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THE ART OF EXPRESSION

WE have been chided by one of our clerical brethren that the correspondence in our columns relating to the Christmas Day broadcast has left on him an exceedingly disquieting impression of acrimony and trouble-seeking which does great discredit to a fraternity which stands within Christ's Church. He takes the view that because 'The Ringing World' is willing 'to promote so much public discord,' it is an indication that there is a strong undercurrent of unchristian feeling and behaviour beneath the surface of the Exercise.

In our innocence, we do not believe that any of our correspondents were prompted by acrimony and strife in endeavouring to transpose their views to paper on this or any subject. One of the signs of a healthy democracy is freedom of expression, and there is no subject upon which there is a wider divergence of opinion than theology, discussions on which dwarf into insignificance the themes immediately before the Exercise as to whether bells should be rung indifferently when broadcast or that representation should be made to the B.B.C. to ensure that the ringing broadcast should be of a standard representative of change ringing at its best.

The difficulty is that many of our correspondents have not the ability 'to speak with tongues of men and of angels,' as the Epistle for last Sunday so aptly describes this gift, and in consequence without charity their utterances become 'as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' They are, in truth, more accustomed to sounding brass than possessing the pen of a ready writer. Nevertheless, although many cannot detect that greatest of all gifts, charity, in their writings, we believe that there is no animosity behind their words, but rather perhaps a crudeness of expression. We beseech our readers not to interpret criticism, however trenchant, as personal. There are standards of proficiency, and it is only right and proper that these should be placed before the Exercise.

If the voice of criticism was not permitted in our pages the Editor feels that much of the interest and usefulness of the journal would be lost. We know that all our readers do not agree with the Editor and they feel that there is a danger of disrupting the Exercise and in consequence this might lead to neglecting the ringer's primary function to the Church, Sunday ringing. Reform was

never brought about by passive means, and there are die-hards who, whatever the circumstances, will not accept in principle loftier ideals or better interpretation. A parallel example occurred in our own locality when speech rhythm pointing was introduced to a choir. One or two of the older members refused to accept the change and argued furiously against the innovation. But speech rhythm eventually won and was accepted and appreciated by the congregation. Those of the choir who would not conform have been replaced. The same story has repeatedly been told of towers that have introduced change ringing in place of call changes.

A better standard of ringing cannot be introduced in the twinkling of an eye. It is a slow and gradual process and in the main it depends on the next generation of ringers—people taught to use their ears before their sight in the belfry. The trouble about ringing is that there are too many of the old school who think ropesight is all sufficing. There is no lack of ideas on the best method of teaching a young band and many suggestions have been made in these columns. Mr. Brian D. Price in a letter published this week says quite bluntly that 'the time has come when the "hard school" way of instruction must go.' But good instructors are not just round the corner, and every tower and district must depend on the resources available. There is no better satisfaction to the experienced ringer than to be able to say of someone climbing the ladder of ringing ability 'He was a pupil of mine.' A good pupil gives infinite pleasure to his instructor and happy memories that last a lifetime.

The idea of the Exercise having fixed standards and principles, established by democratic means by the votes of the Central Council representatives of all the Guilds and Associations, is still repugnant to some of our readers. But there must be some controlling body—a Church Assembly for ringers. The vision that Sir Percival Heywood gave to ringers in the last century has indeed become a reality to those who take their ringing seriously. This common membership through Guilds and Associations begets fraternity. To those who say facetiously, 'Who are the Central Council?' we would reply in the words of Lewis Carroll:—

Speak severely to your boy,
And beat him when he sneezes.
He only does it to annoy,
Because he knows it teases.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

JOHN SCOTT	Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	9
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*WINIFRED M. BURTON	Treble	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDAL	2	†JOHN HILL	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ALFRED BALLARD	9
†PETER J. STANFORTH	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
JILL POOLE	5	†TERENCE A. THORNBUR	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	LEONARD TREVOR	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN RIDER	Treble	JOHN WORTH	6
ANNE WORTH	2	*EDWIN SHARRATT	7
*CATHARINE M. TRIST	3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	9
*ARTHUR PEAKE	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and for the Association.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, DENYS AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*HUGH REYNOLDS	Treble	RICHARD LONGDEN	6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH	2	HAROLD LONGDEN	7
†MARY WALSHAW	3	ROGER LEIGH	8
†REV. PETER ROBBINS	4	RICHARD BENSON	9
REV. F. F. RIGBY	5	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD (15).

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells. Rung to the glory of God and in honour of the 80th birthday of Canon Peter Green, D.D., M.A., sub-Dean of the Cathedral.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

C.C.C. No. 99.		JOAN GRAY	5
JOHN M. PAYTON	Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	6
GEOFFREY F. CARTER	2	PHILIP BLAKE	7
THOMAS BEVAN	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	Tenor
FREDK. A. BARKER	4		

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

A farewell peal to Philip and Joan Gray, who sail for Australia on March 1st. First peal for the Society as conductor. First peal for the Society on the recast ring.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE	Treble	JAMES EDGAR	5
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	2	FREDK. E. DUKES	6
*TOM SMELTZER (17)	3	JAMES LEWIS (17)	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	†HARRY BROWN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. 250th peal rung for the Association. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Briggs.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Pudsey, Cambridge and Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES A. MILNER	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
FREDK. DUNKERLEY	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

In this composition all the bells do all the work of all the methods. Rung to celebrate the installation of the Vicar, Canon A. T. Parker, as a Canon of Chester Cathedral.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	Treble	†FRANK MILLINGTON	5
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS	6
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	HENRY HURST	Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as a tribute of respect to William Biggin, 70 years a ringier at this church, who died January 11th, 1951, aged 86 years.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	Treble	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	5
*GEORGE R. G. BUTTER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
FREDA OLDERSHAW	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in the method.

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SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 6½ in A.

JOHN N. LINDON Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	H. JAMES TURNER 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	*FRANK REED 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	*GIBSON JACKSON 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	†J. FREDK. MILNER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK .. Treble	ROBERT W. METCALFE .. 5
*BRENDA FELS 2	WALTER AYRE 6
PAMELA A. MARTIN 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES 7
*LESLIE S. BAINES 4	†PETER FELS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Metcalfe (both local ringers), who were married at the above church on Dec. 26th, 1950; also for the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Reeve (the former being captain of the local band for many years); and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	CHARLES T. RICHARDS 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal on the recast bells. In memoriam W. Dawes-Knight.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	*JOHN HILL 7
J. FREDK. MILNER 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Washbrook's Transposition of Thurstans' .. Treble	†RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL 2	†JOHN H. HUNT 6
HAROLD A. NOBES 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT 7
ERNEST A. JURD 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

*First peal of Stedman 'inside.' †First peal of Stedman. ‡150th peal.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK 6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN 3	JOHN E. COOK 7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

*STANLEY H. WALLIS .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	*HAROLD W. SMITH 6
*ALAN S. SMITH 3	†CLIFFORD W. IZZARD .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

*First peal of Surprise Major. †First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Mr. A. C. Sinfield and the conductor.

CHISWICK, LONDON, W.

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

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. Treble	SQUIRE CROFT 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP 7
WILFRED G. WILSON 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

*100th peal. First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
DENIS MADDOCK 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a mark of congratulation to Mr. F. Dunkerley, in honour of the award to him of the Royal Aero Club's gold medal for outstanding flying achievement during 1950.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. Treble	PHILIP J. COWARD 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN 2	*JOHN T. ROBERTS 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES 3	*JACK R. TOWERS 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

*First peal in the method. †250th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. I. J. Attwater (leader of the local band) and Mrs. Attwater on the occasion of their golden wedding.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F. sharp.
FREDK. E. COLLINS Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
GEORGE COOK 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
G. FRANK OAKSHOTT 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	*HARRY HALL 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 6
HAROLD MORWOOD 3	GEORGE W. MOODY 7
G. LESLIE LUNN 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector of Epworth, Rev. O. Mordaunt Burrows.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	JOHN JACKSON 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	JOHN CHARNOCK 6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN 4	ARTHUR HATCH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Woods, ringer at this tower and secretary of the Lancaster Branch.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
*SHIRLEY GOLDING .. Treble	JOHN E. USHER 5
DAPHNE LLOYD 2	J. BENJAMIN BUDD 6
†BERNARD R. MILLWARD .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal 'inside.'

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK MUSSEL Treble	DAVID R. REED 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	*JOHN HARTLESS 6
HERBERT ABRAHAMS 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
FRANK L. HARRIS 4	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
HAROLD HARPER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 6
G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
*CATHEEN BLOXHAM .. Treble	*ALAN J. TWIGGER 4
*PETER J. WRIGHT 2	†WALTER R. BEEBE 5
†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3	*GEORGE H. TALLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡First peal away from tenor. First peal by a local band for 15 years.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Double Court and Single Court, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
CHARLES E. BROWN .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

N. R. HOLLAND .. Treble	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
*NIEL D. LOMAS 2	†R. BARLOW 5
†DENNIS KNOX 3	FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT Tenor

Conducted by all the band; treble, 2, 3, 4 and tenor one 720 each: 5 two 720's.

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

MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of New Doubles, 16 of Grandsire, and 11 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

YVONNE PORTER .. Treble	DONALD G. CLARKE 4
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH 5
DAVID J. KING 3	JOHN J. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. SMITH.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor. Rung in memoriam Mr. Arnott, of Chepstow, father of a local ringer.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
KATHLEEN STREETON .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
BERYL W. WHITE 2	HENRY J. CLOXTON 5
FREDK. G. HOOPER 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung in celebration of the engagement of the treble ringer to the conductor. The latter has now 'circled' the tower.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS COLLINGS .. Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER 4
CYRIL WRIGHT 2	JOE SAXTON 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

*First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor and on the bells.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

HARRY C. JONES Treble	A. REGINALD BLABY 4
DOREEN COKER 2	WALTER LEE 5
*JOHN D. KAPE 3	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES T. LAKER Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4
KENNETH SNELLING 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
ERNEST TREAGUS 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

MRS. B. COOPER Treble	TREVOR J. HAYWARD 4
*JOYCE COWARD 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN 5
LIONEL LAY 3	FREDERICK GOODING Tenor

Conducted by LIONEL LAY.

* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Joyce Coward.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SHEILA M. HOLE Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
*BERT W. MAY 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Vincent Frederick Hall, M.A.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER Treble	DONALD COOMBS 4
BRIAN J. HOWARD 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE 3	GERALD FROST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

VICTOR A. PERRY Treble	ROY C. SPRING 3
HAROLD HAYNES 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE 4

ERNEST G. ORLAND Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HELPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being twenty 120's (ten callings) and eleven 240's (eleven callings).

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FRANK R. MITCHELL .. Treble	*DONALD H. METTAM .. 3
HENRY P. COLLIN 2	DENIS A. FRITH 4

JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Grandsire. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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WHITSTABLE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.
*W. E. GRAY Treble | A. C. PHILPOTT 4
*CYRIL J. EADES 2 | †ERIC EADES 5
†EILEEN S. WYLES 3 | †WILFRID S. PALIN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID S. PALIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. C. Philpott.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-AT-QUAY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.
GEORGE W. PIPE Treble | JOHN E. WATHEN 4
RONALD W. STEWARD 2 | ROBERT E. LESTER 5
MAX P. PAGE 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal on the bells for 35 years. The church being bombed and desecrated, the bells remaining untouched.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. Treble | FRANK A. PENN 4
FREDK. S. SLATFORD 2 | WILLIAM C. WEST 5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. L. M. Mees, a ringer for 75 years.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
*FREDK. O. RICHARDSON .. Treble | JOSEPH W. BAILY 4
†LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2 | †ROBERT J. TOYNTON 5
†REV. ALFRED A. MUXLOW .. 3 | †RONALD PADLEY Tenor

Conducted by RONALD PADLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.
First peal as conductor on six bells. First peal on the bells since augmented to six.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
ROBERT E. COLES Treble | *THOMAS YEOMANS 4
FREDK. J. BAILEY 2 | ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 5
HAROLD G. BLICK 3 | †WILLIAM SLOPER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung as birthday compliments to the Rev. Gilbert Thomas, who has completed 36 years as Vicar; to Mr. E. Thomas, a ringer at this church for 47 years and churchwarden for 24 years; and to Miss Mary Williams, organist at the church for nine years.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.
HUGH LONGLAND Treble | HENRY P. COLLIN 4
DONALD H. METTAM 2 | FRANK R. MITCHELL 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

First peal in the method by all the band. A farewell peal to Donald H. Mettam, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,472 Plain, 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 224 Crayford Little Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4 | ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.
JEAN A. SOUTHERST 1-2 | MRS. J. THOMAS 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3-4 | JOHN THOMAS 7-8
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JEAN A. SOUTHERST 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor size 17 in A.
*JOHN BRAMLEY 1-2 | †ALAN CATTELL 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4 | †JOHN J. MORRIS 9-10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6 | *EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 11-12
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal on twelve 'in hand'

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11.
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 1-2 | MAURICE HODGSON 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 3-4 | *LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 7-8
Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT GRANDISON, 4, STUART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.
JILL POOLE 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5-6 | TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11-12
Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A compliment to Frederick H. Dexter on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5148 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,520 Plain, 1,428 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 400 Reverse, 368 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 200 Crayford Little Bob, with 405 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
*JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

* First peal in eight methods, on two working bells, at first attempt.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, K. Prime 2, Miss Sylvia Dean 3, F. Sandy 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bertie Godwin, who was interred that day.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. S. Gatty 1, D. Ogden 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, J. N. Haile 4, P. P. Carter 5, J. B. Robinson 6, A. Ward 7, R. Edwards (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 5, 7 and 8.—Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. P. Taylor 1, P. P. Carter 2, R. Edwards 3, D. Ogden 4, J. B. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. R. Harrison 6. A farewell quarter to the tenor ringer before joining the Royal Navy.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 Minor (552 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob): J. Chambers (first of Minor) 1, R. Soars (first of Minor 'inside') 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, J. W. Lowe 6.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. C. Belton 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. Hough (first 'inside') 3, T. K. Deacon 4, C. R. Belton 5, G. P. Garner 6, G. Armstrong (cond.) 7, A. H. Hough 8. First as conductor and on his 19th birthday.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 18th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Mrs. E. J. Brown 2, J. Thomas 3, Miss A. Brown 4, A. E. Reeves 5, E. J. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Parker 7, R. C. Seager 8. Longest length of Bristol for 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

CARMARTHEN.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-8 covering: T. Owens 2, W. T. Williams 3, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 4, R. Scudamore 5, E. Sage 6, A. Reynolds 7, J. T. Williams 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Williams, of Carmarthen.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 14th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. W. Best 1, Miss N. M. Bibby 2, F. H. Birks 3, D. H. Millward 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, B. Harris (first in method) 7, P. Swindley (cond.) 8.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. Kingdon 1, Betty Griffiths 2, Shirley Golding 3, J. Boutland 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, B. Kenny 6.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each April Day, Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Cockerill (first quarter) 1, L. B. Baillon 2, W. R. Paul 3, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 4, L. Dickinson 5, K. Perkins 6. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Ivan Mavor.

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Old, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day and 60 of Grandsire): Miss M. Vivienne Love 1, A. Grout 2, G. Berry 3, Miss F. D. Murkitt 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. First quarter in eleven methods by all.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, W. Seldon 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, A. Tapley 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayman, of Surfleet, on their wedding, and to E. R. Retter on his birthday.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Richardson 1, S. Meadows 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. E. Wright 4, A. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. Brown 8. First in method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. K. Waller, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, Vicar of Hornchurch 1930-41.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dodds 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Miss Eileen Farrell 5, S. Croft (first in method 'inside') 6, D. J. Charney 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. Engagement compliment to E. Dodds and Miss Mary Weller, which took place this day.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Carter's): A. J. Newman 1, A. Pratt 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, W. Woodyatt (first of Triples) 4, W. Oakley 5, C. Richings 6, D. Newcombe 7, H. Foll 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Sharpe and Mr. L. Barnett.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Wright 1, E. Furbank 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, R. W. Stannard 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, L. E. Last 8. In memoriam Rev. C. K. Waller, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, vice-president of the Essex Association.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. A. H. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, W. Wenban 4, T. Clark 5, C. Wenban 6, W. J. Nudds 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hoare 1, D. Cattell 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, C. Wenban 4, D. R. Judd 5, W. Wenban 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

SKETTY, SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): A. Edwards 1, B. Morris 2, L. Felzer 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, W. Meredith 6, J. Buttress 7, W. G. Rees 8. Rung on the occasion of St. Paul's Day.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Bastin 1, K. Clarke 2, R. Pike 3, P. Davis 4, C. Deem 5, E. Rowe 6, R. Woodly 7, J. Glanvil (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Jean A. Brooks 1, Mary A. Carpenter 2, Mary C. Payne 3, H. Humphreys 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5, B. S. Payne 6. First in two methods by 1, 2 and 3. A 50th birthday compliment to the conductor.

TIRLES, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tustin 1, W. Smith 2, T. Steward (cond.) 3, H. Ball 4, A. Hale 5, A. Chamberlain 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Pember.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, J. Hales 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, Miss G. L. Friswell 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, K. C. Seeger 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Cording and C. F. Neal. First quarter of Triples away from tenor for 1.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Walker 1, J. Flintham 2, L. Snell (cond.) 3, W. Tomlinson 4, W. Heaton 5, W. Clarke 6, H. L. Pask 7, R. Mackman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Knott, a ringer at this church for 46 years.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Board 1, W. Starr 2, J. Hawkins 3, H. Griffin 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, G. Hales 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. A farewell peal for Donald Board, who is joining H.M. Forces.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Green 1, R. Webb, jun. 2, R. Gardiner 3, F. Sandys 4, R. Higgins 5, P. Hull 6, Y. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, V. Roberts and G. Salmon 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, B. A. Richards 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. M. Meyer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, H. G. Andrews 8.

WITCHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Divall 1, K. Hohl 2, E. Jenner 3, L. Honess 4, H. Vaughn 5, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 6, T. Lambert 7, Edna Sils 8. In memoriam to Mr. J. W. Collins, sexton at the Parish Church.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding
for 1951. These should be despatched im-
mediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House,
Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

We have had an interest-
ing but by no means com-
plete response to our
request for ringers who rang a peal in the last
century (before 1900) to send particulars of
their first peal (date, method, place). Will those
who desire to be incorporated in the list please
forward?

Twenty-five peals have now been rung on
Silk Willoughby bells and Mr. J. H. Musson
has rung in each one of them.

The Wigan and Liverpool branches of the
Lancashire Association have suffered a severe
loss by the death of Mr. J. W. Hall, of Ranford.

A word of congratulation should be given to
Mr. George Prescott who at Compton Bishop,
Somerset, shepherded five ringers through their
first peal.

With the peal at Cramlington, Northumber-
land, on January 13th, Mrs. Margaret Fidell
and Messrs. J. Anderson, T. W. Crowe, E.
Wallace and W. E. Robinson have rung peals
of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. F.
Milner, of Kirklington, will be pleased to know
that Mrs. Milner is now out of hospital follow-
ing her operation and is making very satisfac-
tory progress. She wishes to thank the various
ringers for their kind enquiries concerning her
health.

St. Michael Royal, College Hill, London,
E.C.4, have had, since September, 1949, a good
handbell company under the captaincy of Mr.
A. E. Pearson. They style themselves The
Whittington Handbell Ringers and have recently
given carol services at Whittington College,
Highgate. All Hallows Toc H Church and St.
Mary-le-Strand. They entertained the patients
at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Christmas
Eve and rang in the Lord Mayor for the civic
service at St. James', Garlickhithe.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bengeo Society of
Ringers (Herts) were par-
ticularly encouraged by the
Christmas message received from their Rector
(the Rev. G. C. P. Hilton Briggs) thanking them
for their services. He especially mentioned the
handbell ringing at the Christmas midnight ser-
vice and on other occasions, which 'brought so
much happiness into so many hearts in homes
and hospitals.'

Mr. Frederick J. Sharpe, of Bicester, sur-
veyed or gave advice in respect of 104 towers
in 1950. Such valuable contributions to the
welfare of the Exercise should not be permitted
to pass unrecorded.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. J. W.
Wilkins, of High Wycombe, who rang a peal
at Hughenden, after his 87th birthday last May.
His death followed a serious operation in
Amersham Hospital.

Three young ringers from Stoke-under-Ham,
Somerset, who have learnt to ring since the
bells were augmented, rang in the first quarter
on the bells by a Sunday service band on
January 28th. They are Sylvia Bishop, Brian
Grinter and June Punnett, the latter handling the
17 cwt. tenor in a very capable manner.

Congratulations to Mr. Ronald W. Steward,
of the Suffolk Guild on ringing his 100th peal.
This was at Debenham on January 27th. His
peals have been rung in 35 different towers, his
first being on August 2nd, 1937. He was
taught to ring by the late Mr. Charles Mee, of
Sproughton.

Amusement was caused to the many friends
of Mr. J. S. Hawkins by the announcement of
the quarter peal at Holloway on December 10th
that it was his first. It should read 'his first
after a major operation.' We trust that with a
new lease of life his name will appear fre-
quently in our columns.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY REUNION AND DINNER

Happy Relationships With Local Ringers

ON January 27th the University of Bristol Society held its annual dinner and reunion. Ringing began with a peal attempt of Double Norwich at Wraxall in the morning but success did not attend the venture.

The first tower to be visited in the afternoon was the church of St. John-on-the-Walls where ringing was provided for the many visitors and friends who were present. The next move was to St. Mary's, Redcliffe, where the glorious ten were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal and rounds were rung on the twelve. Many non-ringing visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to see English change-ringing from close quarters, and altogether the visit to Redcliffe was a great success.

The last tower visited was at St. James', The Horsefair, where the ten bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and rounds for the beginners. The service was held at the church and was conducted by the Rev. Clifford Smith, the incumbent, who preached an inspiring sermon.

A company of 37 members, visitors and guests sat down to dinner in the Full Moon Hotel, the president of the Society, Dr. S. H. Piper, being in the chair. Dr. Piper, in proposing the toast to the Exercise, mentioned the Society's indebtedness to ringers and incumbents of the several Bristol churches where the Society rang for service and on practice nights. He expressed the hope that the Society would soon be able to resume ringing at All Saints' and at St. Michael's but the prospects were not too bright at present. In the coming summer the Universities Association was coming to Bristol and he trusted they would be given the type of reception they richly deserved.

'A GREAT SERVICE'

In his reply, Mr. A. Bennett, hon. secretary of the Bristol City Branch, stated how welcome members of the University Society were in the towers of the city churches. From the point of view of St. James' ringers and other ringers of Bristol U.B.S.C.R. had been of great value in keeping bells ringing for Sunday service. Bristol had always been interested in the Society and the Gloucester and Bristol Association was largely instrumental in forming it.

It was important, continued Mr. Bennett, that the Society should continue to flourish and in this respect he emphasised the need to teach beginners. Only by constant attention to this aspect of the Society's activities could continuity be assured.

The hon. secretary of the University Society, Mr. Jack R. Worrall, proposed 'The Visitors.' He mentioned those present, introducing to the new members of the Society their president, Dr. Piper, paying tribute to the work done for the Society by Dr. Piper, Mr. Worrall stated that, although not a ringer in the practical sense of the word, Dr. Piper had the good of the Exercise at heart, and had done much to help the Society. Other visitors welcomed included the Master of the London University Society, the Rev. Clifford Smith and various members and officers of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Ringers.

In his reply, Mr. Denis Layton, Master of the London Society, spoke in a witty vein. He hoped that the scribes seated at the far end of the room would not make the same mistakes as did their counterparts at the Cambridge University dinner last year. The report of this dinner, as it appeared in 'The Ringing World,' had been a source of embarrassment to him for a long time afterwards. The reason for the amusing stories which Mr. Layton related at Bristol was purely due to the laziness of the aforementioned scribes in writing out this report.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM ESSENTIAL

Continuing his speech, Mr. Layton gave some timely advice on striking to all young ringers. It was most essential that they should receive constructive criticism and that as they progressed they should bear in mind the importance of handling and striking their bells, and perseverance.

Mr. F. J. Leaker, in submitting 'The Health of the Society,' conveyed warmest greetings to the Society from the Bristol City branch, of which he was chairman. Mr. Leaker said that he wished to second Mr. Layton's remarks about striking as without good striking ringing was a waste of time.

The Master of the University of Bristol Society, Mr. Ivor H. Trueman, in responding, gave a brief résumé of the activities of the Society during the past year. He thanked the ringers and incumbents of the churches which the Society had visited during the afternoon and all those who had helped to make the dinner a success. The past year had been the most successful in the history of the Society and thanks for this were due to a very large extent to the Bristol City ringers.

The Society had made great progress in ten-bell ringing and it was surely a sign that things

were well with the Society when they were able to make peal attempts on ten bells. Three peals had been rung so far during the year, all of Bob Minor, one on tower bells and two 'in hand.' Peal-ringing was not the full measure of the strength of a Society such as theirs as its primary aim was to interest and teach new ringers. Mr. Trueman said he was pleased to record the two handbell peals as this showed a reintroduction and a new interest in this side of the Exercise.

In the instruction of beginners, the Master paid tribute to the help given by Mr. Leaker, who was always present at the tied-bell practices. Mr. Bennett was equally ready to help the Society in every way possible and the Society had happily many proofs of his sincerity.

Bristol held its own among other Societies and its representation among the members of the Universities Association was larger than any other of the provincial Universities. During the summer Bristol would be entertaining the Universities Association on its own ground and was the first Society to do so. This was indeed a great honour and the Master said he hoped they would justify it.

After the dinner, two sets of handbells were put to good use by those interested and the ringing was generally appreciated.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR — 1939-45

Following is a list of additions and corrections to the Ringers' Roll of Honour published on page 665 in issue of October 20th, 1950.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.
Slade, L. G.

Derby and District Association.
Fell, J., Breadsall.
Hill, F. W., Sawley
Page, S., Breadsall

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.
Court, S. P., Exeter (St. Thomas').
Hill, E. W., Exeter (St. Thomas').

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.
Rewcastle, A., South Shields.

Essex Association.
Durrant, J. E., Thorpe-le-Soken.
Grant, D., Prittlewell.
Leggett B. C., Wormingford.
Watts, R., Prittlewell.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.
Atwood, L., Sutton (St. Nicholas').
Barratt, C. H., Clunbury
Bassett, F., Leominster.
Biggs, D. A., Fownhope.
Biggs, T. W., Fownhope.
Brown, P., Ross.
Chandler, H. T., Lyonshall.
Dale, C., Sutton (St. Nicholas').
Hadley, R. C., Almeley.
Jaine, L. J., Marden.
Payne, T., Upper Bishop.
Pearce, R., Lugwardine.
Preece, W. J., Staunton-on-Arrow.
Watkins, F. J., Clifford.

Hertford County Association.
Buckell, P., Stanmore.
Carlin, C. V., Bushey.

Kent County Association.
Bushell, S., Wickhambreaux.
Hay, E. F. (Mrs.), Chilham.

Lancashire Association.
Coupe, F., Rawtenstall (St. Mary's).

London County Association.
Ashford, G., Battersea (St. Mary's).
Carter, W., Battersea (St. Mary's).
Esserv, W., Chelsea (St. Luke's).
Murphy, P., Clapham (St. Mary's R.C.).
Smith, A., Battersea (St. Mary's).
Wilson L., Battersea (St. Mary's).

Midland Counties Association.
Holland, L., Nottingham (St. Mary's).
Trump, E., Leicester (Cathedral).

North Staffordshire Association.
Booth, L., Stone (St. Michael's).

Oxford Diocesan Guild.
Buggey, A. E., Wendover.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.
Leighton, J. E., Wyke Regis.
Slade, S. C., Preston (Dorset).
Swaffield, B. W., Wyke Regis.
Wrintmore, A. O., Calne.

Shropshire Association.
Lloyd, J., Pontesbury.
Vernals, G. W. H., Worthen

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.
Chester, H. J., Stafford (St. Mary's).
Hubball, A. F., Blakenhall (St. Luke's).
Willis, C., Blakenhall (St. Luke's).

Surrey Association.
Jones, A., South Croydon (St. Peter's).

Truro Diocesan Guild.
Hicks, F., South Petherwin

Police Guild.
Trevor, A.

SMALL SOCIETIES

Newark Society.
Davis, J. W., Newark

Prittlewell Society.
Smoothy, D., Prittlewell

CORRECTIONS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.
Collier, G., Wedmore.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
Wood, S. H., Clifton (St. Andrew's).

Kent County Association.
Glaysher, B. F., Bromley.

Sussex County Association.
Allfrey, F., Billingshurst.
Jeffery, T. J., Cuckfield

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.
Allan, J., Alresford

DELETION

Lancashire Association.
Fawcett, C. (Still living).

BROADCAST REFLECTIONS—Cont.

AN EXAMPLE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

B.B.C. Consult District Secretary on Broadcasting

Dear Sir,—I feel that, much as I dislike entering into any of the controversies which are from time to time waged in 'The Ringing World,' I must do so on this occasion as I am inclined to agree with Group Captain Lister that the present correspondence could result in a B.B.C. embargo on the broadcasting of bells and this is the last thing (I hope) any of the correspondents want.

We in the Northern District of the Irish Association have solved the problem of the choice of bells to represent the area by getting the Northern Ireland Region of the B.B.C. to agree to consult the District secretary on all matters in the broadcasting of bells.

This was not achieved without an effort by my predecessor, Mr. W. Webb, but once the B.B.C. agreed to consult us they have faithfully stuck to their bargain and the responsibility for the choice now rests with the Association.

I am happy to say that my relations with the local B.B.C. programme arrangers are very cordial and I cannot stand idly by and let them be prejudiced by this correspondence.

The choice of bells for the various areas is left, I understand, to the local Regions and the remedy to cure the matters raised in the recent correspondence is simple. The Associations in each Region should get together and approach the local B.B.C. with a view to getting the latter to consult them as to the most suitable bells to be broadcast on the special occasions to represent their areas. I am sure the B.B.C. would readily agree as this method would have certain advantages to it.

The last thing to do is that suggested by Dr. Hatcher, to raise the matter by formal resolution in the Central Council, for we would find that it would be recommended by the Standing Committee that the matter should be passed to some already overworked committee with the result that a report would be long delayed while the problem would still be unsolved.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Hollywood, Co. Down.

THE PUBLIC'S EAR

Dear Sir,—There is no doubt that the Christmas Day broadcast will cause letters, comments and arguments for a long time to come. I have read the letters already published with great interest. Some are good, some indifferent, others impossible.

To my mind the only letter that hits the nail completely on the head is the paragraph in Group Captain Lister's letter wherein he asks how many people know the number of bells being rung in the B.B.C.'s interval signal.

A case in point: At our Parish Church recently we were reduced by sickness and bad weather to four, and duly rang the four back bells in rounds. Whilst we were ringing, one of the churchwardens came into the belfry—it is on the ground floor—and said to me when we had finished, 'Now I know how many bells were ringing. My wife and I have been arguing as to whether it was six or eight.'

I place ringers in the same category as music critics. Being a lover of good music, I have on many occasions listened with complete enjoyment to a symphony concert broadcast from a public hall, and on looking at the music critic's report in next day's paper have been amazed to read that he considered the conductor was 'slack' or the orchestra was 'ragged.' Surely the experienced ringer is the same as a critic, looking for faults and not for the enjoyment.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. LUCK.

Canterbury.

PROPER INSTRUCTION The Basis of Good Ringing

Dear Sir,—The recent interesting correspondence about the general standard of ringing prompts me to write. I think that there is much truth in what has been said but that the chief underlying reason for the poor standard of ringing is the lack of a recognised system of instruction for beginners after they have mastered the handling of a bell. It seems to me that the normal method of teaching these stages is akin to throwing a person in deep water in order to teach him to swim, and hoping for the best.

The accomplished ringer rings his bell mainly by rhythm. Ropesight is a necessary aid which stabilises the ringing. If the belfry light goes out for a few seconds each ringer should know exactly where he is. The full use of rhythm involves hearing what is being rung, and being aware of the position of one's own bell in the sound. It also involves a consciousness of the pull required to place the bell in its correct position which fits in the rhythm like the movement of one's legs while walking, so that, e.g., hunting up is not thought of as waiting for an extra bell each time and nothing else, but rather as an extended period for the striking of the bell, which needs a slower rhythm of pull. Ropesight is a check to correct placing and if any ringer 'hangs up,' the fingers striking over him should without extra effort place his bell as if no mistake had occurred. The resulting clash is better than ringing in which there is no beat, for a good beat can only be attained if the majority of the hand strike by rhythm.

It is unfortunate that most ringers learn to handle a bell and to strike over another one while the bell is silent. Consequently they never learn early to associate sound with action, and the odds are that on being plunged into method ringing they will be so swamped by the difficulties of the method that they will never be able to hear their own bell at all. The best way to teach beginners to appreciate rhythm is to practise double-handed handbell ringing early, so that by the time they can ring rounds on tower bells they have learned to ring with a beat and know the value of the sound. Then they have a goal to strive for in their tower bell ringing. I well remember the frustration of being conscious of what an awful row I was making when I knew what it should sound like.

Ringing with a cover bell is more often than not rung by ropesight only. Even-bell ringing relies much more on rhythm, and this explains why Grandsire and Stedman often mark the limit of a ringer's ability. The only satisfactory solution is to teach Plain Bob first, which is much easier than Grandsire as a method but needs the greater initial effort to attain rhythm sense. Once this has been acquired, there will be little difficulty in ringing other methods.

Some people have little natural sense of rhythm, and consequently will never make good strikers. It should be easy to devise a test for such people. Others have the sense of rhythm strongly developed and make good ringers however they are taught. But the majority of people would benefit by a better type of instruction than is often given. The time has come when the 'hard school' way of instruction must go.

The question arises, as it does so often in other walks of life, 'Who is to be the judge of the right method?' A committee of the Central Council could deal with this question. But on a smaller scale we are so often hampered by the necessity to use tact. The first step in learning anything is to admit that one is ignorant, and this some people cannot do. The ringers who are bad strikers would not only be offended if they were told so—they just wouldn't believe it! It would be a case either of 'young whippersnapper' or 'busybody.' I will admit that I dislike being told that I am wrong, but it rarely gets farther than that.

My method of teaching beginners would therefore include early use of open bells, or else some form of 'silent apparatus'; double-handed handbell ringing in plain methods; a more gradual approach to method ringing via plain hunt on four bells etc. to Plain Bob.

I will leave you with this thought, heard in half the belfries of England: 'Lead off the tenor . . . not too wide . . . watch the sally . . . GO NEXT TIME . . . Wait for 2—now 3—now 4—don't forget the order 3, 4, 6, 7, 5 . . . ROUNDS . . . no, you didn't see (N.B. SEE) it very well that time, we'll try again later . . . Yes, this method does produce ringers, but I contend that it only produces good ringers with those who can free themselves from the method they have been taught. B. D. PRICE.

Brynmarw, Breconshire.

SPECIAL MEETINGS TO PRACTISE STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Having read in your paper the many letters of criticism of the Christmas Bell Broadcast, I formed the idea that most of the writers appeared to be very dissatisfied with the general standard of striking of a number of local bands throughout the country. If this is the case, then why let us confine our efforts to mere criticism in our journal? This is no doubt of great use, but surely we can do more to help than merely writing to the Press and just waiting for someone else to do the same work.

Firstly, let us remember that through the hard work of many who have gone before we rarely hear the mournful drone of 'stoney' nowadays. No doubt this in itself has had something to do with the present state of bad striking. I think most people will agree that, apart from the mental effort, it takes a far greater degree of bell control and sense of rhythm to ring 'half pull' changes well than to keep one's bell on an even keel in 'stoney.'

Now for the remedy! It will not be an easy job, and definitely not so interesting as scoring a good peal of Surprise. But if every expert ringer could devote a little more time to helping the lame dogs I feel a great deal could be accomplished. Many of the experts do help. It is to those who do not do as much as they might that I am referring.

How many Guild or Association meetings does one attend and rarely hear a well-struck touch unless it be in an advanced method? Whilst no one wishes to deter the practising of advanced and progressive methods it must be admitted that they are so far above the heads of the average local band that they just don't mean a thing to them. Would it not be better to invite one of their best strikers to stand in at least one well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples (or Bob Major) with seven of the best ringers present. This might show the 'locals' what they could do by 'pulling up their socks' and taking a bit of notice.

As I have said before, the task will be a difficult one. It has been said that 'good ringers are born and not made,' but how many have been marred by their local teacher? How many of the 'average' type could be greatly improved by a little proper tuition in handling their bell? I know that this matter is considered a delicate question when visiting someone else's tower, but much could be done by someone with tact and understanding, possibly outside the tower.

Many Associations have practices and meetings for practising a special method: let them have a special meeting for practising good striking.

Having got these few lines off my chest I will await the invective that will surely come, but it has succeeded in drawing a little attention to the great need of aiming for good striking first and foremost then I will happily take whatever may come. Please do not think that I profess to be a judge of these things myself. I have simply written this letter on the assumption that your writers are not happy with the state of things as they exist. In any case, why criticise the B.B.C. for broadcasting poor ringing when they have no means of improving it?—Yours. Reading. ALBERT DISERENS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHURCH FESTIVALS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—Twenty-five peals, ranging from Doubles to Maximus, are recorded in your columns as having been rung on Saturday, January 6th. Only one of these, according to the footnote, was rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

While a Saturday is, without doubt, the most popular day for arranging peal attempts, there seems to be something a little wrong when a prominent Feast of the Church, such as the Epiphany, happens to fall on a Saturday, it should have such meagre mention. Are we to infer that among all the ringers and conductors taking part in peals on January 6th only one band was aware of the Church's association with that day?

I think it is worth urging that when peals coincide with Church Festivals the latter should be given first place among all other footnotes. Perhaps a Church calendar hung in the ringing chamber would save them from being overlooked.—Yours faithfully,

Lyne Regis. C. CAREW COX (REV.)

CHEWING RAISINS

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. Pat Cannon is not the artist at chewing raisins that the Rev. F. E. Robinson was. The reverend gentleman could separate pips from flesh and pips would be shot up against the wall, or someone else if in line.

Quite recently I was ringing at St. Jude's, Randwick, and a lady ringer was chewing 'bubble gum,' which I suppose you in England know can make, properly handled, a sharp snap. Instantly it reminded me of a burst of pips against the wall from the dear old 'Rev.'—Yours,

A. R. BOTTING

Ashfield, N.S.W., Australia.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Dear Sir,—There are, in my opinion, two ways of looking at the Christmas Day broadcast controversy.

Local ringers would feel that they had a legitimate grievance if an outside band was imported because their own striking was not good enough.

The majority of ringers, and especially the good strikers, consider that if a broadcast is made it should be on the best-sounding bells and with the best ringers available in order to give the listening public a good example of change-ringing.

It is no use bad strikers saying that when a church service is broadcast there is no 'faking' by imported choirs. My personal experience of a broadcast was that the choir was augmented by a neighbouring one and the church was filled to capacity by visitors from other parishes. So full was the church that the ringers had to listen to the service from the B.B.C. van. On a normal Sunday evening the church would be less than half full.

I feel certain that if the B.B.C. followed out their usual practice in regard to entertainments and music and secured the best available talent in regard to the broadcasting of bells, ringing as a whole would be held in greater esteem by the general public than at the present time. What is wanted is the best strikers on the best available bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

Titchfield, Hants.

NEAREST ANTI-CLOCKWISE TOWERS

Dear Sir—I think 'Kewsett' is wrong in giving Bath Abbey and Swainswick as the nearest towers with anti-clockwise rings of bells. Latton and Cricklade, in Wiltshire, (both five-bell towers) are less than two miles apart and I believe Bath Abbey and Swainswick are three miles or more.

Swindon, Wilts.

W. B. KYNASTON.

UNCHRISTIAN OUTLOOK

Bringing Ringers into Disrepute

Dear Sir,—An exceedingly disquieting impression is left by the correspondence on the Christmas Day broadcast and by many other recent letters in 'The Ringing World.' The acrimony and trouble-seeking which seem to inspire so many letters, even brief ones whose sole concern should be to correct some hasty or erroneous claim made in the peal columns, do great discredit to a fraternity (or is that too strong a word?) which stands within Christ's Church. It is not just the discourtesy and rudeness of so many people that is distressing or the fact that 'The Ringing World' is willing to promote so much public discord, but the indication that there is such a strong undercurrent of unchristian feeling and behaviour beneath the surface of the Exercise. It is, in fact, well-known how much ill-feeling there is to be found at all levels between individuals, towers, 'cliques,' branches and Guilds. And all this brings into disrepute not only the ringers themselves, but also the whole body of ringers and the church to which they belong.

The reason is, perhaps, that the majority of ringers seem to regard themselves as connected with the Church as bellringers rather than as Christians. There is no need to labour the vexed question of church attendance as an instance of this, and this problem of the relations between ringers is another, maybe not unconnected with the former.

Now I know that there are very many ringers who are splendid Christians and that there are many towers and whole branches where an admirable spirit of fellowship exists. But all is not well. As one of our prayers has it, we need 'seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in, by our unhappy divisions.' For however good we may become as handlers of bells, or method ringers, if we fail as Christians, we fail in our most important concern and duty.

In conclusion, lest many should be moved to rush into print in hot denial, might I commend the example of the Apostles, who, when Jesus told them that one of them would betray Him, 'began to be sorrowful' and to say unto Him, one by one, "Is it I?"—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS (REV.)

Bury, Lancs.

EXPLANATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Will the conductor of the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Wickham, Hants, on December 30th, explain why it was published as being rung in 2 hours 48 minutes when actually they rang for 3 hours 15 minutes!—Yours faithfully,

AN INTERESTED LISTENER

ANONYMITY

Dear Sir,—The answer to the question asked by your anonymous correspondent 'De Facto,' is that quite a number of people read their copies of 'The Ringing World' even to the signatures under the letters in your correspondence columns.

Most of those who do so take a pretty dim view of those who, for some unexplained reason, use a nom-de-plume.

In larger spheres, like the National Press, a case might be made out for anonymity, but in a small fraternity like ours it would, in my opinion, be far more satisfactory if your correspondents wrote over their own names. This matter has already been thrashed almost threadbare, but we still have among us some who prefer to make objectionable remarks in your paper under cover of anonymity. Why?—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, London, S.E.3.

THOMAS POST, THE WYE POET

By CHARLES TURNER DOVER

With happy memory

I write, with a sigh,

Of that grand old Kent ringer,

The poet of Wye.

I am glad to have my memory awakened by those simple but sincere words 'Lord be thankit,' revealed by 'The Ringing World' in connection with the interesting reference to Thomas Post. I met him and rang with him on a number of occasions. I was fascinated with him, because there appeared a story which would stir the minds of most ringers.

He was a poor but humble shepherd, but he was a rich and glorious ringer, a gift which he inherited by his great love for the church bells and he was always happy to be among those connected with the bells. For years he was a clever heavy-bell ringer and during the latter part of his life he attended many of the meetings of the Ashford and Canterbury Districts of the Kent Association. He used to sell copies of poems which he composed relating to bells and his brother strings; I purchased some at 3d. per copy but I am afraid they were destroyed in the war.

Some years ago I discovered Len Post, a relative of old Tom, at Palmer's coach works at Dover, and was successful in persuading him to take up ringing and for a considerable time he was a great help to me. The last I heard of him he was in the Aldershot district.

In my early ringing days I travelled a good deal with the late Mr. Edmund Potter, an engine driver on the old South Eastern Railway, a son of one of the famous Potter brothers who resided at Frittenden, Kent, and old Tom Post was a great friend of theirs. I was able to obtain quite an amount of amusing stories about him. Without doubt, he had a hectic time when he was in their company, but he managed to create their ambition to go all out to beat the Bob Major performance of 13.340 changes rung at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, in seven hours and 55 minutes. This peal has a remarkable feature. It was a mixed band and rung on May 4th, 1846, by the following ringers:—C. Fowler, treble, H. Down 2, J. Harrison 3, J. Stoakes 4, J. Chapple 5, J. Friend 6, E. Hyder 7, S. T. Post, tenor; conducted by J. Friend.

As the ringers stood in this peal so they died. The conductor, John Friend, was often referred to as the chief constable of Hythe, and was a very strict man. In some quarters it was stated that there was only one policeman stationed at Hythe in those days; evidently he was the one that mattered. Down was a native of Hythe and relatives of his are still living there. Jim Harrison was a star turn from Folkestone.

According to the story related to me by Mr. E. Potter, it was Tom Post who stirred his father's ambition to beat the Hythe record and a mixed band assembled at St. Mary's Church, Frittenden, Kent, on Monday, April 9th, 1883, with the intention of ringing 20.160 Bob Major but, alas, it was not to be, for as they approached the half-way it needed a bob to go on, and the conductor asked if all was well and one ringer replied 'No!' The conductor called single at the end of the course and the bells came into rounds.

Mr. Potter gave me the following particulars of the performance: 10.080 changes Bob Major being the longest peal rung in Kent for many years, performed in a most masterly manner in five hours and 34 minutes by the following ringers:—C. Payne, treble, G. Potter 2, C. Baldock 3, E. Potter 4, F. G. Newman 5, T. Potter 6, W. Brattle 7, T. Daynes, tenor. Conducted by C. Payne from the treble. Despite various efforts by the Potter brothers to pass old Tom's record, the Hythe plume still fluttered in the breeze till he passed away.

Some of the activities of this old English gentleman are still fresh in memory. He could create an argument, raise it to a ringing upheaval, soothe it with poetical mirth, and leave it with his humorous smile.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**Fourth Annual Meeting**

MEMBERS from most of the towers in the Selby and District Society of Change-Ringers attended the fourth annual meeting of the Society at Selby on January 27th.

During the afternoon the ring of ten at the Abbey was rung to various standard methods. Evensong in the Chancel was conducted by the Rev. Rowbotham, being assisted by the Rev. Pattinson (curate). A very interesting address was given by the Bishop of Selby who gave some historical details of bells of England and described the ringers as belonging to a great fellowship.

After the service, members adjourned to the vestry for the business meeting. Owing to the absence of the Rev. F. Read (president of the Society), through illness, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Rowbotham.

Presenting his report for 1950, the secretary (Mr. L. M. Woodhead) said there was a slight increase in funds on the previous year. Membership stood at 101. Meetings had been held during the year at Goole (2) Escrick, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Snaith and Hemingbrough, also a joint meeting with the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Eastrington.

The Vicar of Selby (the Rev. F. Read) was re-elected president. Vice-presidents were elected from the incumbents of each church visited by the Society. Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby) and Mr. F. Terry (Hemingbrough) were re-elected chairman and Ringing Master respectively. The secretary (Mr. L. M. Woodhead) was also re-elected. A committee was elected composed of the chairman, Ringing Master, secretary-treasurer, together with Mr. J. J. Taylor (Goole) and Mr. J. Thorley (Thorne). Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Selby for use of the bells, also Mr. W. Hartley (organist) and the local company for arrangements.

ANNUAL DINNER

The meeting was followed by the 4th annual dinner at the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, where 63 members and friends sat down. Canon E. H. P. Rawlins, Vicar of Goole, presided, and proposed the toast 'The Church and the Ringers,' emphasising that all ringers belonged to a great fellowship. Mr. H. S. Morley responded, giving interesting details of the history of Selby and district.

Mr. L. M. Woodhead proposed 'The Society,' paying tribute to assistance given by vicars and local companies at each church visited during the year. Mr. T. H. Foster, responding, appealed to all the younger ringers and learners to master the art of change-ringing with a view to becoming proficient, and so be able to take the place of older ringers.

The toast 'The Ladies' was ably proposed by Mr. C. W. Kine (Goole) and Mrs. J. J. Taylor (Goole) responded. Mr. H. Cooper (Fishlake) proposed the toast 'The Visitors' and Mrs. Rastrick (Fishlake) suitably responded.

A beetle drive followed. Mr. and Mrs. J. Waud being prizewinners. Dancing and games were enjoyed. Mrs. W. Graves (Carlton) being the winner of 'Passing the Parcel.' The day concluded with a selection of Scottish tunes on handbells by the Selby Abbey ringers followed by a course of Grandsire Triples.

5,376 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By Edwin Timbrell

23456 M B W H

52436	1	—	2
62534	—	1	
26435	—	1	2
24365	1	—	2
24653	—	1	
24536	—	1	

Repeat twice. Reduce to 5,184 by calling 2M, —B, 1W, 2H, in place of the bracketed courses in any one part; 2nd extent in 2nds place, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th without the 2nd in 5ths.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Dorchester Branch**

Upwards of 100 ringers and friends from many parts of Dorset and also from the Bournemouth area attended the annual meeting of the above Branch at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 20th.

The Guild service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, but unfortunately, by his doctor's orders, the chairman could not take his usual place at the business meeting, as he had only partially recovered from an attack of influenza. The address was given by the vice-chairman, the Ven. J. C. Chute, Archdeacon of Sherborne, and he also conducted the meeting.

In the absence of the secretary (another influenza victim), the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, reported that membership was now 204, ringing members numbering 172. Six meetings had been held during 1950 and the average attendance was about 60. Four peals had been rung for the branch, one of them on the newly-dedicated ring of six at Piddlehinton, two at Martinstown and one at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

Branch practices had been very successful and much progress had been made in change-ringing, especially in Treble Bob Minor and Major methods.

It was hoped that restoration work would be carried out on the bells of Fordington and Preston and the new ring of eight be soon available at Cattistock (possibly Easter) while the ringers of Charminster had started a fund for the restoration of their bells at the earliest opportunity.

The branch had lost a very old member by the death of Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester, for 55 years a member, and for some years branch Ringing Master. Branch members rang half-muffled touches on the bells of St. Peter's on the occasion of the funeral.

Branch officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Canon Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne, Abbotshury; assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, St. Peter's, Dorchester; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Preceve, Bovington; deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. F. B. Stedman, Wyke Regis, and E. T. P. Field, Piddlehinton.

Reference was made to Canon Markby having been at St. Peter's for 21 years and in the Ministry for 50 years and the company decided to send him their congratulations.

The following towers were represented:—Abbotshury, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fordington, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Preston, Sydling, Unwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster also visitors from Bournemouth, Beaminster, Queen Camel and Stalbridge.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The year 1950 proved most successful for the Barnsley District Society in doing by the report presented by the secretary at the annual meeting at Barnsley on January 13th.

The president (Mr. H. F. Moxon) was in the chair and the secretary stated that the contests for both cup and shield were successful and the dinner and annual outing were most enjoyable. The balance sheet showed a profit on the year's working.

The officials were re-elected and thanks were accorded the secretary, treasurer and auditors for their work.

Owing to the church being in the decorators' hands the service could not be held. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was in Minor, Triples and Major methods.

Towers represented were Bolsterstone, Barnby Don, Barnsley, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Felkirk, Horbury Sandal, Silkstone, Shelley, Thorne and Roston with a welcome visitor from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Canterbury District**

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Faversham. In spite of the meeting clashing with the Rochester District's meeting at nearby Rainham the attendance was good, a gathering of 70 ringers and friends being present.

Ringings were held during the afternoon and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Stanton, who also gave an interesting address based on the Nunc Dimittis. A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £1 8s. 8d.

Tea was taken in the schoolroom and this being disposed of, members settled down to business. Among the matters discussed was the Festival of Britain, for which a small committee was elected consisting of Messrs. W. S. Palin, E. T. Eades and B. J. Luck.

Owing to his absence through influenza, Mr. H. R. French's comprehensive report of the committee's meeting held at Maidstone, was read and accepted. Dover was selected for the next quarterly meeting and Littlebourne for the previous by-meeting.

Four new practising members and three honorary members were elected, thus extending the rivalry between Ospringe and Wickham-breaux as to which village could secure the greatest number of honorary members.

Thanks were expressed to all the helpers at tea, to the Vicar, also the organist, Mr. G. Denyer. Further ringing was held during the evening.

Rochester District

Some 85 ringers and friends attended the service at the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District held at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, on January 27th. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Jordan) conducted the special ringers' service and at the close dedicated a visitors' book specially made by the local band in memory of three of their company, Messrs. A. Edwards, K. Gasson and J. Morris, who made the supreme sacrifice during the second world war.

Tea was served in St. Margaret's Hall, the hosts being local ringers and their lady friends. This was typical of Rainham's hospitality.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting and apologies were received from Mr. G. H. Spice, Miss E. Walker and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, who were all victims of influenza but were recovering. Seven new members were elected—five from Queensborough and two from Rainham.

At the close of the meeting all present were invited to sign their names in the new visitors' book and after handbell ringing the company adjourned to the tower. In spite of an accident to the stay of the second some good ringing was enjoyed.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The annual district meeting of the North Western District was held on January 13th at Streatham. Immanuel and St. Leonard's towers were open.

At the meeting, presided over by Mr. F. E. Collins, five ringing members and three compounding members were elected. All the 1950 officers were re-elected for 1951. A collection for the General Bell Fund realised £1 19s. 3d. The following places and dates were agreed for meetings:—Easter Monday, Kingston-Thames; June 23rd, Banstead; September 22nd, Esher; December 1st, Wimbledon; January 26th, 1952, Annual District Meeting, Beddington; August Bank Holiday, Rammore or Leatherhead; joint meeting with the Lewisham District, Kent Association, October 6th, Epsom.

All the officers were thanked for their past services. A vote of thanks to the Vicars of Immanuel and St. Leonard's and to the tower keepers was passed, 60 ringers being attendance.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, HILLINGDON

At the annual meeting of the Guild, Mr. H. W. Impey was elected captain, Mr. T. G. Bannister deputy captain and Mr. A. R. Turley steeplekeeper. Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow and A. R. G. Twinn were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. It was decided to contribute five guineas from the funds to the memorial to the late Joseph J. Pratt, who was for many years captain of St. John's Guild.

The fourth annual supper was held at The Vine, on Jan. 26th when a company of 36 sat down to an excellent meal under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, with whom was Mrs. Tyler. The officers and their wives supported the Vicar, and the presence of Hillingdon's veteran ringer, Mr. W. Honor, who has been attached to the tower for 67 years, was a joy to all.

The toast of 'St. John's Guild' was ably put by the chairman to which Mr. F. W. Goodfellow replied. The latter said that the Vicar had taken great interest in ringing since his induction and was now sufficiently versed not to reply as a neighbouring Rector did, when asked how his ringers were getting on. He said: 'Oh, I expect they will be banging about as usual to-night!'

Mr. Goodfellow reviewed the year's ringing and for the future said they hoped to attempt three peals in 1951, each to mark a special occasion in the parish.

The toast of 'The Middlesex County Association' was very well handled at short notice by Mr. E. Thurlow, of Pinner, deputising for Mr. W. N. Genna, who was on the sick list. The general secretary of the Association, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, responded and referred to some of the advantages to be derived from membership of the Association.

The final toast was 'The Visitors,' given by Mr. W. H. Coles in his own inimitable style, and to everyone's pleasure the reply was made by Mrs. Tyler.

Interspersing and following the toasts, there was change-ringing and tune-ringing on handbells. Mr. A. G. Bray of St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, gave an exquisite rendering of two songs. The *pièce de résistance*, however, was the Vicar's ditty, 'My hat, it had three corners,' the words being gradually substituted by actions.

WILLESDEN'S 250 PEALS

A footnote to a peal at St. Mary's, Willesden, recorded in our last issue states that it was the 250th peal in the tower. Mr. Alick Cutler has supplied us with the following interesting data concerning peals rung on these bells:—

The first peal, as far as records show, was one in seven Minor methods, on August 1st, 1892, conducted by C. W. Tucker, though a board in the tower records two 720's of Minor rung for the opening of the bells on February 1st, 1793, both conducted by J. Bartlett.

Twelve peals of Minor were rung up to 1913, though the bells were augmented to eight in 1912, but were not rung in peal until January 5th, 1916, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the first on the augmented eight, conducted by Mr. Harry Kilby. Since that date two other peals of Minor were rung, making 14 in all, and the remainder is made up of 21 peals of Triples, 29 Plain Major, 1 Duffield Major and 20 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major; 165 peals of Surprise Major have been rung in 35 different methods and 27 Spliced in all numbers from 2 to 12 except 11.

The following ringers have taken part in 50 or more of these peals:—G. M. Kilby, 178; H. Kilby, 164; C. E. Lankester, 95; A. Cutler, 76; T. G. Lock, 74; C. V. Ebberson, 60; L. H. Bowler, 56; C. W. Roberts, 50. The late J. A. Trollone rang 90; G. R. Pye 81; Wm. Pye, 66; C. T. Coles, 62. The conducting has been shared by some 36 with the late Wm. Pye heading the list with 44; J. A. Trollone, 31; C. T. Coles 25 and G. R. Pye 17. C. W. Roberts conducted 42. E. C. S. Turner 12; H. C. Skidmore and H. Kilby, 9 each.

Peals rung for the Middlesex Association total

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Bicester Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Branch was held at Islip on January 27th. The ring of six was available from 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and were rung to rounds. Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Chitty (Rector of Charlton-on-Otmoor) who also preached an excellent sermon. The lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharn and the hymns were accompanied on the handbells by Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. Edmund Pearson, Mr. J. Walton, Miss M. Cross and Miss P. Ayres.

After an excellent tea provided by mine host of the Red Lion the business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. F. Sharpe in the absence of the branch chairman, who has been ill. The main item of this meeting was the large number of new members elected to the Guild, three honorary members being incumbents in the branch, six ladies and four gentlemen ringing members.

The next meeting being the annual meeting, was fixed for Saturday, April 7th, at Bicester. After a hearty vote of thanks to all who had contributed to make the meeting a success, the members returned to the tower.

Sonning Deanery Branch

The Sonning Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Wokingham on January 27th. Ringing commenced at All Saints' Church at 3 p.m., followed by the service conducted by the priest-in-charge, the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. D. Weller, of Finchampstead, and the lesson read by Mr. W. J. Brooks, tower foreman at All Saints'. A choir formed by branch members led the singing.

Tea was served at the Church House and this was followed by the business meeting at which the Ven. Thorndike Shaw (branch chairman) presided. The officers were all re-elected with the addition of Mr. W. J. Brooks as vice-chairman. Eight new members were also elected. Warfield was selected as the venue of the summer meeting on June 2nd and full support was asked for the Four Guilds festival at Basingstoke in August.

Mr. W. Hibbert, Guild secretary, outlined the proposed Guild memorial to the late Canon G. F. Coleridge and also congratulated the branch on the number of young members present.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL**Bristol Rural Branch**

Over 50 ringers attended for tea, business and ringing at the annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch at Mangotsfield on January 27th.

After some touches until 4.30 and the service following (with its straightforward address by the Rev. Beard, Vicar of Mangotsfield), members sat down to a most enjoyable tea in the Vicarage. Immediately following tea the Rev. Beard presented a pair of gloves to Mr. Sears (the branch's oldest member at 92 years) on behalf of the Mangotsfield ringers, upon his retirement from active ringing, on health grounds.

When the presentation had been made all retired for the business meeting, with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair. The secretary gave the numerical strength of the branch as 166 performing, 11 associate and seven honorary members; regarding finance, £22 was handed over to the Association treasurer from the branch for 1950.

Confidence in the branch officials was indicated by the re-election of Mr. C. R. Harding as chairman for another year, Mr. F. Skidmore as Ringing Master and Mr. N. Denson as branch secretary and treasurer. Mr. G. Nichols was elected assistant secretary for 1951. After deciding upon St. Werburgh's for February's meeting and dealing with all the other business, members retired for some more ringing—thus closing an interesting and happy meeting.

N. D.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**Discuss Festival Ringing**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Society was held at Brierley Hill on January 27th. The weather was good for the time of the year and gave no cause for anxiety to those who attended from a distance.

The church at Brierley Hill stands in a very exposed position on a hill and commands extensive views of the surrounding country, both industrial and rural. On this cold January afternoon it was gratifying to find the church and ringing chamber comfortably warm.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. N. Crowther-Green, who was assisted by the curate. A really excellent tea to which 51 sat down was kindly provided by the local band and it was obvious that those responsible are in the know with the right people when it comes to catering. The Brierley ringers and their ladies deserve special mention for this creditable effort.

After tea a discussion took place concerning the special ringing for the Festival of Britain. Final arrangements and suggestions will be circularised to the towers early in April. Further ringing took place during the evening, methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Willenhall on March 31st.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**Peak District Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Peak District was held at Bakewell (eight bells) on January 20th. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, the ringers getting in some good practice in a variety of methods.

Tea was arranged at the Wheatsheaf Hotel and the business meeting took place afterwards, there being a good attendance of members present.

The retiring chairman gave a résumé of the past year's activities and appealed for continued support during the coming year. At the election of officers he and the secretary did not seek re-election and Mr. W. Smith (Fairfield, Buxton) was elected chairman and Mr. D. Scott (Darley Dale) secretary, and the meeting wished them every success in their new offices. Mr. A. Richardson, of Buxton, was elected vice-chairman. The two committee members were re-elected, viz. Mr. Hopkinson (Ashover) and Mr. J. W. Sykes (Dore). Several new members out of the district were accepted.

A general discussion on items of interest took place and proposals made for discussion at the annual meeting of the Association at Easter.

BELLS AS TIME SIGNALS

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that instead of Bow Bells being used as the interval signal before the news, bells from each region—North, West, Wales and Midlands, etc.—be employed for their respective regions. London would still have its Bow Bells.

For the West Region, I would suggest St. Mary's, Southampton, not that I ring at that tower, but because they broadcast very well. What do other West of England ringers think of this choice? I feel that a ring of 10 or 12 is the most suitable medium for such a signal.—Yours faithfully,

R. BUCHANAN.

Totton, Hants

MANSHION HOUSES

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of January 19th under the heading 'Another Ringing Mayor,' Mr. W. E. Critchley states that he has been informed that there is only one other Mansion House in England. Might I inform him that there are three Mansion Houses in England, viz. London, Doncaster and York.

—Yours faithfully, H. A. SANDERSON.

Doncaster.

OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

MR. CHARLES H. WALKER

The Lewisham band has suffered a severe loss by the unexpected death of Mr. Charles H. Walker which occurred on January 22nd. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's just over 60 years and tower secretary for about 50 and was in his 80th year.

Mr. Walker's health had not been too good for some three or four months and he last rang on Sunday, August 6th, when the bells were re-opened after being overhauled. He greeted the band at the foot of the tower on Sunday, November 26th, but did not attempt the rather long climb to the belfry and remarked to the writer that he would never again do so. This remark was not taken too seriously but, alas, proved only too true.

Mr. Walker never professed to be an advanced method ringer, but whatever he attempted he always rang well and he had rung several peals of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples as well as the treble to various Plain Major methods, mostly with and under the leadership of his almost life-long ringing friend, Mr. Harry Warnett, sen. (now nearly 88 and, happily, still with us). His first peal was 'Grandsire Triples, at St. John's, Erith, on September 3rd, 1892, which was a birthday compliment to him, and his last also Grandsire Triples, at Lewisham, on April 20th, 1940, conducted by Mr. H. Warnett, sen. But his chief interest was Sunday service ringing, especially so of late years.

In place of the usual practice on Thursday, January 25th, half-muffled touches of Triples were rung as a token of respect to an old and highly-esteemed colleague of the belfry and church, one of which was 1.260 Grandsire from Holt's Original: Mary Fuller (first quarter on eight) 1, K. W. Mackintosh (visitor, first quarter) 2, S. Ball 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Jones 5, J. Cannell (first quarter of Triples) 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, R. Boyce 8.

The funeral took place at Hither Green Cemetery on January 26th. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar the service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Gibson, curate of St. Mary's. Representing the local band were the past and present leaders, Mr. H. Warnett, sen. (above-mentioned) and Mr. Jack Dafters, tower keeper. Among the floral tributes was one from St. Mary's ringers which, by family request, headed those on the coffin.

Mr. Walker was of quiet, unassuming and amiable disposition, and will be sadly missed by all at St. Mary's. J B

MR. J. W. HALL

By the death of Mr. James W. Hall, of Rainford, Lancs. at the age of 76, on January 23rd, the ringers of the Wigan and Liverpool branches of the Lancashire Association have suffered a severe loss.

When Rainford bells were installed he was one of the first local ringers and conducted the first peal on the bells by the local band. Until a few years ago he was the leader of the company. He rang four peals.

Mr. Hall joined the Lancashire Association in 1904 and took a great interest in branch meetings. A wide circle of ringers will remember him for the good ringing meetings held at Rainford.

The funeral service was held on January 26th at Rainford Parish Church. In the evening the whole pull and stand was rung, the tenor striking 76 times. Afterwards a 1.260 Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Singleton 1, H. Grundy 2, H. Blackburn 3, C. Blackburn (conductor) 4, W. O. Farrimond 5, S. Cadwallender 6, W. Bagley 7, A. Lyman 8.

MR. G. H. WALTERS

Mr. George Henry Walters, of Prestbury, Cheltenham, aged 70, died quite suddenly on January 23rd, after having suffered indifferent health for some time. He was very well known in the Cheltenham District as a good ringer and conductor and had a large number of peals in most of the standard methods to his credit. He leaves a widow and family and will be sadly missed.

George was buried at Prestbury, where he had for many years been a member of the band, the bells being rung before and after the service, half muffled, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

His last quarter peal was in August when he came into the tower to watch the youngsters get their first quarter. We were one short, one of the lads offered to ring the tenor to allow George to have a lighter bell, but he said, 'No, this is your quarter, I will ring the tenor.' That was his way, and we loved him for it.—C.R.

MR. JOSEPH EVANS

By the death of Mr. Joseph Evans, on January 22nd, at the age of 82, Hughenden, Bucks, has lost its oldest ringing member. Up to three years ago Mr. Evans was a regular Sunday service ringer. He was also a member of the church choir for 62 years.

After the funeral a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by a local band.

Reciprocal Double Stedman Major, Royal and Maximus

By GEORGE BAKER

I suggest as a fitting memorial to the Father of Ringing, Fabian Stedman, and as a ringers' tribute to the Festival of Britain, that the following Major, Royal and Maximus be adopted by the Exercise.

We all know that the construction of the Stedman Principle consists of five single 3rds place bobs on all numbers from five bells upwards, but if in Major we make double bobs instead of single bobs we obtain the following method first published in 'Bell News' as long ago as August 2nd, 1913.

12345678
21354687
12536478

15263748
51236784
15376484
51372694
15736248
51763284

57136824
75318642
57381624

75836142

With 6th bell fixed and tenors together this method has a clean proof scale even if singles are used, if the 6th is shifted there is only one false course head, 126543, if bobs only are used, but if singles are used there are two extra false heads, i.e., 124635 and 125364. More about this interesting method later on.

5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED.
23456 B. M. W. H.

35264 x
62453 — —
25634 x
53246 x
42635 — — —
34625 — — 3
23645 — —

Repeat twice.

MR. HOWARD HOWELL'S 300 PEALS

DOUBLES.—Stedman 10 (cond. 3), Grandsire 8, two methods 6, three methods 3 (1), six methods 1 (1).

MINOR.—Plain Bob 12, Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, two methods 1, three methods 4, four methods 2, five methods 3, seven methods 3.

TRIPLES.—Stedman 7 (1), Grandsire 23, Darlaston Bob 2, Oxford Bob 1.

MAJOR.—Plain Bob 20, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob 1, Duffield 1, Double Norwich 10, Cambridge Surprise 3, Superlative 4, Norfolk 2, Ashted 1, New Cambridge 2, Belgrave 1.

CATERS.—Stedman 60 (42), Grandsire 9, Erin 1 (1).

ROYAL.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Kent Treble Bob 5, Little Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 4.

CINQUES.—Stedman 53 (29), Grandsire 1.

MAXIMUS.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1.

HANDBELLS.—Grandsire Doubles I (1), three method Doubles 1.

Total rung on tower bells, 298 (cond. 80); total rung on handbells 2 (cond. 1).

First peal rung on April 17th, 1933. Several towers have been 'circled' including Walsall.

QUARTER PEALS

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Jan. 24th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, Roper O. Fry (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. J. Fry 4, E. F. White 5, D. G. Brown 6, J. Hallett 7, K. F. Medway 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. I. Merrett, of Bath.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, at All Saints', 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, T. Milsted 2, Betty Solly 3, L. Everest 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, H. Luck 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8.—At Quex Park, on Jan. 26th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: T. Milsted 1, Betty Solly 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, A. Hinkley 4, H. Luck 5, L. Everest 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Jan. 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rouse 1, D. Surman 2, L. Aston (cond.) 3, P. Baker 4, W. G. Foley 5, D. Aston (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Webb, who was interred earlier in the day. The widower and three sons are ringers.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret E. Hawthorne 1, G. F. Carter 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, P. G. Foote 5, J. Dennis 6.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's on Jan. 21st, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, F. Waldron 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, A. Mould 4, W. Lancaster 5, P. Dudley 6, B. Barker 7, W. Steen 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. Underwood, a former churchwarden and bellringer.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 26th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Myers (first quarter) 1, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, R. Hough 4, S. Sage 5, E. L. Ellis 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, 1.280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. A. Pryor 5, R. Charge 6, G. A. Parsons 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8. A birthday honour to Phil Blake, of Finchley.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Jan. 27th, 1.260 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): W. Willis 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, N. B. Davis 3, R. Perry 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, L. Burnett 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

MINCHINGHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1.260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, P. Ponting 2, E. Jefferies 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, H. Barratt 5, E. Bailey 6. A 78th birthday compliment to the ringer of 6.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rouse 1, R. Taylor 2, D. Surman 3, H. Webb (cond.) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, R. Godfrey 6, F. Pendry 7, B. Parkin 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to G. H. Walters (interred on Jan. 26th) by the hand he helped to teach.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Lannstone 6. A 21st birthday compliment to L. W. Bullock.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jean Oates (first quarter) 1, T. Elliott 2, Ed. Large 3, Keith Haslam 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. H. Walters 8.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 10th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, The Institute. 8318

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 8299

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Tibshelf (6), Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Business very important.—A. B. Cooper. 8352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8341

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Maresfield (8), Feb. 10th. Tea at Chestnuts Tea Room. Names to R. Bennett, The Limes, Maresfield.—C. A. Bassett. 8343

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. 8359

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney, on Saturday, February 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Trolley bus routes Nos. 555, 557 and 653.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8366

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—February 17th, Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3-4; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30; Southwark Cathedral 4-5. Service, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. Further ringing, Cathedral, 8. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome. Feb. 21st, St. Stephen's, Westminster, practice, 7.45.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8353

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Syston, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room, Broad Street. Names not later than Wednesday, Feb. 14th to Mr. E. Payne, The Green, Syston.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8334

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of the Newark and Lincoln Districts at Newark (10) on Feb. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday.—F. Vernon, 33, Shakespeare Street, New Balderton, Newark. 8329

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover (8), Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15, Stuart Cafe, for those who notify by Feb. 16th.—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8335

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—District annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting in vestries at 6.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 13th, to the District Secretary. Bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, available 2.30 to 4.—F. Finch, Dis. Sec., 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 8346

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Barking, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8360

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at North Petherton, Feb. 17th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Local Sec. 8373

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 17th, Bromborough. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.. Tea provided for those notifying me by 14th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8378

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Publow, 4 o'clock, February 17th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8372

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), Feb. 17th, 2.30. Names must be received by 14th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8376

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting at Bilton, near Rugby, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Burnell, 18 Plexfield Road, Bilton, Rugby, by Feb. 14th. 8361

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting at Longstone (6) on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea obtainable.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8374

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual social at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 7.30—11.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. All proceeds to the fund for the restoration of St. Mary's Church bells.—P. A. M. 8369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Haslingden, Feb. 17th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter 8380

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m.. Cafe and snack bar near by. No. 28 bus from Piccadilly.—R. Benson. 8379

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, Feb. 17th. T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8371

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas', Salisbury, Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's and St. Martin's (evening) bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury. 8375

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Howden, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at a moderate charge to all who notify Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, on or before Feb. 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8365

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Pulborough, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (by 13th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8364

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Feb. 17th, Northiam. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Beckley bells 6. 8383

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ash, Feb. 24th. Full details next issue. All ringers welcomed and a good tea assured. 8381

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Matthes' Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. All names or numbers for tea must be in by Wednesday, 21st, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Gt. Yarmouth. 8362

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—General committee meeting at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on Sat., Feb. 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea served after meeting for those requiring at 2s. per head. Names need not be sent in. Bells (8) available from 5.30 p.m. 8344

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Tichborne on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea at Riverside Farm 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by Monday, Feb. 19th. 8356

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual supper of the South and West District will take place at Heston on Saturday, March 10th. Details later. 8370

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