin's, Eynsham and St. Leonard's; 3 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, April Day; 4 extents each of Old, Norfolk, Kennington, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
REV. W. H. TREWHIELLA *Treble* | ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 4
A. HUBERT EPLETT ... 2 | R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... 3 | DONALD DOCKING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

First peal in more than three Doubles methods for the Guild.
First peal in 15 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

**LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.
MRS. KATHLEEN JONES...*Treble* | WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2 | SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 3 | WILLIAM MINOR ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

A birthday compliment to William H. Curson, chairman of the Guild.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 480 Little Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...*Treble* | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 4
ERIC HORNBY ... 2 | DAVID SMITH ... 5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3 | HARRY PARKER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

First peal in eight methods by all.

**RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
ALAN ELSMORE ... *Treble* | P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
JOSEPH GREGORY ... 2 | GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3 | HOWARD HOWELL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
*ALBERT BARBER ... *Treble* | GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 4
*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 2 | BERT GOGLE ... 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 3 | GEORGE P. ADAMS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

*First in seven methods. †First in seven methods 'inside.'
First in seven methods as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.
MISS BESSIE CARTER ...*Treble* | FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 2 | JOHN F. BUTLER ... 5
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 3 | CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
CHARLES H. MOORE ...*Treble* | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4
*GEORGE R. MOORE ... 2 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON 3 | HARRY J. HALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

*First peal of Minor.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's Oxford T.B. and four 720's Kent T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

EDMUND J. WHITING ...*Treble* | STANLEY GILBERT ... 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 3 | G. HENRY DUNNINGTON... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.
*ALFRED OWEN ... *Treble* | MISS ETHEL M. DUPPA 4
*MISS RUBY J. LLOYD... 2 | *JAMES E. FOX ... 5
*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW 3 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW.

*First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local band. First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHERBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*HARRY J. BODENHAM ...*Treble* | GEORGE RATHBONE ... 4
†WILLIAM COLET ... 2 | †WILLIAM H. MALE ... 5
ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 3 | †ERNEST H. BOSWORTH *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*DEREK CHATFIELD ...*Treble* | †STANLEY G. WHITE ... 4
†FREDERICK R. WELLER 2 | CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 5
†JABEZ WALTER ... 3 | †SIDNEY WALTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells and 25th peal. ‡21st peal together. Birthday peal for Sidney Walter, Michael John Weller and the conductor's wife.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8
FRED PRICE ... 9-10
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILLS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.
*ROGER C. PRESTON ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4 | †FRANK VARTY ... 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
*First peal in the method, first of Major, and first on handbells. †150th peal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6
Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

*First peal of Minor in 'hand.' First peal of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting, held at St. Nicholas Church, Wallasey, on February 19th, attracted a gathering of 68 ringers and friends, eleven Wirral towers being represented. During the afternoon and evening the heavy ring of six was kept going to a variety of methods up to London Surprise.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Simpson) conducted an abridged version of the Guild service, and immediately following the company was entertained to tea in a neighbouring cafe.

At the business meeting all existing officers were re-elected en bloc, members deeming it inadvisable to change a 'winning team.' A statement of accounts showed a favourable balance, the hon. auditor commenting on the facility with which he was able to check the items.

The hon. secretary's report stated that enthusiasm for the monthly meetings had not waned, twelve meetings being held and on six occasions the attendance had exceeded 50. The average attendance for the year was 46. Total membership had increased to 137, all classes of members showing an increase. Peal ringing was flourishing, 16 peals being rung, and ten members had scored their first peal. The branch outing had been revived, 60 ringers and friends enjoying a half-day trip to mid-Cheshire, and the second annual social had been attended by over 200 ringers and friends.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING BRANCH.

Among the company of 70 ringers and friends who attended the annual meeting of the Reading Branch at St. Laurence's, Reading, on February 19th, was Mr. P. Kearville, who flew over from Holland specially for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The Bishop of Reading gave the address, Canon Bell, of Nettlebed, read the lesson, and Mr. B. Wakefield (Checkendon) was organist.

The tea at the Parish Hall was attended by the Bishop. At the business meeting Mr. A. Wiggins (branch chairman) presided, supported by all the officers of the Guild.

Mr. Wiggins, who has been chairman for ten years, having expressed a wish to resign, was thanked for his valuable services to the branch and was appointed a vice-president in appreciation. The Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Vicar of Mapledurham, was elected as the new chairman, and he thanked the members for the great honour they had conferred on him. The other officers of the branch were all re-elected, and an addition was made to their ranks by the appointment of Mr. C. Watts, of St. Laurence's tower, as Ringing Master.

It was decided that, in addition to the quarterly meetings, monthly practices should be held at various towers in the branch.

A return was made to St. Laurence's tower, where ringing was carried on until 9 p.m., at the same others went to St. Mary's, where ringing ceased at 8.30. E. G. F.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Moore (first quarter) 1, C. Snowden 2, D. Ta'bot 3, J. Warner 4, R. Suckling 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the Dean, the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: O. Norman 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, J. W. C. Blythe 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, D. Sanderson 6.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Way (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Prescott (first of Triples) 2, A. Lane 3, N. Phillips (first quarter) 4, R. Gale 5, N. Coombs (cond.) 6, H. Prescott 8.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wyles 1, H. Manual 2, H. Chaplin 3, P. Jemmitt 4, E. Eades 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, W. H. Dennett 7, P. Pack 8.

METHOD EXTENSION

A REPLY TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

By W. Taylor, Vice-President, Lancashire Association.

It is very disturbing when Mr. York-Bramble, with his long experience in the art of change ringing, tells us: 'If you cannot get the best or even something nearly passable in the extension of a given method, e.g., London Surprise, you may mutilate it and even add something which is not in the method simply for the doubtful distinction of calling a given series of figures the glamorous name 'London Surprise Royal' or 'Maximus,' thereby hoping to arrive at maximum proficiency in the performance of a peal in the method. In my opinion it is better to forgo fame than to pretend to achieve fame by such doubtful measures.

In his final instalment Mr. York-Bramble tells us: 'It must be emphasised that haphazard trials at extension lead nowhere.' A little earlier in the same column he tells us without a smile: 'He has thoroughly explored possible arrangements and has produced over many years of patient research (haphazardly? W.T.) about as many versions of Royal for London as there are letters in our alphabet, etc.' If this is true it is a very, very weak argument in favour of 'Grid nomenclature.' With the greater scope in Maximus no doubt he has produced several score. Really, he ought to be more careful.

In 'The Ringing World,' February 4th, he gives us a table of Extension characteristics from both structural and ringing points of view, classifying them as essential, or desirable, or otherwise. To save space I will refer to them by their distinctive number only. What does he mean in each of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5? As regards No. 4 ringers in general have so-called 'conventional requirements,' but so far no one has been able to reduce the requirements to a general written statement or formula. The reason being that they apparently differ for each group of methods which have recognised and accepted extensions. For example, surely no one will contend that Stedman is extended in the same way as Grandsire. Grandsire Doubles plain course of 30 rows becomes 70 in Triples, whilst Stedman Doubles plain course of 60 rows becomes 84 in Triples.

So far as No. 7 is concerned, I may be in error, but I have always understood that the Central Council regard No. 7 as essential, at any rate so far as the lead ends and lead heads are concerned. I don't think the C.C. will agree or countenance that the milder word 'desirable' is adequate. They will most certainly insist upon 'essential.' What does 'approximate' mean in No. 9? Again the

word is far too mild. In No. 10 we are up against a difficulty which we cannot solve satisfactorily. It may be put somewhat like this: When proceeding from Minor to Major, which are the added bells and rows? When we write numerically 123456 and 12345678 it appears obvious that 7 and 8 is the added pair. When we augment a ring of six to eight without recasting any of the originals we add a pair of trebles, so it appears that 1 and 2 is the added pair. If we use Mr. York-Bramble's grid nomenclature, AoAeBoBeZoZe becomes AoAeBoBeYoZeZoZe. Here it appears that YoYe corresponding to 5 and 6 is the added pair. By the way, it seems to me to be rather clumsy to designate the positions in the rows as AoAeBoBeYoYeZoZe when using numbers 12345678 is so much simpler and direct. Most of us are aware that 1, 3, 5, 7 are odd and 2, 4, 6, 8 are even.

Personally, I can't see that anything is gained by renaming a half-lead as 'a grid.' Of course it can be looked at that way, but why alter a universally recognised term? Every ringer knows what is meant and there is no ambiguity.

With regard to the added rows to produce Major from Minor, in Treble Bob I think it is generally agreed that the four rows of Minor with treble in 1-2 correspond to the four rows of Major with treble in 1-2. Likewise the four rows of Minor with treble in 5-6 correspond to the four rows of Major with treble in 7-8. Now which, if any, of the eight rows of Major with treble in 3-4 and 5-6 correspond to the four rows of Minor with the treble in 3-4? This is where grid nomenclature breaks down badly and perhaps is responsible for haphazard experiment.

There is no point or advantage in changing the term 'Pivot bell' to 'Grid link.' The place made in addition to that of the treble when the treble is leading is neither a grid link nor a pivot bell. There are only two positions possible or rather permissible when the treble is leading at a plain lead, the others being reserved for Bob leads. The plain lead positions are 2nds and lying behind. In most cases all that happens when one is substituted for the other is that the plain course is rung in a different order of the plain leads with exactly the same changes or rows in each. The exceptions are three: (a) when 2 is pivot bell. 2nds place produces rounds; (b) when tenor is pivot bell, lying behind produces rounds; (c) in the methods where a bell lies back and hand behind, in the last two rows of the lead, lying behind causes four consecutive blows behind, e.g., London.

(To be continued)

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BIRTHS

HOPGOOD.—On March 5th, 1949, at Oatlands Vicarage, Weybridge, to Mary (née Cole) and Frank, a son (Michael Anthony). 4918
SAVORY.—On Saturday, Feb. 26th, 1949, to Elsie (née Leach) and Ernest William Savory, a son (Ian Arthur). 4892

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The address of J. C. E. Simpson is now 8, Elton Road, Woodhouse Lane, Sale, Manchester. 4914

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.'—The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

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No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. 4878

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8), March 12th, 3 p.m. Local cafes available for tea.—C. A. Barron. 4881

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Burton Hastings, near Nuneaton, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton Dis. Sec. 4894

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.—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

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Leamington Spa, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3.50 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangement for tea. 4891

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury District.—Meeting, Great Barton, March 12th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food.—E. W. Pye, Hon. Dis. Secs., Blackhorse Farm, Wickhambrook. 4890

LADIES' GUILD.—Special joint meeting of Central, Guildford and Southern Districts to be held at Beddington, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. Will committee members make effort to attend? Names for tea by March 15th to Mr. D. Parsons, 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, Surrey.—D. E. Liddbetter, W. Oliver, F. I. Hairs, Hon. Dis. Secs. 4852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Rolvenden, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4879

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham (6), March 19th, 2.30. Please notify me for tea by the 15th.—J. W. Rainbun, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 4868

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and **PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Rutland Branch).—Joint meeting.—Meeting at Oakham, Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Towell, 25, West Road, Oakham, not later than Wednesday, March 16th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, S. H. Towell, Hon. Secretaries. 4869

DUDLEY GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, March 19th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for numbers only received March 15th.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4867

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland, St. Ignatius', Saturday, March 19th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland, by March 17th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 4895

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. H. Woolley, 8, Grove Road, Camberwell, S.E., by March 16th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 4893

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Oxtan (8), March 19th. Refreshments provided if notified by 15th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4898

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringer, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4900

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, West Tarring (6), March 19th, 3. Names for tea (by 16th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4899

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Curry (8), Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4901

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Copt Oak Inn. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 4912

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Darlington, St. Cuthbert's (8), March 19th, 2.30. Names by March 16th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4911

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, March 19th, 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4910

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyndhurst, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 16th. Business meeting follows.—Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4905

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, March 19th. Dedication of bells after complete overhaul and rehangings. Service at 3. Tea at 5. Ringing after service. Social in evening. Church is 5 mins. from Blackwater Station. Good train and bus service. Names for tea to Rev. K. C. Davis, Hawley Vicarage, Camberley, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 4903

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—St. Paul's, Hounslow (two minutes Hounslow West, Piccadilly Line), on Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short business 5. Tea nearby cafes.—F. A. Finch, Sec. 4908

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Butcombe, March 19th, 4 o'clock, and Nempnett Thrubwall 6 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4902

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury, March 19th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Will those requiring tea please write to Rev. G. O. Morgan, 136, Parkhill Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4915

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Strton District.—Meeting at Barkby, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify Mr. A. Walker, School Lane, by the 16th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 4897

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches.—John J. L. Gilbert. 4913

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—East-riding, March 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. P. Powls, Rose Neath, Eastington, by Wednesday, 16th. 4916

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Braughing, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 4917

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8 bells), March 19th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4920

BREDFIELD, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of two trebles and recast bells by Gillett and Johnston, Sunday, March 20th, 6.30 p.m. Ringers attending, please notify Rev. H. W. S. Cotton, Bredfield Rectory, Woodbridge. 4906

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, March 26th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Backhill, by March 23rd. 4921

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Saturday, March 26th, Wrexham Parish Church. Bells (10) available 2.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30, Phillips Cafe (2s. 6d. per head). Please notify W. Cathall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by March 22nd. 4919

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. 4917

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual supper and social of the South and West District at the Catholic Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 26th, at 5.30. Tickets (9s. 6d.) available from tower secretaries or from F. A. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, Ealing, W.13. All applications by Tuesday, March 22nd. 4909

GRUNDISBURGH.—Dedication of two new trebles and retuned eight bells in new frame and fittings, March 26th, at 3 p.m. Subscribers and helpers specially invited to service and tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 210a will leave Old Cattle Market, Ipswich, 2.20 p.m. Those requiring tea and bus must notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 4904

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary. The annual meeting will be held in Worcester on Saturday, April 30th, and not Easter Monday as in past.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec. 4888

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice of annual meeting. Date postponed from April 23rd to April 30th. Details later.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 4907

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 13th, 1,386 Grandshire Caters: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown 4, A. Freeston 5, D. White 6, J. Petch 7, F. Dewey 8, W. F. Clarke (cond.) 9. T. Freeston 10.

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