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READING BETWEEN THE LINES

A GOOD many more ringers than those actually present are interested to a greater or less degree in the proceedings at the annual conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Perhaps one of the greatest privileges open to a ringer is membership of this august assembly. Perhaps nothing is more disappointing to a member of the Council than enforced absence from one of its gatherings. In the nature of things, however, membership of the Council cannot be open to all ringers and there must be occasions when even those who have the privilege of membership are prevented from attending.

All such absentees must rely upon the official reports which are so well presented from year to year in the columns of 'The Ringing World' or upon the personal reactions and descriptions of their friends. It may be that to many people the latter can be even more interesting than the former. Whatever the source of the news, however, there is certain to be a good deal of pleasurable 'reading between the lines.'

'Reading between the lines' must always have its handicaps, and it is a practice which, although so pleasurable, can sometimes, although by no means always, be misleading. It may, therefore, be an unwarrantable assumption, but the rumour persists that the proceedings at this year's meeting, although very pleasant as always, did not reach the height of reality and usefulness to which, at its best, the Central Council ought to aspire.

One ringer wrote to another, 'You did not miss much at Lincoln. The morning was taken up with stereotyped business and in the afternoon there was far too much technical discussion, boring beyond words. I was glad my train left early.' Shortly after the Council meeting a letter appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World' from a member of the Council making the same complaint about the afternoon proceedings. From 'The Ringing World' report of the annual general meeting of one of our larger

guilds we learn that it is quite usual for the Central Council to make one decision in the morning and a contrary decision in the afternoon.

All these things are disquieting, although fortunately, as always, there is a lighter side. One member of the Council tells a delightful story against himself. It seems that he found the acoustics of Lincoln Chapter House a little difficult and, being quite unaware of the business before the meeting, he took a chance and decided to raise his hand with the majority only to be told hastily by one of his friends that he was voting against a resolution that he had himself seconded.

One point must, of course, be made quite clear. Whatever criticisms may be made of the business meeting, the Lincoln people themselves were, as one would certainly expect, second to none in their hospitality. No pains were, it seems, spared to make the guests welcome and happy, and every care and thought had been given for their comfort and enjoyment. It is the more disappointing, therefore, that the business, over which the hosts had not, nor would have desired, control, should have been so unimpressive to those of us who must, perforce, 'read between the lines.'

Criticism of the Council is not something new. The animated discussions that take place in remote country inns and quiet city taverns or even draughty belfries pending the arrival of the belated No. 8 are not always restricted to ball bearings or coursing orders or inferior quality bell-ropes. The Central Council sometimes looms large in such discussions, and it is a pity some of the comments are not the subject of a permanent written record.

Is the Council all it could be? Can it be improved and, if so, in what way? What a wonderful thing it would be if some of the more energetic critics would take up a pen and wield it in the good cause. It is probably too much to hope that more than one or two can be prompted from their silence. What about you, dear reader? Perhaps the Editor has never had a letter from you and yet you may be one of the most vocal critics of the Council. This article has given you a starting point, but it is deliberately negative in its criticism. The writer has all sorts of ideas on the subject, but would much prefer to see the opinions of other people. So what about it?

P. A. CORBY.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON 2	ARTHUR D. COOK 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	PAUL L. TAYLOR 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 8
CHARLES, MCGUINNESS 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
MARIE R. CROSS 5	KENNETH S. B. CROFT 11
WALTER TOMLINSON 6	STANLEY E. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING 2	†GEORGE P. ADAMS 8
ERNEST G. SHORTING 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 4	*BURLEY P. MORRIS 10
ARTHUR G. BASON 5	BERT GOGLE 11
†ERNEST H. MASTIN 6	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. G. Bason, Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Comprising 576 each of York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston and Yorkshire, and 1,152 of Belgrave, with 96 changes of method.

JOHN B. BENNETT Treble	*HARRY POYNER 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HARRY G. WAYNE 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 4	JOHN R. SMITH 10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5	†E. ALAN JACQUES 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY Tenor

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus in eight methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus in eight methods as conductor. A compliment to George Bailey and E. Sylvia Wise, of Melton Mowbray, both members of the Guild, on their engagement.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ERNEST STITCH 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
*IVOR R. NICHOLS 3	†CHARLES CLEGG 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	†ERNEST J. GOWER 10
J. NORMAN HADLEY 5	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD 11
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6	WM. FRANK STENSON Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques and in the method. ‡ First peal of Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry F. Holding.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	*ERNEST MORRIS 6
SIDNEY HARRISON 2	E. ALAN JACQUES 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	PETER J. STANFORTH 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	ARTHUR DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 150th peal of Caters. Specially rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells, Stedman Triples, conducted by the late William Willson, for many years towerkeeper and conductor at this church.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

STEPHEN LAYLAND Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING 6
THOMAS PRICE 2	GEORGE A. PACKER 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	MAURICE G. TURNER 8
*ARTHUR ROGERS 4	HOWARD HOWELL 9
IVOR R. NICHOLS 5	W. FRANK STENSON Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal on ten bells. In memoriam James W. Edge, towerkeeper at this church for 23 years, who passed away July 15th, 1952.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.	
WILLIAM ROSE Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 5
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2	†H. REGINALD WOODS 6
HERBERT GOAKES 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY 7
*FREDERICK S. PARSONS 4	*JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Barker, a ringier at this church, and Miss J. Fleetwood, a member of the Dagenham company, who were married at Dagenham in the afternoon. Also a birthday compliment to James H. Musson.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
ROGER O. FRY Treble	HAROLD L. PARFREY 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER 2	*RAYMOND C. HARDING 6
WILFRED F. WEBB 3	ERIC SUTTON 7
PHILIP W. WEEKS 4	HERBERT J. MERRETT Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
LESLIE BARRY Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 5
TREVOR PRITCHARD 2	*RALPH HAZELL 6
*JOHN R. JOYNER 3	REV. G. R. H. SMITH 7
†JOHN H. JOYNER 4	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by the REV. G. R. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 6
WALTER G. SOAR .. 3	*PHILIP WHITAKER .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	SIDNEY H. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of London.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 4	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 300th peal. Composition, a 26-course regular two-part, with four pairs of bells reversed, has the 5th and 6th ten courses each in 5-6.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER Treble	† DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
*JOHN THORLEY .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
†HOWARD SCOTT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 4	GIBSON JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ARTHUR JOPP Treble	FREDERICK HAWKES .. 5
*DAVID BEACHAM .. 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY .. 6
HAROLD WILLETT .. 3	CHARLES J. CAMM .. 7
†MURIEL WILLETT .. 4	FRANK LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
HAROLD KILBY .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 6
†RICHARD E. MANTON .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
JAMES W. BOWLEY .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARGARET ROWLAND .. Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	RALPH HARRIS .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 4	PATRICK HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	JOHN BRAMLEY .. 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 6
REX J. CORKE .. 3	*ROY COLLINS .. 7
*E. JOHN WELLS .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal in the method. Fastest peal of Major rung on the bells. Arranged for the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, on holiday in the district.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	JACK BAILEY .. 5
*JOAN E. HOODLESS .. 2	PHILIP H. SPECK .. 6
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. 7
*ALLAN SIMPSON .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HORACE OVER Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
*JOHN E. UNDERWOOD .. 3	*ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb

MRS. WM. H. KINGCOTT .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
JILL BRITTAIN .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 6
JOHN HILL .. 3	JOHN CHILCOTT .. 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	WM. H. KINGCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

A wedding compliment from his fellow members of the Society of Roving Ringers to Mr. T. Mark White, founder secretary of the Society, and Miss Audrey Morrison, who were married at this Cathedral Church earlier this day.



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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, 720 Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 720 Single Oxford and Plain Bob (combined 360's). Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

BRIAN TAYLOR Treble	PETER C. RIDGEWAY .. 4
*ROBERT G. LAY 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in more than one method.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire.

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

GEORGE R. WILKINSON .. Treble	WILLIAM DRURY .. 4
FRANK T. LONG 2	PETER J. THOMAS .. 5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON .. 3	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

Rung as a second birthday compliment to Her Royal Highness Princess Anne. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Edward W. Warwick, of this parish.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240 Pitman's. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3
*BRIAN J. LUFF 2	*JOHN W. MEAD .. 4
*FREDK. W. BURNETT .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal of Doubles.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALAN A. J. UTTING .. Treble	†RONALD G. LARNER .. 4
†DENNIS W. GREEN .. 2	†WILLIAM SIDWELL .. 5
†ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal in three methods 'inside.'

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT E. TALLIS .. Treble	*MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 4
MURIEL REAY 2	ANTHONY AGER .. 5
CLIVE M. SMITH 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Minor.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. Treble	JOHN S. BARNES .. 4
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	BERT GOOLE .. 5
WILLIAM H. BARRETT .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

Rung in honour of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret's birthday.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*PHILIP EASTLAND .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4
*DORIS MARSHALL .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. C. A. Rooke, mother of the conductor.

BOW, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM ASHDOWN .. Treble	*ROBERT PERRY .. 4
*WILFRED PANTER .. 2	HORACE BUTT .. 5
*PERCY NEWTON .. 3	†A. COURTNEY THORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE BUTT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL F. AMOS .. Treble	LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. 4
*JOHN HOBLEY 2	VICTOR A. PERRY .. 5
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 3	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Haynes.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	*EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4
*HENRY N. VAUGHAN .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in four methods. E. J. Ladd has now rung each bell to a peal. In memoriam Mr. E. J. Oliver, of Upper Hartfield, a past chairman of the Guild.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*TREVOR A. BEVIS .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. 4
*E. JACK PARISH .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	ARTHUR CLEMENTS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	*FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 4
*DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 2	*ROLAND F. ECCLES .. 5
*EDWARD PROCTOR .. 3	ALLEN CASSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal in two methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Allan Gerrard and Betty Schofield, sister of the 2nd ringer and head bell-ringer at Morecambe Parish Church.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*TERRY EARL Treble	JUNE STARLING 4
*ALAN SYDER 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
SHIRLEY BARRINGER 3	ALFRED LITTLE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN W. MEADE Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 4
NORMAN J. SMITH 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 5
*BRIAN J. LUFF 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal in two methods. Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 9. Tenor size 15 in C.	
ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	FREDK. A. SALTER 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Arranged for Mr. F. A. Salter, of Nottingham.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At 23, HIGHFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

This composition is now rung for the first time. 180 calls. Contains the extent with 7-8 Before. All combinations of 234 with 5-6 and 6-5 at alternate part ends. A 22nd birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

FRANK C. PRICE 1-2	*JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7-8

*PATRICK HARRIS 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A birthday compliment to J. Thomas and Pat Harris, both the same day.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 Double Bob, 592 St. Clement's College, 444 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse and Little Bob, 296 Crayford Little Bob and 1,712 Plain Bob, with 330 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Ambrose Guild.)

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON 1-2	JACK R. WORRALL 5-6
REGINALD G. HOOPER 3-4	JOHN F. PEDLER 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Rung as a farewell to Eric Sutton, who is joining H.M. Forces.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

X. — PROVING BOB MINOR

There are many beginners, and many more advanced ringers, too, who like to dabble a little in composing, if only to while away odd moments. They love to try their hand, for instance, at putting together touches of Grand-sire Triples, or even finding a new method. It may not always be a profitable occupation, but it is very fascinating.

And yet we think there is something to be gained from it, even if the material results are very small. By 'experimenting' with figures, the student may learn quite a lot.

Composing, without proving, is, of course, a waste of time. The ringer who 'composes' touches or peals leaves his work incomplete if he does not 'prove' that what he has composed is true. A composition is worthless unless it is true.

A reader who has been working on Bob Minor asks us to deal with the proof of it in this column. He says, 'It does not always follow, I find, that even if the lead ends do not repeat, the touch need necessarily be true. In Bob Major, I believe I am right in saying, provided the tenors are kept together, then a touch or peal is true if the lead ends are true. Of course, I appreciate that in Minor the tenors cannot be kept together throughout the whole of a 720.'

First with regard to Bob Major, it is the fact of keeping two bells (the tenors) constantly in the same relationship that ensures the truth of a composition, if the lead-ends are true. If the tenors are parted, then there is a risk of repetition unless certain safeguards are taken. Just as an example, taken at haphazard, the change 61725846 can occur, when the treble is coming down, before the lead-head 16725846 and after the lead-head 16278564 with the treble going up. Just take paper and pencil and work it out for yourselves.

In Bob Minor the same risk occurs when the 'tenors' are parted, and, as they must necessarily be parted to obtain the full extent of changes, the mere checking of the backstroke treble leads is not sufficient.

Our correspondent asks us to use the following example, which he specially compiled, to illustrate our explanation.

23456	45326	42356
—23564	S 54263	—42563
36245	46532	—42635
S 63452	63425	23456
S 56524	—63524	
S 63245	—63542	
34652	34625	
45326	42356	

In Bob Minor the two bells behind are not affected by a bob, and by the use of bobs and singles they can come together six times, but they may sometimes be coursing in a reverse order, and when you check your composition you must make sure that the reverse order does not give you the same change at handstroke that you have already had elsewhere at backstroke; if you do, you have repeated, in the reverse order, the preceding eleven changes.

Wherever, therefore, you find you have bells in 5-6 reversed, you must check the handstrokes as well as the backstrokes, and if you are using singles, you must check both hand- and backstrokes, whichever way the bells turn up behind. As the proof of Bob Minor, in any case, is not a very lengthy business, it may be quicker and safer in the long run for the beginner to write down every handstroke and backstroke of his composition. The handstrokes of the above touch are:—

—32546	S 54236	24536
32654	45623	24653
S 63425	64352	24365
S 36542	—36245	
S 63254	—36524	
36425	36452	
43562	43265	

Now compare these rows against the previous set of backstrokes and you find repetition between Lead 2, Column 1, and Lead 4, Column 2; Lead 4, Column 1, and Lead 5, Column 2; Lead 3, Column 2, and Lead 3, Column 1.

In this particular touch, there is one other thing which will be obvious to the student. You cannot have more than six rows with the same pair of bells in 2-3, when the treble is leading. When a single is made that pair of bells is in 2-3, both at handstroke and backstroke, and the single, therefore, accounts for two of the six changes. A glance at the figures of the above touch, therefore, reveals falseness at once, for 6-3 are in front twice at singles (which accounts for four changes) and three times elsewhere, so that even if all six rows had been used (actually only five are) the touch must be false.

Perhaps our readers would like to try their hand at the following touch of 240 and see whether or not it is true:—

23456	34256	25346	45326
—23564	45362	S 52463	—45263
—23645	56423	26534	54632
34256	—56234	63245	63524
	63542	34652	32645
	—63425	45326	S 23456
	32654		
	25346		

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association was held in Blessington, Co. Wicklow, on August 23rd.

St. Mary's Church has the oldest ringing bells in Ireland. They were installed originally in 1682 by Bartlett and were overhauled in 1923, when the tenor (16 cwt.) had to be 'sprung' into the frame, with the result that very few ringers can ring it for more than five minutes. All ringing on Saturday had necessarily to be confined to short spells, during some of which the tenorman asked to be relieved. However, the members enjoyed very much the visit to Blessington.

Tea was kindly arranged by the local Rector (the Rev. E. H. Despard) and some ladies.

Some well-struck touches of Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on handbells while tea was finishing—some Irish (and English, too!) eat faster than others. This was followed by a short business meeting, during which the Rector welcomed the visitors to Blessington.

The district chairman, Mr. James MacManus, thanked the Rector and ladies for making the ringers so welcome and for use of bells.

The following matters were discussed and decided:— Assistant district secretary: Mrs. Rita Dukes unanimously elected. Mrs. Jean Darmon, Ringing Master, sought the feeling of those present about change ringing practices to be held monthly in Dublin during the winter. It was unanimously decided to hold them once a month on a Wednesday night and also once a month on Saturday afternoon from October.

There were 29 ringers present from Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (St. John's and St. Patrick's).

The members look forward to a future visit to Blessington, even although the tenor is a problem, but the surroundings tend to offset that. Blessington has a huge artificial lake, constructed a few years back to supply Dublin city with water as well as being used for generating electricity in connection with the national 'grid.' The lake became so populated with perch that an angling association attached tags to one hundred of them, and for every one caught a sum of £10 will be paid—of course, only for the 'tagged' ones. Very few have so far been caught.

RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

A Year of Advancement

We have received the annual report for 1951 of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which makes encouraging reading. The report, which was signed by the Master (Mr. Leslie Evans) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. F. G. Benson) states:—

During 1951 it would appear that the Guild has at last recovered most of the ground lost during the war. The number of ringing members (641) is an increase of 59 over the previous year and it has brought us back to the pre-war level.

The number of peals, too (57), is the second largest number ever rung in one year by the Guild and 25 more than last year. The record number for one year remains 67 (rung in 1938), but the standard of methods rung in 1951 shows a distinct advance over that of 1938.

This is all a cause for thankfulness and encouragement, but we can hardly yet be satisfied. There are still some 54 towers in the diocese with rings of five or more bells not in union with the Guild. At some of these towers no doubt there are local bands which ring the bells mostly in call-changes on Sundays, but no district should be satisfied until it has all its towers in the Guild, each with its own band of Sunday service change ringers ringing every Sunday 'with the attractiveness of perfection.'

1,500th PEAL

The 1,500th peal of the Guild was rung at Goodrich on May 12th, 1951. We congratulate the band and the Guild on this achievement. The official list of Guild peals has recently been carefully checked by the peal recorder, who found that there were five peals duplicated, so that he has had to revise the numbers. The total is now correct.

During 1951, the first peal of London Surprised Minor and the first two peals of Spliced Major were rung for the Guild. They were all three rung by resident members. The first peal by a local band was rung at Weobley and, in all, some 24 members rang their first peal during the year. There were few peals rung without at least one asterisk—noting the progress of one or more members of the band.

On July 28th, 1951, the Lord Bishop of Hereford dedicated the war memorial, erected by the Guild in the ringing chamber of All Saints', Hereford. It consists of an oak tablet fixed below the 1914-18 one, inscribed with the date 1939-1945, and three small bells as the heading, followed by the roll of honour:—

Leonard Atwood, Sutton; Clarence Barratt, Clunbury; Fredk. Bassett, Leominster; David Biggs, Fownhope; Thomas Biggs, Fownhope; Peter Brawn, Ross; Harry Chandler, Lymington; Clifford Dale, Sutton; Richard Hadley, Almeley; Leslie Jaine, Marden; Thomas Payne, Upton Bishop; Robert Pearce, Lugwardine; William Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow; Frederick Watkins, Clifford.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Guild has lost by death during the year Miss Maud Ball, who had long taken an interest in its activities and, until age prevented her, regularly attended the festivals and meetings in Hereford. She became a life honorary member in 1934.

Mr. Walter S. Evans, a member of the Holmer band, was elected on the committee in 1921 and served on it until the war. He had rung 44 peals for the Guild.

Mr. Charles L. Sadler joined the Guild at Leintwardine in 1906 and at once became the leader of a good band, and soon made his mark in the locality. He conducted his first peal of Minor in 1907 and was an elected member of the committee from 1908 until 1920. About 1910 he lived for a time at Newent, but after his return to Hereford he became Roman Catholic. However, he was allowed to retain his life membership of the Guild in recognition of the valuable work he had done for the Guild. He rang in 147 peals for the Guild, some of which he conducted himself.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. J. Ford 1, J. H. Hayne 2, M. W. Ford 3, H. J. Ford (cond.) 4, W. G. Trevett 5, W. C. Ford 6. Rung half-muffled for those who lost their lives in the Lynmouth disaster, also in memory of the wife of the Rector of Portesham (Mrs. H. R. A. Cornish), who passed away August 17th.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shirley Corke (first quarter in method) 1, Rosemary A. Heath (first quarter in method) 2, R. Corke 3, J. Wells 4, P. Blackman 5, R. Collins 6, C. Denyer (cond.) 7, R. Mills 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, A. J. Ede (first quarter on 8) 2, F. Bennett 3, R. A. Beale 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 6, C. H. Page 7, F. Page 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Aug. 24th, at St. John's, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. C. Hurst 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, J. E. Daniels 4, D. T. Matkin 5, H. A. Mitchell 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. H. Coute 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 8.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Parry 1, J. L. Fitzgerald 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, Miss Y. C. Ponten 4, D. S. Voss 5, D. G. Clarke 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, Miss J. Powell 8.

FULHAM, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. Phillips 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, F. Blondell 4, R. G. Lay 5, B. Lunn (first of Caters) 6, A. J. Phillips 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, C. Watts 10.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bennett 1, S. W. Cull 2, W. T. Holmes 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, J. M. Page 5, A. F. Cull (cond.) 6, S. Huckle 7, L. F. Cull 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Price, who were married at Kimpton Parish Church on August 16th.

QUARTER PEALS

FRENESHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Butler (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, Rosemary A. Heath 2, S. Meadows 3, R. Collins 4, C. Wells 5, C. Denyer (cond.) 6.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Scott (cond.) 1, G. W. Stubbs 2, A. Cramp 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand 5, E. E. Gibson 6.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter Kent Minor 4 and 5. Rung in humble respect to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Commins 1, C. J. Stevens 2, D. Smith (first in method) 3, G. Davis 4, C. Tarr 5, R. Winter 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Eileen Farrell 2, Squire Croft 3, F. D. Bishop 4, T. E. Davis 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6.

LYDD, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Boulden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, J. R. Cooper 5, H. Humphreys 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, L. Terry 8. First of Triples for 2, 4 and 8. Arranged for the ringer of third, who hails from Upper Clapton, E.5.

SHERINGTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (being 900 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): F. Orchard 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, V. Adams 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss B. Watts, a member of a well-known local ringing family, and Mr. Smith. The first known quarter peal on these bells.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. Ransom 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. Goodyer 5, E. Wakeling 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, Miss A. Wood (first quarter 'inside' Hawkhurst) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. Nicholls 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. A. Reeve 2, E. L. Miles 3, R. Sanders 4, T. Welbourne 5, S. Howard 6, J. Chapman (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. A 71st birthday compliment to Jim Chapman, who has just completed 30 years captain and steeplekeeper of this tower.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Denroche (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Hawthorne 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, G. Huxley 4, H. Brown 5, F. W. Wicks 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Plain): James Thorley 1, John Thorley 2, David Thorley 3, Charles Thorley 4, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 5, Ernest Thorley 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Robinson (first quarter) 1, K. Davis 2, Joan Smith 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. N. Williams 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, E. Williams 3, W. R. Rich 4, H. H. Runyard 5, J. Williams 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor's daughter, Freda, and Mr. A. Sawyer, which took place the previous day at Wool, also to Mr. W. R. Rich, one of the guests, from All Saints', Maidstone.

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Will postal subscribers going on holiday please
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copies forwarded to them. They should be
received on the Monday previous to the date
of issue.

Friends of the late Mr.
J. A. Trollope will regret
to hear that his sister, with
whom he lived at Ealing, passed away on Tues-
day, August 26th. She had been unwell for
some time, but maintained her interest in the
Exercise and read 'The Ringing World' until
the last.

Mr. John Knight has made for the belfry of
Haslemere Church a handbell rack. His work-
manship is greatly admired.

It was Mr. George R. Wilkinson who rang
the treble to a peal of Doubles at Whitstone,
Leics, on July 29th, and not Mr. George H.
Wilkins as printed in 'The Ringing World.'

The East Grinstead and District Guild would
be grateful to any reader who could supply
details of the late Mr. E. J. Oliver's ringing
prior to 1921, when he was a member of the
Midland Counties Association.

The Thorley family have rung three quarters
and one peal at Thorne. The performance in
this week's issue was rung by Charles, James
and Ernest Thorley, who are brothers and the
three sons of James—J. Martin, David and
John.

The appeal for the restoration and rehang-
ing of the bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge,
is meeting with a slow reception. Only £900
of the £2,500 required has been received. Dona-
tions should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev.
G. E. A. Whitworth, Great St. Mary's Church,
Cambridge.

The members of the Society of Roving
Ringers who rang the peal at Guildford last
Saturday as a wedding compliment to Mr. T.
Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison have
one regret—that the bridegroom with his critical
ear did not hear the peal. The ringing was of
a high standard and met with the warm ap-
proval of Holy Trinity members who were
listening.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The 70th birthday of Mr.
John Thomas was a happy
occasion at Hinton-on-the-
Green. Mr. Thomas called a peal of Stedman
Triples in the Parish Church and there was
also a handbell peal.

Kingston Seymour, Somerset, bells will be
rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at
harvest thanksgiving on September 7th at 6.30
p.m.

Memories of the late Mr. William Willson,
of Leicester, were recalled by the peal at St.
John-the-Divine's, Leicester, on August 23rd.
It was the 50th anniversary of the first peal on
these bells, which was called by the late Mr.
Willson.

Another fine performance is announced from
Leicester this week with a peal of Spliced Sur-
prise Maximus in eight methods. The peal was
called by Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, and the
methods were York, Pudsey, Leicestershire,
Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston, York-
shire and Belgrave.

Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, informs us
that the claim that the peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Major rung at Wetherby, Yorks, on
August 14th, 1952, is the first in the method
on the bells is incorrect. The first peal of
Double Norwich at Wetherby was rung on April
14th, 1920. It was the first peal on the bells
and was conducted by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

There was a peal reunion at Saffron Walden
on August 21st. The band, who rang Mr. John
A. Acre's first peal on January 2nd, 1939, at-
tended and rang a peal in the same method
(Plain Bob Major) on the same bells. During
the intervening years the band had not been
associated in a peal together. There was a
difference of one minute in the time taken,
and while Mr. Walter Ayre called the first peal,
the conductor on this occasion was Mr. J. A.
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REV. A. S. ROBERTS AND GREATNESS IN THE BELFRY

A LOVELY summer's day—the sun shining, the countryside looking fresh and green after the recent rains, and from the towers and steeples of many churches in the villages and towns of the south-west corner of Surrey the bells pealing out their message of 'one Church, one faith, one Lord.' This was a festival worthy of the name—a feast of good fellowship, real comradeship and the team spirit essential to the lifeblood of bell ringing associations up and down the country. The Four Guilds Festival—an annual gathering of members of the Ladies' Guild, the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild, the Oxford Guild, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild—was held this year in the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild. It brought together upwards of 150 bell ringers from places as far apart as Carbis Bay in Cornwall to Wolverhampton in Staffordshire and Crayford and Wrotham in Kent.

Eleven belfries in the Farnham District, Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough, Seale, Bentley, Frensham, Bagshot, Hawley, Worplesdon, Pirbright and Farnham, were open for ringing, several of the local ringers in each acting as hosts, so that when a small number of visitors arrived, there would be enough for a short 'touch' to be rung. At no period was adverse criticism heard about the bells or the ringing, and as far as possible undue annoyance to the general public was avoided.

At the close of the afternoon's ringing there was a service in St. Michael's Old Parish Church, Aldershot, conducted by the curate, the Rev. E. Phipps-Neep. Chorister-bellringers led the singing and Mr. G. Goodwin was at the organ. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, who, with his wife and small daughter, are staying at the Vicarage at Hindhead whilst the Rev. W. F. R. Durrant is on holiday. All three are bell ringers. Mr. Roberts also gave the address, and for his text took Genesis 28; 16, 17: 'And Jacob said, "Surely the Lord is in this place . . . this is none other than the House of God and this is the Gate of Heaven."' It was appropriate that the meeting of the Four Guilds should be held on the eve of the Feast of St. Bartholomew, said the preacher, and he thought it might this year be the Five Guilds Festival, for he and his family represented another association, and they were happy and proud to be invited to join in the meeting. It was seldom that one was privileged to speak to so many ringers representing so many guilds. But they all had a common interest, and rendered a similar service cherishing the same love for their art of church bell ringing.

YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

Among those present were probably some who could remember the days when there was beer in the belfry, or at least they all had heard stories of such happenings. The ringers of those days did not go inside the church, but most of that was gone now. If it had not all gone it must soon go. The Exercise—like Jacob—had awakened out of that kind of sleep and had said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place.'

Over a period of years the guilds had been formed, now mostly diocesan guilds, and in the end all must be linked up with the diocese, for ringing takes place upon holy ground. Our ringers to-day were not only ringers. Some were churchwardens, servers, sidesmen, parochial church councillors, choirmen, organists, lay readers, vergers, Sunday School teachers, etc. The majority of learners to-day came from the church into the belfry via the church and not into the church by way of the belfry. The picture to-day was cheering and encouraging.

paper and the ringer was lost for ever. Many great bands of ringers had risen and fallen in this manner through a mistaken idea of the purpose of their service.

'It is not common, of course, to the belfry. The clergy know only too well of the clubs, the choirs and the many that they prepare for Confirmation that it often is happening. We ringers must endeavour to build up our recruits and give them basic training for a ringing career. It is not the ringer who rings methods and peals that makes for greatness in the belfry, but rather the ringer who gives a lifetime of service up and down the ladder, remembering that "this is none other than the House of God and this is the Gate of Heaven."'

'HE WAS A GREAT RINGER'

In a belfry in Cornwall—a rural belfry—was a tablet to a ringer who had rung in that church for over 50 years, and at the foot of the tablet it read, 'He was a great ringer.' And yet that old man had probably never heard of a Central Council of Bell Ringers, nor of even the standard methods. He had rung call changes and rounds all his life, on a parochial level, but he was undoubtedly 'a great ringer' and gave a lifetime of service. The four Guilds assembled that day were among the most progressive in the Exercise. They rang the bells regularly and well—the bells put in the churches by the parishioners of the towns and villages for the calling together of God's faithful people. There was still plenty of patient pioneering to do, and God called them all to service, and where they served let them always remember that it was 'none other than the House of God' and they would then strengthen one another in service to Him.

Following the service tea was served in the Parish Hall by members of the Ladies' Guild, under the direction of the secretary, Miss W. Oliver. It was an excellent meal and the ladies were applauded and thanked for their hard work. Thanks were also extended to all others who were responsible for the arrangements. A welcome to the other associations was given by Mr. C. W. Denyer on behalf of the Guildford Guild, and a special welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Denyer also stated that the address Mr. Roberts had given

that afternoon was one of the finest he had heard at any ringers' services.—The company present concurred.

A suggestion by one of the members that a collection be made for the Lynmouth Relief Fund was agreed to, and the amount collected was £7. Later the ringers dispersed and continued their tour of the district, and the bells were rung in most of the towers until 9 p.m. C. W. D.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's. on Aug. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Lewis (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. F. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, S. G. Day 4, R. E. Turner 5, A. Diserens 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First quarter of Yorkshire for 2, 4 and 5.



The Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts admiring the Surrey landscape from the tower of Farnham Parish Church during the Four Guilds Festival. With them is Mr. C. W. Denyer, Ringing Master of Farnham District. [Photo by permission of 'Farnham Herald.'

There was a danger, however, that they learned too hurriedly. Many youngsters learned method ringing before they had complete management of the bellrope. They climbed too quickly to the top of the ladder of method ringing and were never willing to descend again. The angels of God in Jacob's dream were ascending and descending, and what they did ringers must learn to do. The older stalwarts of the local band of ringers often saw their young recruits climb fast and were overjoyed at the progress made. Then the first peal was rung, another and yet another. Many more followed in different methods—Surprise and Spliced Surprise—all the more complicated, and week after week those names appeared in 'The Ringing World.' And then suddenly the potential giant faded away, the name disappeared from the

KENT RINGERS' TOUR IN WEST YORKSHIRE

A SPLENDID WEEK AMONGST GOOD BELLS AND MAGNIFICENT SCENERY

FOR the third year in succession, ten ringers from Kent, with eleven friends from other counties, decided to visit Yorkshire for their annual tour. Headquarters were fixed at the Marlborough House Hydro, Ilkley, and after spending a very comfortable week, we should like to recommend this hotel, under the proprietorship of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, as offering ideal accommodation for future ringing tours.

This year all ringing arrangements were planned by Mr. Ronald H. Dove, of Leeds, ably assisted by Miss M. Rhodes, and we can say, quite seriously, that his excellent organisation produced a most enjoyable, successful and happy week.

The Kent contingent left Paddock Wood at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 9th, in the usual 31-seater coach provided by proprietor Ernest Lush, picking up the writer and two others at the Marble Arch, London, at 10 a.m. We followed the Great North Road to Stamford for lunch, and our first tower for ringing was Grantham (ten, 32 cwt.). Messrs. F. W. Pinchbeck and F. J. Parsons were waiting to greet us, and we soon had this fine peal going to Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal and Superlative, finishing by lowering all ten in peal. Continuing northwards through Doncaster and Leeds, we reached Ilkley at 9 p.m. The rest of our party were waiting for us, and it was not long before several different handbell parties were getting some practice in Grandsire and Plain Bob.

On Sunday morning the two brothers Crawshaw were waiting to welcome us to Ilkley (eight, 18½ cwt.), and we admired the memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowden, whose famous books have helped many hundreds to understand the intricacies of change ringing. Everyone attended service, and after lunch we went over to Haworth (six, 12 cwt.). Mr. A. Bairstow was expecting us to attempt a peal, but enabling all our party to have a ring would have allowed barely enough time before service. So we contented ourselves with touches, including Oswald Delight, and some of us inspected the old Vicarage, the home of the famous Brontë sisters.

After tea at the Brontë Café (most places are Brontë 'something' in Haworth), we continued our way to Bradford Cathedral (ten, 26 cwt.). This magnificent ring was enjoyed to Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Ten and Superlative, and we would thank once again Messrs. E. H. Simpson and other local ringers for kindly giving up the bells to our use. The beauty of Bradford bells is helped very much by the use of sound controlling louvres, and a specially constructed lantern allows the sound to pass upwards and outwards.

THREE PEALS ON THE MONDAY

We commenced peal ringing at Guiseley (8, 16½ cwt.) with a good peal of Double Norwich, and Colin Champion rang very well to score his first peal in the method. Mr. A. C. Walsh welcomed us and congratulated us afterwards. The bells are a good ring recast by Gillett and Johnston from a lighter ring with tenor 10½ cwt. Here again a sound relaying lantern has been built with beneficial results. There are many towers all over the country where the sound in the ringing chamber would be much improved if these lanterns were added. Another band were ringing Yorkshire at Otley (eight, 16½ cwt.) on another good Gillett and Johnston ring. While these peals were in progress the remainder of our party, with Miss M. Rhodes (who joined us for most of the week), rang at Calverley (eight, 11 cwt.) and Idle (eight, 15 cwt.).

After lunch we indulged in a spot of tower hunting, commencing at Bingley (eight, 16 cwt.)

and Keighley (eight, 17 cwt.), where a course of London was rung. Seven of our party went back to Ilkley and met Mr. Gordon Benfield, of Pudsey, and rang a well-struck peal of Plain Bob. The rest of us continued to Silsden (six, 12 cwt.) where the Vicar was delighted to hear the bells rung again, and then on to Addingham (six, 10 cwt.), where the church takes a little finding as it is in the middle of a field.

At all three peal towers we had the experience of ringing with the Yorkshire 'sally' tail-end, and at Otley there are small bells between the tail-end and the sally. Opinions were divided as to the advantage of these tail-ends. For the light bells they are certainly comfortable, but for the back bells, especially the tenor, where there is considerable difference in the swing of the bell going up and down, they are not so nice, as one often finds oneself with one's hands above the tail-end when coming from behind to the front. However, they are something of a tradition in West Yorkshire, and visitors have to accept them.

A VISIT TO LANCASHIRE

The weather on Tuesday, which had been bad on Monday, brightened up a little and we journeyed for a peal at Kildwick (eight, 15 cwt.). A start was made for Kent Treble Bob, but unfortunately the tenor clapper broke after an hour. Our other peal attempt at Skipton (eight, 22 cwt.) was successful, and rung on a splendid ring, too. Those not peal ringing visited Gisburn (six, 9 cwt.) and Gargrave (eight, 16 cwt.).

After eating a packed lunch, and being joined by Roland Dove, we had the pleasure of a trip through the Ribbles Valley and ringing in six Lancashire towers. The first was Clitheroe (eight, 18 cwt.), then on to Whalley (eight, 22 cwt.), a similar ring to Skipton. Then came the industrial town of Burnley, and we visited Holy Trinity (eight, 12 cwt.) and St. Peter's (eight, 18 cwt.), an ideal octave for a long length, as the sound in the ringing chamber is just right. After a cup of tea, we rang at Nelson (eight, 14 cwt.), where the 7th stay was missing and the clappers had to be untied first, and lastly at Colne (eight, 16 cwt.), where the local band, who were just starting their practice, gave us a warm welcome.

RIPON CATHEDRAL

We much appreciated the opportunity of attempting a peal at Ripon Cathedral, and were looking forward with pleasure to the opportunity. Another band were going for a peal at Birstwith (eight, 11 cwt.), and our route to this church lay through some really lovely moorland scenery. Birstwith bells are a merry little ring, and a peal of Treble Bob (Yorkshire Glory) was soon knocked off on these handy bells. Afterwards this party rang at Patchley Bridge (six, 12 cwt.), very much in the wilds.

Meanwhile another band had gone to Ripon, and after admiring the ancient cathedral, and its connections with the early Kings of Mercia, ascended to the ringing chamber and rang a well-struck peal of Bob Royal, the first in the method on the bells. These bells are a fine ring and there is a very comfortable ringing chamber. Those not peal ringing at Sharow (eight, 12 cwt.) and Wath (six, 8 cwt.) returned to join the peal ringers for a press photograph outside the cathedral.

The afternoon programme was a visit to five interesting towers north of Ripon. The first was West Tanfield (six, 10 cwt.), where the Vicar came into the belfry to welcome us, and the next was Masham (eight, 14 cwt.). Two interesting peal boards in the octagonal tower with spire recorded that in 1827 and 1853 the local company rang peals of Minor in seven methods, in which each 720 was conducted by each of the band. After a cup of tea we visited the best ring of six during the week, the lovely bells of

Kirkby Malzeard (tenor 7 cwt.), and cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1909. Then on to Borough Bridge (six, 14 cwt.) and Aldborough (six, 11 cwt.), where the treble would not set at backstroke, and the local band of ringers included two young ladies from Africa.

YORK MINSTER

A glorious ride on Thursday brought us to Collingham (eight, 7½ cwt.) and its ring of 'handbells,' on which a good peal of Superlative was rung. Another party went to Wetherby (eight, 12 cwt.), home of the Venerable C. O. Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. G. Smith met us, and our 'Spliced Maximus' member was given his first peal of Double Norwich. Maybe we were ringing too fast, but the two back bells certainly required ringing for the last hour. Non-peal-ringers visited Bramham (six, 12 cwt.) and Thorne (six, 10 cwt.).

After lunch we rang at Kirk Deighton (six, 10 cwt.), with an invitation to ring the first peal on the good bells any time we liked. Then came one of the 'tit-bits' of the week, a visit to York Minster (twelve, 60 cwt.). Punctually at 4.30 p.m. Mr. Harold Walker was waiting to welcome us, and after raising the light eight in peal, and the heavy ones singly, we rang Grandsire Cinques and Caters and half a course of Cambridge Royal. The bells 'go' extraordinarily well, but require firm handling owing to the long draught.

The fine eight at Tadcaster (tenor 21 cwt.) were much enjoyed, and several of the local company met us. Our last visit was to Leeds Parish Church (twelve, 42 cwt.) to join the local company in their practice, and we rang Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Treble Twelve, Cambridge Royal and finished with Superlative on the back eight. Best thanks to the local company for allowing us the use of the bells.

THE DALES OF NORTH YORKSHIRE

We hoped for a really fine day on Friday and our wishes were granted, because our route lay through some of the most beautiful scenery in England. Our venue was Aysgarth (six, 12 cwt.) and we travelled past Bolton Abbey through Burnsall, stopping at Kilsa Crag, an overhanging cliff by the roadside and on through Kettlewell, climbing to over 1,500ft, until we came to Aysgarth. Two local lady ringers were waiting for us and we enjoyed the tuneful six, with the longest and softest sallies we had ever seen! Past Bolton Castle, a real 'picture book' one, through Wensley to East Wotton (six, 7 cwt.), where Ronald Dove was awaiting us, and the Vicar insisted on the writer visiting several of the houses in this pretty village to meet local worthies, and then to Middleham (eight, 18 cwt.). These bells are a fine ring, and a very creditable three leads of Bristol was rung, non-conducted, though a full course defeated the same band on two other occasions.

Getting near Richmond and Catterick, the writer was reminded of his Army days in 1940, especially when we passed the well-known Sandes Soldiers' Home in Catterick Camp! Miss D. M. Kittingley was waiting for us at Richmond (eight, 12 cwt.) and joined us for Plain Bob. Then on to Catterick (eight, 10 cwt.), with pictures of ringing sergeant-majors in the ringing room! And lastly an enjoyable two hours spent at Bedale (eight, 21 cwt.), where we encountered a most severe downpour of rain, and the only member of our party with an umbrella was popular with the ladies. The bells, which include a pre-Reformation tenor, are a pleasant 'old style' ring, and a change to the continuous repetition of 'moderns.'

HALIFAX—A FINE TWELVE

Our last touring day arrived all too quickly and we had to record the only two failures of the week (apart from the broken clapper). A

KENT RINGERS' TOUR—Cont.

band started for Double Norwich at Oxenhope (eight, 12 cwt.), and another band tried Cambridge at Heptonstall (eight, 18 cwt.) famous for record peals. Both companies failed for different reasons, but the common one to both was tiredness at the end of a strenuous week. Other ringing took place at Denholme (eight, 15 cwt.), where the Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and after a really good Yorkshire dinner at Heptonstall, those who were fortunate enough to enjoy this felt quite fit again and ready for Halifax. We stopped at Mytholmroyd (eight, 14 cwt.) and then continued to Halifax for the main 'tit-bit' of the week.

The Vicar of Halifax (Archdeacon E. Treacy) came into the ringing room to wish everyone a very hearty welcome, and with three Yorkshire ringers and nine of our party, we started off at a good pace for Treble Twelve and were successful in 3 hours and 37 minutes in ringing the first twelve-bell peal on the new ring recently recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Incidentally, this was the first 12-bell peal in the tower for 20 years. Those not ringing enjoyed a visit to Northwram (eight, 16 cwt.), Queensbury (eight, 15 cwt.) and Haley Hill, Halifax (eight, 25 cwt.), where the local ringers were waiting to welcome them.

After the peal and a refreshing drink, we made tracks for Guiseley and 'Harry Ramsden's' famous fish and chip restaurant, and then home for a final settling up of accounts, etc.

On Sunday we departed early for home, and called in at Doncaster (eight, 30 cwt.) to join the local company for morning service ringing. We disgraced ourselves with Yorkshire, but made up for it with Stedman and Double Norwich. So ended a grand week, during which we rang in 56 towers and travelled over 1,200 miles. In addition to those who rang peals, we were very pleased to have with us the Rev. D. P. Roberts, who had to leave us on Friday morning for another engagement.

We should like to thank all incumbents who kindly gave permission for peals and touches, the local ringers who met us at each tower and gave us a genuine Yorkshire welcome, and lastly we thank, once more, Mr. Ronald Dove and Miss Rhodes for their splendid arrangements and organisation to ensure a really memorable week.

A. P. C.

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 By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**THE WRITTEN WORD**

Dear Sir,—The remark of a churchwarden quoted in a recent editorial, '... one has in these days to be very careful; people are so easily offended,' goes to the very root of many of our troubles.

We are all so easily offended—and that must be one of the things that makes the running of a journal an everlasting source of worry to a conscientious editor. Because writing is a tricky business. Almost as bad as ringing. Make one little trip and you have everyone on top of you at once. And not only will you get the immediate critics, some shouting advice, some grunting abuse and some—almost the hardest to bear with, perhaps—grinning at each other in covert amusement at your errors, but you will get the more pertinacious ones who will not let your mistakes be buried in decency, but who will insist on holding an irate and prolonged inquest.

I do not suppose there has ever been anyone who has written anything, letter, article or book, who has not found after it is too late that something could have been put just that little bit differently. I remember an article by the Editor once in which he spoke of a particular class of the community as 'lesser brethren.' It was a good phrase, it had just that ring of the Church about it to suit its subject matter and, undoubtedly, was used not because the writer really thought of the set of people as inferior in any way, but because it was just good writing. At once readers jumped, held up horrified hands, let loose bitter tongues, wielded vituperative pens. And all because a writer used two particular words!

Another instance is a tour report published recently. Quite obviously the writer intended no offence or disrespect to a native ringer, but I have heard the phrasing condemned by several, some remarks satiric, some merely angry, all bearing evidence that we are a rather touchy community. A report of a Bank Holiday meeting pleased some, but irked others who considered they were something better than either of the types mentioned. I remember reading an obituary which roused a good deal of bitterness by the awkwardness of its 'faint praise.' I don't suppose the departed ringer worried much by that time, but his angry friends found it hard to realise that the paragraph was written by someone who could ring better than he could write.

Small wonder that not many ringers are willing to contribute to 'The Ringing World' when the risk of giving offence is so great!

The remedy for all this is not apparent, but I heard it remarked once that 'antipathy is better than apathy,' and perhaps that is true of 'The Ringing World.' All the time there is someone to take offence you may be quite certain that the journal's life blood is still circulating. Once the critic is dead so is the journal. But let us not be too venomous when we take offence. Let us fight openly and honestly and happily—and then forget it!

'NONA.'

LET'S HAVE GOOD STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Your grand article last week, 'To the Glory of God,' brings to my mind a story told me by one of the old Redenhall band. Before starting for a peal on one occasion, the band included a certain reverend gentleman who, before starting, offered a prayer and the usual ringers' service, when one of the band, anxious for a start, concluded, 'Amen and let's have good striking.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

Wortwell, Harlaston, Norfolk.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS, INSTALLATION

Dear Sir,—The inscription on the new tenor bell at Hughenden is 'I was cast in the 1st year of the reign of Elizabeth II. My fellows were recast at the same time. The cost was borne by the generosity and labours of many.'

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. will start installing the new frame and the bells on Sept. 8th. Will those who have promised a donation to the bell fund, and have so far not sent it, please let me have it as soon as possible?

We have had to replace two wormeaten floors, and the cost of this (about £50) is not included in the £2,000.

R. BIGGS.

Bell-Haven, Hughenden, Bucks.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. R. Beale did not read my letter on the above subject very carefully, as his reply is quite irrelevant. I did not criticise the members of the Oxford Guild, but just made a statement of fact, i.e., that such Guild had rejected a proposal to increase the amount of the annual subscription.

Secondly, I did not associate ringing guilds with sporting organisations. I merely pointed out that if you belong to, say, a literary society or a tennis club, then you have to be prepared to pay towards the welfare (not cash dividends) of such organisations.

Thirdly, I never suggested that donations towards bell restoration funds gave ringing guilds any rights over the bells in the various parishes which they have assisted.

I would refer Mr. Beale to your excellent leading article in last week's issue. Anything which is done for the glory of God demands not only time and talent, but on occasions financial support as well.—Yours very truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

ONE HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. A. J. Nixseaman will find a splendid example near his old Norfolk parish at Saxlingham Nethergate. The dial has been carefully restored of recent years, but visitors are unable to calculate the actual time until, of course, they realise that the villagers prefer their timepiece to be 4¼ minutes fast!—Yours, etc.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

48-MINUTE CLOCK

Dear Sir,—Apropos recent letters in 'The Ringing World,' I wonder if any reader knows of another clock like the one at the Parish Church, Whilton, Northants. This registers but 48 minutes to the hour—four minutes in the place of every five on normal clocks.—Yours truly,

Weston Favell, Northants.

QUARTER PEALS

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples, 9, 8, 10 covering: P. Desbrow (first quarter) 1. Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2. G. Hebborn 3. Miss E. Burton 4. T. Bolingbroke 5. E. Clements 6. F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7. C. Desbrow (first quarter) 8. S. Harrison 9. C. Weston 10. Rung half-muffled.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 24th, 1,952 Minor (32 Little Bob, 480 Kent and Oxford. 720 Plain Bob. 720 Kent): N. D. Lomas 1. M. Jillian Brierley 2. Dorothy Kidd 3. A. Rhodes 4. S. Sage 5. D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung for the Sunday School Festival, and for the Festival of St. Bartholomew, patron saint of this church.

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

2.—THE MEN OF 1820

IT is rare for the constitution of a ringing band to change very suddenly. The slow and subtle process by which a fresh band comes into being resembles that of the evergreen tree, where the old leaves and the new live together, the old falling almost unnoticed and the new increasing in strength and vigour, while all the time the tree presents to the gaze an apparently unaltered appearance. In the Society of St. Martin's Youths changes such as this were taking place throughout the closing years of the 18th. century. The new leaves were as yet hardly distinguishable among the old, and the old leaves were sufficiently flourishing still to adorn the tree in no unworthy manner; but forces were at work building up slowly and surely the band of 1820, a company spoken of by John Day with great respect and admiration.

The period following the visit of the College Youths was one of considerable activity in Birmingham and the district round. The younger men were coming to the fore and among them was Charles Shuter, who, in the year 1789, called Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Philip's, 14,224 Bob Major at Aston, and 8,027 Grandsire Caters at the Bull Ring. The Bob Major was superseded four years later when the Aston men, under Joshua Short, rang 15,360 in the method, a splendid performance and one that remained the longest length in any method until 1868.

Samuel Lawrence was absent from the Midlands for about three years, and on his return he took part with Shuter in the first peal of Stedman Caters to be rung outside London. Trollope states that Lawrence introduced the method to the Birmingham people on his return from London, but there is little reason to suppose that The St. Martin's Youths were entirely ignorant of Stedman before this time. The College Youths had been to visit them, and a number of Birmingham and district ringers had subscribed to 'The Clavis,' in which book Stedman Caters received some attention. The method was not difficult to assimilate, and it is probable that the Birmingham men were experimenting with it before Lawrence returned from the South. The peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Philip's on October 25th, 1790, Shuter conducting, and the band included Phineas Smith and Daniel Veisey of the older men, and William Bennett and Alexander Saunders, who were, later on, in the 1820 peals. This peal of 1790 is interesting as marking the beginning of Birmingham's long and distinguished association with the Stedman method; for since this date the town has held a leading position, both practically and theoretically, in Stedman on all numbers.

REFRESHMENT AND LONG PEALS

In 1793, the year of the record Aston peal, The St. Martin's Youths rang their first peal of Treble Twelve, Oxford Treble Bob, at St. Martin's. It was 6,000 changes, conducted by Shuter from the tenor, and it was his last peal. Little seems to be known of this very able man. Day says that he never remembers anyone talking about Charles Shuter, with the exception of Thomas Day, who used to remark that when the 14,224 Bob Major was rung at Aston Shuter refused refreshment of any kind. This chance remark would seem to suggest that during long peals it was the custom for someone from outside to administer nourishment to the ringers at fixed intervals.

With the opening of the 19th. century two new and important figures were appearing. One was Joseph Riley and the other Henry Cooper, both excellent ringers, composers of merit and able conductors, yet very different in character and education. Riley was a native of Cheltenham

and a lawyer by profession, and for some years he was the leading spirit of St. Martin's Youths. He called Holt's Original at least three times, once from the 4th and twice from the treble, and he rang, of course, in the peals of 1820. Day tells how the first attempt for the Stedman Cinquses failed, and how Riley promised a bowl of punch per man when the peal was rung. Success came at the second attempt, and the punch was attended to by the ringers and their friends without much trouble. Riley's well-known 5,000 of Treble Ten, first rung at Wrexham in 1818 and conducted by the composer, will be found in Snowdon's 'Treble Bob.'

Henry Cooper was silver-plater, publican, railway guard, and stationmaster, and he was the first Birmingham composer to leave compositions behind him. Among them is an interesting 5,003 Grandsire Caters, which appears to be the first ever published with a block of courses in the Handstroke Home position. At Shifnal on June 5th., 1819, he called the second peal of Stedman Triples to be rung. It was his own composition, and he sat in the tower and called it from manuscript.

STORY OF A SILVER CUP

'Cooper,' says John Day, 'bore a middling name among the old ringers, and chiefly for two reasons—firstly, his plagiarism of T. Day's peal of Stedman Triples and, secondly, his dishonourable conduct in regard to the silver cup.' Round about the year 1828 Thomas Day produced his peal of Stedman Triples, a 5,040 that has always been regarded as a fine achievement and the best peal composed up to that time. Through John Hopkins, Cooper secured a copy of the figures of this peal, and when, in 1830, Joseph Powell conducted 5,040 Stedman Triples on the front eight at the Bull Ring, the composition was produced as the work of Henry Cooper. Examination showed, however, that it was Day's peal transposed. Thomas Day was so annoyed that he did not enter the belfry again for more than twenty years.

The affair of the cup was interesting and mysterious, and in the reading of it the student should bear in mind that the suspicions entertained of Cooper's conduct must, necessarily, have been influenced considerably by the incident of the peal of Stedman Triples, and that John Day's unswerving loyalty to his uncle would naturally colour any account that appeared in the memoirs.

When the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were opened in 1814 the authorities, in order to secure the best possible ringing, offered two prizes for the best performances by the twelve-bell ringers present. On the second day a band made up of Sheffield and Birmingham ringers rang 5,016 Grandsire Cinquses, composed and conducted by Henry Cooper. After the peal both prizes, a silver cup and twenty guineas in money, were handed to the company. By the toss of a coin the Birmingham ringers had the choice of prize, and they chose the silver cup. Cooper took charge of the cup, and for some years it was in his possession. About 1830 he opened a beer shop, 'The Bell,' in Ravenhurst Street, and shortly afterwards the cup vanished. A great deal of time and much money were spent in trying to trace it. Cooper was evasive and non-committal, and the Society, having in mind that Cooper was a silver-plater, had its own views on the fate of the trophy. Whatever the justice of their suspicions, however, the cup was never found.

Cooper was not a success as a publican, and when the Midland Railway was opened he obtained a position as guard in that company's service; and when he was considered too old for that work he became stationmaster at Saltley, and held the post until his death at the age of about seventy-two.

(To be continued)

MARRIAGE

MR. T. MARK WHITE & MISS AUDREY MORRISON

Mr. T. Mark White, elder son of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mrs. T. W. White, of Guildford, and Miss Audrey Morrison, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, of 18, Molyneux Road, Weybridge, were married at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, on Saturday. The bride and bridegroom are both members of the Guildford Cathedral band. Mr. Mark White was a founder secretary of the Society of Roving Ringers, retiring from that office this year. Many members of the Society attended the ceremony, and in the evening rang a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the happy occasion. Ringing before and after the service was by members of the Holy Trinity Society and friends.

The ceremony was performed by the Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. Walter Boulton) and was choral, with Mr. R. Dussek as organist. 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' was sung as a processional hymn as the bride entered the church escorted by her father, who gave her away. She was attended by three bridesmaids—her sister, Miss Jacqueline Morrison, the bridegroom's sister, Miss Alison K. White, and the bride's cousin, little Miss Penelope Jane Whitaker. Mr. K. G. White, Royal Signals, was best man to his brother, and the groomsmen were Messrs. W. H. Kingcott (Wrington), G. M. Nichols and G. M. C. Bowmer.

The bride wore a dress of French brocade satin and 18th century French lace veil, lent by the bridegroom's mother, and carried red roses. The bridesmaids wore dresses of turquoise net over taffeta and circlets of gold leaves on their heads and gold sandals. Their flowers were tea roses.

A reception was held in Holy Trinity Hall attended by 70 guests, and as the newly-married couple left for their honeymoon in Devonshire a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling. The wedding presents included gifts from the Society of Roving Ringers, the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, and many ringing friends. Telegrams of good wishes were numerous and included messages from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole, Jill and Peter and Mr. Peter Bond.

MR. JOHN HILL'S 100 PEALS

We append the first 100 peals rung by Mr. John Hill, of Ewell. They have been rung in 47 towers for 12 Associations, Guilds and Societies.

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Bristol 1, Cambridge 6, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 5; Spliced: 2 methods 1, 7 methods 1.

Cinquses.—Stedman 4.

Royal.—Cambridge 4, Pudsey 1, Yorkshire 4; Spliced: 2 methods 2.

Caters.—Stedman 4; Spliced: 2 methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 3, Double Norwich 2; Surprise: Braunstone 1, Bristol 4, Cambridge 7, Ealing 1, Lindum 1, London 6, Rutland 1, Superlative 3, Watford 1, Yorkshire 9; Spliced: 2 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 4.

Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge 2, York 1, 3—8 methods 5.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

HANDBELLS

Royal: Plain Bob 1; Spliced: 3 methods 1; Major: Plain Bob 1; Triples: Grandsire 1.

Totals.—On tower bells 96; on handbells 4.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

REDRUTH

The Redruth ringers held their annual outing on August 23rd, the first tower visited being Alternun, the Cathedral Church of the Moors, where the band were welcomed by the Vicar, who offered prayers, and the bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman. The next stop was St. Stephen's by Launceston, where a welcome was extended by the Vicar and local captain, and on this fine eight Plain Bob was added to the repertoire.

Then on to Bude, where lunch was partaken, Stratton tower being visited immediately afterwards, where the Vicar and local captain greeted the band. The next stop was Hols-worthy (of carillon fame), where the excellent going eight were soon raised. After a splendid tea at the Corner Cafe, a move was made to St. Mary's, Launceston, where ringing included Kent Treble Bob Major.

The final tower of the day was St. Columb Major, where the ancient stalwart of the county, Mr. Sam Quintrell, aged 97, stayed out of his bed to greet the band in the churchyard and to listen to his beloved bells, rung to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor. After a short break in the Ring o' Bells, a move was made for home.

[On the following morning the captain was delighted to find that 16 ringers were present for service ringing, when full justice was done to Stedman on the bells in the ancient tower of the Parish Church of St. Euny, Redruth. The captain would like to express his appreciation of the loyal support of the ringers in their regularity for service and at practices on every Wednesday evening throughout the year, when all ringers are welcome.] E. S. S.

LYME REGIS

It was at 7.30 on a fine summer morning that members of the Lyme Regis company with their families and friends assembled on July 26th for their annual outing, the objective being the fine country of South Devon. The full quota of 29 was reached after picking up more enthusiasts from Whitchurch, Beaminster and other villages and also from Ottery St. Mary and Exeter.

The 14th century red and grey tower at Chudleigh, with its good light ring of eight, provided the first ringing, which lasted an hour. Then came Ashburton with its 15th century 90ft. tower, from which, the story goes, a boy once fell, got up and walked to school unhurt. Here another hour's ringing was enjoyed.

A three-mile route through lovely Devon lanes led to Buckland-in-the-Moor, with its 15th century church set on a hill. Many touches were rung on this light eight with a 7 cwt. tenor. A short drive brought the party to Buckfast Abbey, not to ring, but to have a picnic lunch and pleasant siesta in the Abbey grounds to fortify everyone for the next effort at Totnes. This 500-year-old church has a 120ft. pinnacled tower containing a fine eight with a tenor of 28 cwt. and provided good ringing.

Fine views of Torbay were provided by the journey to Paignton. Ringing here, however, was somewhat trying owing to the excessive heat in the belfry, and in these circumstances the excellent tea in a nearby cafe was very welcome. After tea an hour was spent on the lightish ring of eight at Kingsteignton. A lovely half-hour's drive along the coast road to Dawlish with its fine seascape gave great pleasure. In the town dancing was in full swing and this claimed some of the younger folk, while others spent an hour ringing on the light eight in the little church among the trees.

It was now past 9 o'clock, and we made tracks for home, arriving at Lyme at 11 p.m. tired but undaunted, everyone agreeing that it had been another grand outing. The thanks of the company are due to the clergy and local ringers at the places we visited for making us welcome and giving us such a happy day.

E. L. T.

A VISIT TO MID-CORNWALL

One Saturday recently an outing, arranged by Mr. P. Williams (Redruth), was much enjoyed by ringers from Redruth and Camborne (Cornwall) and Piddlehinton (Dorset). The opening touch on the fine eight (tenor 14½ cwt.) at Cardynham coincided with the time of the opening ceremonies of a nearby fete and brought an urgent request for a temporary suspension of activities to allow the speeches to be heard.

Lanhydrock (8, 14½ cwt.) was next visited; here the setting of the church in Viscount Clifden's estate is infinitely superior to the 'go' or tone of the bells. After tea at a cafe in Lostwithiel (no names no pack drill), a sudden inspiration sent the band in search of the Vicar. Permission was readily given to use this handy six (tenor 9½ cwt.), and ringing included a 'Short Peal of Changes' under the guidance of Mr. Stevens, the captain.

After an indecisive argument on the comparative virtues of scientific and round ringing, a move was made to Lanlivery. Here there is a fine toned ring of eight (tenor 16½ cwt.), but any mechanically minded person with a set of tools could find an opportunity for useful employment, especially on the headstock of the seventh.

Arriving late at the last tower, St. Austell, two local ringers were found patiently waiting to welcome the trippers, and half an hour's ringing on this lovely eight (tenor 18½ cwt.) brought to a close a happy afternoon and evening. Thanks are due to Mr. Williams for the organisation and to all incumbents and locals for their contributions to an enjoyable outing. E. T. P. F.

A DAY IN OXFORDSHIRE

August 23rd was the occasion of a visit to Oxfordshire by a party of ringers from Rothwell, Burton Latimer, Wellingborough, Raunds, Kettering, Northampton, Yardley Hastings and Southam (Warwickshire). The first tower was Croughton (just in Northants), with a very good ring of five. Deddington (8 bells) gave us much pleasure and a very good course of Cambridge was rung; in fact, there was some dispute as to whether it was better than the Superlative rung at Hook Norton, on the grand Taylor eight installed in 1949. Stedman was also rung in fine style on these bells, and we accepted the Vicar's invitation to visit them again.

Perhaps the most mirthful hour was that spent at the next tower(?)—the campanile at Home Farm, Balscote, the home of Mr. C. Jarvis, who built the frame, tower and fittings himself, and can, incidentally, ring two of the tiny bells at once. After many 'rounds' for the 'learners,' we managed to ring Plain Bob Minor, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob. We look forward to seeing the photographs of several experienced ringers looking as if they had never pulled a bellrope before! Our last tower was Banbury, which must be one of the finest ten anywhere at 17 cwt. In spite of the early departure of two of our number, Treble Ten, Little Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major were rung before the ten were lowered in peal and we adjourned to the nearest hostelry. P. I. C.

5,184 BOB MAJOR

By E. J. LINDLEY

23456	W	5/4	B	H
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11 times repeated, calling Bob for Single half-way and end (only 36 courses!). First rung at Saffron Walden on August 21st.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 6th, 1912

NEW HANDBELL RECORD

Guildford, Surrey.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, Aug. 31st, 1912, in 9 hours and 38 minutes.

In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 19,738 CHANGES.

Tenor size 16.

Arthur F. Shepherd	..	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	..	3-4
William Shepherd	..	5-6
James Hunt	..	7-8
Frank Blondell	..	9-10

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

[This remains the longest handbell peal. It was also, at the time, the longest on either tower- or handbells, and would still have been so had not a late start prevented the full composition of 22,222 being attempted.]

A Two Hours' Practice at Bolton

On August 25th, four members of Bolton Branch and four members of Manchester Branch met at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples.

Unfortunately, after 35 minutes' ringing the attempt came to grief and it was too late to recommence.

The ringers present decided to take the opportunity of practice; two hours' ringing was enjoyed and touches in the following methods were successfully brought round: Stedman Triples, Erin Triples, Little Grandsire Triples, Double Court Triples, Oxford Bob Triples; Little Bob Major, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, St. Clement's Major.

Hertford County Association

Ten towers were represented at the meeting of the Northern District at Barley on August 23rd. Although it was a glorious day, the attendance was below average, mostly due to holidays and the harvest. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., followed by tea at the Waggon and Horses.

Mr. T. J. Southam was elected to the chair for the business meeting. A letter from the president, Mr. A. E. Symonds, was read, in which he assured the meeting that he still followed the activities of the district although unable to take an active part at the moment. Six new members were elected, viz., Canon L. P. Smith, Rector of Baldock, honorary member; R. Howard and W. Sermons (Barley), A. Holehouse, C. Harwood and Miss P. Hutton (Baldock). The next meeting will be at Hinxworth on October 4th.

Ringing was curtailed during the evening because of a broken rope. Methods ranged from rounds to Wells and London Surprise, also Single Court and Oswald Delight. Ten towers were represented.

St. Margaret's, Leiston

Many will be pleased to know that the bells of St. Margaret's, Leiston, are about to be rehung. These bells, with a tenor 20½ cwt. in E, were made into a ring of eight in 1884 and since then a large number of peals has been rung.

Many will have had several hours of enjoyment ringing on these fine bells, and it is to them that we earnestly appeal to support our efforts to raise approximately £400. If you have never had the fortune of ringing on the bells, we hope that you will also send us a contribution so that you may enjoy ringing with us after the work is completed.

Donations may be sent to Mr. C. K. Wilson, Bank House, Leiston.

OBITUARY

MR. E. J. OLIVER

With the death of Mr. E. J. Oliver, the East Grinstead and District Guild has lost an old and valued friend. Mr. Oliver, or 'E. J.', as he was usually referred to, came into the area in 1921, when he became the sub-postmaster at Upper Hartfield. To this he added a general store and later he also carried on his trade as an upholsterer and furnisher.

It was a bitter blow to him when in 1950 the whole of his business premises was destroyed by fire. It is very regrettable that his peal book and all details of his association with the Midland Counties Association were lost in this fire, and all that is known of his early ringing is that he had rung peals of Royal, Cinques and Maximus and was for some time associated with St. Peter's, Nottingham.

In his early years in Upper Hartfield, E. J. tried unsuccessfully to form a band at Coleman's Hatch and did a lot of ringing at East Grinstead. He was a founder member of the East Grinstead Guild, becoming its first chairman in 1929, an office he held until 1936. In 1942 he was made treasurer and held this office with conspicuous success until he was forced to retire owing to ill-health at this year's annual meeting.

E. J. rang twelve peals in the East Grinstead area and was very pleased with himself when he called his first peal of Stedman at Withyham in 1932. His last peal was on February 3rd, 1951, when he rang the treble at Edenbridge to Yorkshire Major. The Guild's fine peal book was obtained through his initiative, as were the rope guides provided in Withyham and Hartfield towers while he was chairman of the Guild.

His blunt, outspoken comments will be greatly missed at future meetings and we all feel that we have lost a very good friend.

He was laid to rest in Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham, on August 16th, and among the floral tributes was one from the East Grinstead Guild. A memorial peal was rung at Hartfield on August 23rd. E. J. L. and C. A. B.

MR. JOHN DUNMORE

The death occurred at his home on August 9th of Mr. John Dunmore at the age of 88 years. He had been a member of the Ashby Parish Church band of ringers for 60 years, joining the Midland Counties Association in 1887, and his first peal as conductor was Grandshire Triples at Ashby on May 9th, 1889. He was one of Ashby's most respected members; he lived the whole of his life in the town and was attached to the same solicitor's office in Ashby for 75 years.

Mr. Dunmore was a staunch member of the Parish Church—apart from ringing—being a chorister for 80 years, secretary to the Parochial Church Council and rendered assistance in the Sunday School on many occasions; in fact, he was always anxious to help his church in its various activities at all times.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Canon H. D. Hanford, with the full choir in attendance.

The same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Minor with 6 and 8 covering was rung at St. Helen's by A. Smalley 1, G. Hatton 2, P. Marriott 3, A. Beadsmoore 4, H. Beadsmoore 5, J. Bradford 6, E. W. Beadsmoore (cond.) 7. A. Shaw 8

MR. A. E. SYMONDS

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. A. E. Symonds, the beloved president of the Hertford County Association, on August 24th.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, on August 27th, and was conducted by Canon J. H. Bailey, late Vicar of Norton, who spoke appreciatively of the work of ringers and of Mr. Symonds in particular.

The bells of St. Mary's were rung fully muffled (with the tenor open at backstroke) by local ringers before the service, and a course of Grandshire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by a band representing the Hitchin band and the Association.

An appreciation of Mr. Symonds' life will appear in a later issue.

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8). September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss M. M. Smith, 82, Tyrone Road, Thorpe Bay. 1178

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room. Ockham bells (5) 3 p.m. onwards. Old Woking (8) 6 to 8 p.m.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 1234

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbotts Langley, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m.—R. G. Bell. 1268

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sevenoaks (8) (not Cranbrook as originally intended), Sept. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1206

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Sept. 6th. Accrington bells 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Church Kirk 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Accrington. Tickets (2s. 6d.) obtainable, together with money, up to Saturday morning, Sept. 6th, from R. Lee, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. 1235

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Heydour (not Grantham), Sept. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Make own arrangements for food, cups of tea available. 1228

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Treeton on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Draw at 2.45. Names for tea without fail to Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 1221

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Sept. 6th, 4 p.m.—G. T. Jennings. 1218

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. H. Cloughton, Lower Town, Oxenhope, Keighley. Special business: Election of new committee member; any nomination to be sent to the district secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1183

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Perrott on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available at 6.30 p.m., practice only.—C. H. Lathey. 1211

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—An evening practice will be held at Wellon on Sept. 13th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—T. J. H. 1244

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Meeting, Wiveliscombe, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Stacey, Minehead. 1252

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1270

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Patrington, Sept. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall for all who notify by Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 1284

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Ide, near Exeter (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Alphington (8) available 7-8.30 p.m. Names for Sept. 8th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1220

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), Sept. 13th. Names for tea to me by Sept. 11th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1256

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Haddenham, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1278

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MISCELLANEOUS

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Goldhanger (7), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1175

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavel's, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 1264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Sept. 13th, 3 p.m. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 1255

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Meeting at Shere, Sept. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Sept. 9th to Mr. A. Arthur, Cambria, Crest Hill, Peaslake.—A. H. Smith and W. Oliver, District Secretaries. 1281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead, by Sept. 10th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1230

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1231

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District.—Meeting at Sapcote (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all those who notify Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Members please note—special business.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 1216

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at Wrington (10), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Members of the now disbanded Wiltshire Branch are most welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 1279

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1274

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, by Wednesday previous.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1277

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bring own food. Preston-Blackburn Old Road Service No. 1.—L. Walmsley. 1180

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Milnrow, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Sandwich tea for those who notify by Sept. 10th Mr. A. Buckley, 26, Buckley Hill, Milnrow.—F. Pritchard. 1258

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Sweepstone, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Village Hall. Names by 10th to Mr. Forrester, Victoria Cottages, Sweepstone, Leicester.—C. W. Hall. 1179

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Ulceby, Sept. 13th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ulceby bells (5) available in the afternoon Thornton Curtis (6) in the evening. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to Mr. E. Hair, Station Road, Ulceby. 1229

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Somerleyton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Duke's Head 5.15. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, the very latest, if you please, to Mr. E. Brown, 19, St. Margaret's Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft.—J. Harwood, Sec. 1214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mapledurham, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) from 6-9 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcomed at the Mapledurham Fete at Vicarage Garden from 3 p.m. Tea obtainable. 1251

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Winterslow (6), Sept. 13th. Bells from 3. Tea arranged for those who send names by Sept. 9th to A. Coleman, Rose Cottage, Middle Winterslow, near Salisbury. 1222

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Elephant and Castle, Grinshill, 5.30 p.m. Advise, by Sept. 10th, G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1238

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Names for tea by 12th to Mr. J. Hynds, Harthill, near Sheffield.—H. Denman. 1226

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket (8, 24 cwt.), Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 1272

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Mortlake (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Cafe, 129, Sheen Lane. St. Mary's, Putney, after meeting. Please notify me for tea by Sept. 11th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1259

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Mortlake (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1233

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Sept. 13th. Petworth (3-4.15 and tea 4.30). Fittleworth (6-8.30). Names for tea by 9th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1276

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Meeting, Sept. 13th, Blackmoor. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting. Numbers for tea by 10th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 1263

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The Jubilee Dinner will be held at East Grinstead on October 11th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Dinner at the Glanfield Hotel 6.30. Tickets 8s. Please apply, with remittance, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1181

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Saunders, Near the Church, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 1271

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Sept. 15th, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1215

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1246

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Throwley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. F. Tanner, 5, Jubilee Cottages, Throwley Forstall, Faversham. Special coach will leave Station Road, Faversham, 3.15 p.m. For a seat, please contact, as soon as possible, Mr. W. S. Palin, 9, Napleton Road, Faversham.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1267

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Moors Arms 5 p.m. All requiring tea must send names by Monday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. J. R. Young, Park Gates, Frampton-by-Boston. 1273

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt. (John Taylor and Co.), by the Archdeacon of Hereford on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names of intending visitors would be appreciated.—J. L. Stanier, West View, Madeley, Shropshire. 1257

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Sept. 20th. Sunbury (8) 2-5; Hampton (8) 6.30-8.45. Tea 5.30, social evening 8 p.m., both at Red Lion, Hampton. Names to G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1253

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. W. G. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 1266

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Sept. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, by Sept. 13th.—F. W. Hancock. 1262

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting for the inauguration of the bells of Dunblane Cathedral on Sept. 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 17th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1282

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1261

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells, Annunciation, Chislehurst (8) 3-4. Service, St. John's, Eltham, 4.45, Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Eltham bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. F. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 1275

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Sept. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—P. N. White. 1250

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1249

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Netherton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Numbers for tea by the 18th, please. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1269

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting, Beverley, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. in the Minster Vestry. Service in the Minster 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rutherfords Hotel, Market Place. Names to Mr. L. Daggett, 82, Minstermoorgate, Beverley, by Sept. 18th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Minster bells (10) available 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after meeting till 9 p.m. Please note arrangements, as no circulars issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1247

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Sunday, Sept. 21st, bell ringers' service, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells (8) from 3.45. Tea 5. Special service 6.30. Ringing after service until 8.30. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to Mr. R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 1260

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelly, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1261

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