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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE—IV.

An Account of the Peal Records and Leading Conductors Since 1890

By H. V. FROST, the Hon. General Secretary

IN the field of five- and six-bell ringing, mention must first be made of the Little Munden band, who rang their first peal in 1897 (under the conductorship of W. H. Lawrence) and soon became prominent in Minor ringing. In 1902 they rang 6,480 in nine methods and 7,200 in ten methods in 1904. The first peal of Treble Bob Minor in the county and a peal in fourteen different 360's was rung at this tower in 1906, while in 1907 'Bill' Lawrence rang two bells to a peal and again in 1910, this time also conducting seven methods. He also took part in many peals on the higher numbers.

Walter H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, also conducted peals in seven methods, at St. Stephen's in 1894 and St. Michael's in 1898, also at Oxhey in 1898, while in 1901-02 George N. Price, of Oxhey, called similar peals at Elstree, Abbot's Langley, Langleybury and Apsley End with members of his band.

The Royston band rang their first peal in 1905, and the Great Wymondley band in 1906. Both towers possessed very active six-bell bands, while the five-bell band at Barley rang their first peal of Doubles in 1910 and went on to ring a peal in seven Doubles methods in 1921. On the addition of a new treble, Cambridge Minor was rung in 1923. Robert Howard, the conductor, also called other Surprise Minor peals, including the first in seven Surprise methods in the county, which was rung at Barley in 1927.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey, conducted the first peal of Cambridge Minor for the Association in April, 1922, at Oxhey, thus becoming the first ringer to have rung peals of Cambridge on all numbers. He also called the first peal of London Surprise Minor for the Association in July, 1922, at Elstree.

In recent years, method splicing has been developed at Apsley End under the conductorship of Walter Ayre, commencing with a peal in ten methods in 1933. The number of methods has gradually been increased in peals at Apsley and other towers until, in 1952, a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor was rung in 32 methods.

Other feats worthy of mention are the seven-method peal rung non-conducted at Great Munden in 1911, and four seven-method peals in one day by one set of men in 1934 at Anstey, Great Munden, Ardeley and Walkern.

The bells at Aldenham and Bushey were increased from six to eight in 1889, and change ringing was taken up with the assistance of H. G. Rowe, who was attached to Hatfield and, later to Hoddesdon and Cheshunt. He called the first peal at Aldenham in 1890, which was rung by the Hatfield College Youths. E. P. Debenham conducted the first peal at Bushey with a band from St. Albans, also in 1890. The Bushey band gained the services of W. H. L. Buckingham, who left St. Albans in 1896 and called a considerable number of peals for the Association on eight and ten bells, many being his own composition. Ernest E. Huntley, of Bushey, also called many peals, and was the first to conduct Lates' One Part peal of Stedman Triples from every bell.

George N. Price rang his first peal as conductor in 1897, and was the leader of the Oxhey band which became almost as famous as the old Benington band.

In 1900, peals of Superlative were again rung at various towers in the county by local men under the conductorship of William Pye, who also called the first peals of New Cambridge (1903) and London

(1904) by the Association. Peals of Superlative became numerous in 1902, and were being conducted by G. N. Price, E. E. Huntley, B. Prewett, James Parker (Edmonton), and later by H. Baker and H. Eden.

THE OXHEY BAND

The first Association peal of Stedman Triples on handbells had been rung at Bushey in 1901 by H. P. Harman, W. H. L. Buckingham, G. N. Price and C. F. Winney (conductor). The composition was Thurstans' One-Part and a fortnight later the same band rang it 'silent' at Fulham. In 1904, the Oxhey band rang a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' Taking part in this peal were Henry and William Hodgetts, F. W. Brinklow and G. N. Price (conductor). These four men, with Hubert Eden, rang the first Stedman Caters peal in the county in 1905.

The first Surprise peals in the county by a local band since the days of the Benington band were rung in 1907 at Oxhey, being Superlative and Cambridge. The Oxhey band rang their first peal of London in 1908 at Harpenden, Double Norwich 'in hand' (1908), Superlative 'in hand' (1909) and the first peal of Bristol in the county at Oxhey in 1910, although the first peal of Bristol had been rung for the Association in 1907 by the Edmonton band at Waltham Abbey.

Miss E. K. Parker, of Edmonton (now Mrs. G. W. Fletcher), called a peal of Stedman Triples at Broxbourne in 1910, and thus became the first lady member of the Association to call a peal. Miss Parker also conducted peals of New Cambridge and London Surprise in 1911 for the Association, and became the first Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Guild in 1912.

The extent of Bristol Surprise with the tenors together (12,160 changes by Rev. H. L. James) was rung at Knebworth in 1912 in 7 hours and 18 minutes, with G. N. Price as conductor, but this record was beaten at Hornchurch with 15,264 changes a few weeks later.

The first twelve-bell peal in the county was Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at Oxhey in 1912, conducted by G. N. Price, who became the first to call a different composition of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair of handbells.

AFTER FIRST WORLD WAR

After the first World War, the rings of six at Bengoe, Royston and North Mymms were increased to eight, while Watford bells were recast and 'Simpson' tuned.

In 1920 Maurice F. R. Hibbert called a peal of Erin Triples and later Caters and Cinques in the method, also Original Triples and Major. John Thomas, of Edmonton, called 5,024 Forward Major, also the first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells for the Association in 1921 and Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' in 1923.

William Pye called the first peals for the Association of Kent Royal (1909), Kent Maximus (1921), Cambridge Royal (1921) and Cambridge Maximus (1922). The twelve-bell peals were rung at Waltham Abbey and the Cambridge Maximus peal, through the initiative of M. F. R. Hibbert, placed the Association in the position of being the first to have rung Cambridge on all numbers.

Peals of Little Bob Major and Single Oxford Major in 1927, Wellington Little Court (1929), Little Oxford Bob (1936) and Gonville Bob (1950) were rung at towers in the Western District, conducted by W. Ayre, who called the first spliced peal of Maximus on handbells (Plain and Little Bob) in 1931, also handbell peals of Double Bob Major and Richmond Bob in 1935.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county was rung at North Mymms in 1929, when William Pye called the original peal in four methods by Rev. H. Law James. Peals of Double Norwich Royal (1930) and Yorkshire Royal (1934) were conducted by W. H. Hewett at All Saints', Hertford.

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The long peal of Bob Major (18,144 changes) was rung at Benington in ten hours and 52 minutes on Whit-Monday, 1933, by an East Herts band, under Sidney Carter, of Little Mundon. This peal was the record length of Major rung by one set of men until 1950, when it was beaten by 21,600 changes at Over.

MR. H. G. CASHMORE'S CONTRIBUTION.

In 1930, a band drawn from various towers in the Watford area, under the conductorship of Harold G. Cashmore, rang peals in the standard Surprise methods and later Spliced Cambridge and Superlative, also Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, New Cambridge, and Rutland Surprise Major, the latter his own composition.

The first peals of Aldenham and Bushey Surprise Major were rung in 1933, both composed and conducted by H. G. Cashmore, to be followed in the next year by peals of St. Albans, Ashted, Pudsey, Oxhey, Hertfordshire and Elstree Surprise. In 1935, the first peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods by a resident band was rung, also peals of Eryri Major and Wembley Surprise.

By 1951, Mr. Cashmore had called peals in forty-three new Surprise Major methods, or methods new to the Association. Many were composed by him, and in many cases were rung without previous practice by his hands, which included F. W. Brinklow, H. Hodgetts, F. Kirk, W. Ayre, M. F. R. Hibbert, S. H. Hoare, C. W. Woolley, E. Jennings and many other well-known ringers.

On the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to twelve in 1935, a peal of Stedman Cinques was conducted by H. E. C. Goodenough, being the first on tower bells in the county. This was followed by Erin Cinques and Bob Maximus in 1938, Cambridge Maximus in 1948, and Grandsire Cinques in 1950, also peals of Caters and Royal, including Albanian Surprise Royal in 1947, the first peal in the method which was rung by a band resident in the district, including the composer, D. A. Bayles, who rang the tenor.

Other notable peals rung by the Association include Spliced Surprise Major in four and five methods by the Watford Society, who also accomplished the first peal of Watford Surprise in 1937, under the conductorship of H. G. Cashmore, who called the first peal of Spliced Erin and Stedman Triples at Bushey in 1939.

In 1942, it was decided to make a collection of all compositions which have been rung by the Association, and this work is being done by Mr. Cashmore. A loose-leaf ledger was provided, and Mr. E. Jennings typed the peal figures. Mr. G. W. Seaman (Watford) has recently taken over this part of the work.

HANDBELL RECORD

The Association has been outstanding in its record of handbell peals in Surprise methods. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 1933 by H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) and F. W. Brinklow. This band rang London in 1934, Spliced London and Cambridge in 1935 (the first peal of Spliced Surprise 'in hand'), three and four Surprise methods in 1936, five and six methods in 1937, also peals of Bristol, Yorkshire, Felstead, Jersey and Superlative in later years.

During World War II, E. Jennings and E. C. S. Turner took part in several Surprise peals on handbells, including New Cambridge, Spliced Cambridge and Superlative and Spliced Surprise in five methods. Later, in 1948, Mr. Cashmore rang his 50th Surprise peal on handbells, and in 1950, with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley and F. W. Brinklow, called peals in six and eight methods, while in 1951, with C. W. Woolley, E. C. S. Turner and F. W. Brinklow, the number of methods was raised to twelve, and ultimately, in 1952, to sixteen methods.

Handbell peals of Reverse Bob, Highbury Bob, Lavenham Court, Cambridge Court, Avalon Court, Shipway's Court, and Double Oxford have been rung at Bushey and elsewhere, conducted by E. C. S. Turner, C. W. Woolley and W. H. J. Hooton.

The record peal of Major on handbells was rung in 1948 at Bushey, being 13,664 Double Norwich in six hours and four minutes by E. A. Barnett, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and E. C. S. Turner (conductor).

The total number of peals rung for the Association is now over 2,250, including peals in 55 different Surprise Major methods, many of which have been the first in the method.

[The author wishes to place on record his appreciation of the assistance given by Mr. T. J. Southam, the assistant secretary.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 8
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 9
ALBERT WALKER .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
ANTHONY AGER .. 6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Scrivens.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN E. COOK .. Treble	BRYAN F. SIMS .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
HARRY POYNER .. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5	COLIN P. WALKER .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	†GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. 6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 2	†JOHN PEARSON .. 7
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 3	†ALBERT W. BOND .. 8
*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. 9
†SYDNEY H. BARRON .. 5	†ARNOLD ROTHERY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

Rung following Confirmation service.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 6
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 7
*PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 3	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	*MARK J. BARKER .. 9
*SYDNEY J. MERRY .. 5	JACK BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of Kent Royal.

Rung to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



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GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 2	HERBERT LOWMAN .. 7
GEOFFREY PAUL .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. 8
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 4	H. LESLIE PASK .. 9
*WALTER TOMLINSON .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 100th peal. The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 6
WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
CHARLES W. LEE .. 3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 8
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 9
JOHN N. LINDON .. 5	*ALFRED E. OWEN .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal on ten bells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN .. 7
GERALD BOWEN .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM .. 8
*GEORGE E. LARGE .. 4	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 5	CYRIL TANSELL .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* 200th peal together.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERERS

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

PERCY H. HULL .. Treble	*GWILYN SALMON .. 6
*RONALD H. GARDINER .. 2	VICTOR SAVAGE .. 7
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 8
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	HENRY J. SANGER .. 9
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 5	*HARRY SMITH .. Tenor
	*VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by G. J. HAWKINS.

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SINGLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANCES E. THRELFALL .. Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
GILLIAN A. SMITH .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
GORDON P. T. SMITH .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY GREEN .. Treble	*EDWARD W. ROAST .. 5
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 2	*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 6
†MARY DOWSETT .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 7
PETER J. CAME .. 4	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MICHAEL G. MORTON .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

In the Worcester Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	HERBERT LEWIN .. 5
GEORGE E. PADGETT .. 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
*JAMES H. PAILING .. 3	JOHN B. GUY .. 7
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in this variation by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association. The conductor has now called a peal in a different Surprise Major method off each bell in the tower.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*DEREK E. SMITH .. Treble	LESLIE H. SQUIRES .. 5
GEOFFREY PAUL .. 2	JOHN CRAGG .. 6
†LOUIS WILDE .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
GEORGE SCOTT .. 4	*RALPH HEMPSALL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS .. Treble	†HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	*WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 6
†WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
FRED JACKSON .. 4	SAM JONES, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

A birthday compliment to Miss Shirley Golding, a ringer at this tower.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5
SHEILA PROCTOR .. 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 6
IRIS PROCTOR .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 7
NANCY E. MARKLEW .. 4	CURZON CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Beatrice Seal, the donor of the bells, who passed away on November 17th, 1953.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part Reversed.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	FRANK E. WALKER .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4	WALTER J. LEMON .. Tenor

Arranged by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The conductor's 550th peal.

Rung to mark the sixth anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty, the Queen.

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. Treble	Tenor 15½ cwt.
REGINALD WOODLEY .. 2	*SIDNEY SKINNER .. 5
FREDERICK WREFOED .. 3	*ERNEST W. ROWE .. 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 4	BRIAN PIDGEON .. 7
	JOHN QUICK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung on the Feast of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. S. Glanvill, of Woodbury, Exeter.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb.
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	*CHARLES HONE .. 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. 6
SHEILA R. COLLINS .. 4	*EDWARD MALIN .. 7
	CHARLES H. PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.
CLEMENT GLENN .. Treble	BRIAN BUSWELL .. 5
ALBERT H. WARD .. 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
*MARION BRADLEY .. 3	*FRANK BRADLEY .. 7
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	CHARLES R. GODFREY .. 5
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Crears, A.K.C., upon his induction as Vicar at this church. Also the quarterly peal for the Guild.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).	Tenor 19½ cwt.
HERBERT PERRY .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCKE .. 5
FREDERICK WELCH .. 2	GEORGE HARTLAND .. 6
*HUBERT BURGE .. 3	JACK W. DREW .. 7
*JAMES C. TAYLOR .. 4	THOMAS J. HILL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM G. MORTIMER .. Treble	Tenor 19 cwt.
SIDNEY G. GRANT .. 2	†JOHN ROMAIN .. 5
*STANLEY R. COCKELL .. 3	†HARRY HEATH .. 6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 4	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 7
	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

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

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. Treble	Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.
HARRY ANDERTON .. 2	EDWARD ASHCROFT .. 5
EVEREST FORD .. 3	JACK N. BROWN .. 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

All are Master Masons.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday anniversary of Bro. Ernest Cutsforth, a Bolton and ex-Yorkshire ringer.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALAN R. PINK .. Treble	Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
*MRS. G. F. BURTON .. 2	REGINALD H. JARVIS .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	CYRIL H. KINCH .. 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
	GEORGE F. BURTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Feast of St. Cecilia.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
WALTER HUNT .. Treble	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 5
*WILLIAM J. PARKER .. 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 6
CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE .. 7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 4	†FREDERICK HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*WILLIAM J. HITCH .. Treble	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RONALD J. SHARPE .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING .. 5
†JOHN CHURCH .. 3	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 6
†EDWARD G. BUCK .. 4	†JACK S. DEAR .. 7
	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 200th peal.

Rung to mark the occasion of the engagement of Miss Patricia L. Gilbert, late of Bromham, Beds.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. Treble	Tenor 26 cwt.
*CECIL T. CLARKE .. 2	WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 5
*MARJORIE LEGG .. 3	EDWIN H. NASH .. 6
*WALTER STEPHENS .. 4	*RONALD D. SHORT .. 7
	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the sixth anniversary of the marriage of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.			
WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ..	2	HAROLD HUXLEY ..	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ..	7
R. ROGER SAVORY ..	4	E. TREVOR NEWBURY ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*VICTOR NEAL ..	Treble	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ..	5
HENRY PARKER ..	2	JOHN SCOTT ..	6
*ETHEL WISE ..	3	CECIL RADDON ..	7
HAROLD WORRALL ..	4	HARRY W. HOWARD ..	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5152 IMBERHORNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ..	5
LEONARD STILWELL ..	2	KENNETH SNELLING ..	6
RAYMOND OVERY ..	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	7
WILLIAM ROGERS ..	4	FRANK H. HICKS ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

This method is rung for the first time.

In memoriam Frederick J. Lambert, sen., of Horsmonden, Kent, who was a member of the above Association.

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*VICTOR J. A. JAMES ..	Treble	†PETER J. RYE ..	5
FREDERICK A. RYE ..	2	†THOMAS A. WICKENS ..	6
†JANET R. WELLS ..	3	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE ..	7
JOHN F. PENFOLD ..	4	GEORGE E. RUCK ..	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First eight bell peal as conductor. Specially arranged for P. J. Rye, R.A.F., home on leave from Germany.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN NASH ..	Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN ..	5
JOHN JACKSON ..	2	†FRANK STEAD ..	6
THOMAS BARKER ..	3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ..	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ..	4	ARTHUR HATCH ..	Tenor

Composed by W. THORNLEY, JUN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. J. L. Brooks.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ..	Treble	JEAN M. HARRIS ..	5
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	*JOE E. G. ROAST ..	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	7
*PETER J. CAME ..	4	FRANK L. HARRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

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



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TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

SIDNEY A. WHITE Treble	ROY E. WOOD 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT 2	*ERNEST J. LADD 6
*LUTHER J. HONESS 3	†WILLIAM R. MANSER 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN 5
DOREEN DUTTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
RONALD KENRICK 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
PETER COXALL 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

SIX BELL PEALS

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID L. GULLICK Treble	*ALFRED C. HARRIS 4
*MARION JACKSON 2	†PETER W. CROFT 5
*ALAN JACKSON 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal.

A loyal greeting to H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, on his fifth birthday.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents—C.C.C. 34, 50, 48, 29, 28 (3 versions).

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT T. SMITH Treble	JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
P. JOHN WILKIN 2	FRED C. GIFFORD 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD Treble	FRANK PEARSON 4
*BETTY SYRETT 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. J. Arnold and Mrs. M. A. Phillippo, mother of the conductor.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variation of extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

TONY OWEN Treble	JOHN COUZENS 4
TOM GREENACRE 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
CHAS. F. TOVELL 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 24 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

AUDREY S. MOULE Treble	WILLIAM H. CURSON 4
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR 3	ARTHUR YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

Rung to mark the wedding anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

VICTOR G. PHILLIPS Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 4
W. CHARLES GOUGH 2	FREDERICK VICKERS 5
*FELIX N. GREGORY 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. 34, 35, 37, 39, 48, 50, 40).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*DONALD PEACOCK Treble	E. JACK PARISH 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	JOHN R. G. SPICER 5
FRANK ELSOM 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Derick Sanderson, married November 21st, 1953.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	*ERIC H. KNAPP 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
GEORGE FRANCIS 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1953, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

VINCENT W. RIGG 1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3—4
N. DAVID LANE 5—6	

Conducted by N. DAVID LANE.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 1—2	ALAN E. PEDLAR 3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

First peal in more than one method 'in hand' by all, and for the Society.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Smith 1, A. Ling 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, P. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. John Wright and Miss Thelma Block.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela Lw (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Agnes Millam, and a 21st birthday compliment to Beryl Patching, both ringers at Wivelsfield.

ALFORD, Lincs.—On Nov. 18th, 780 Grandsire, 430 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Utting (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Broomhead 2, J. I. Smith (cond.) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. D. Chandler 5, H. Pike 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to H. Pike.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, G. Bird 2, Maurice Bagg 3, K. Prime 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of K. Brooks (14), a Wembdon ringer.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sioberg 1, Miss P. H. Jones 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, C. G. Bryant (first 'inside') 4, J. J. Sims 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, Staff-Sergt. D. Holbrey (first on eight) 8. A welcome to Staff-Sergt. Donald Holbrey, who has joined the Army Apprentices School, Beachly.

COPE, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hartwell 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, D. Bridges 3, E. Izzard 4, B. F. Sims 5, W. Corn 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hartwell.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss Wilkinson 1, M. Kemp (first quarter) 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Webb 5, W. Coates (cond.) 6, K. Beardsall 7, H. Willows 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,302 Grandsire Triples (first and last of Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, G. Ashdown 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Hurrell 5, W. Daynes 6, E. B. Crowder 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong, also 77th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Wood.

QUARTER PEALS

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. S. M. Longhurst 1, E. Lish 2, A. Ryman 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, C. R. Longhurst 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. First of Oxford Bob Triples for 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Horton (first of Triples) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, Miss A. M. Trott 4, J. Smart 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, D. H. J. Body 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. R. Grimwood 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 3, N. Bagworth 4, F. Mead 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, W. Gates 8.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. W. Bond 1, D. Kaye 2, W. Dransfield 3, A. Hinchcliffe 4, H. H. Smith (cond.) 5, A. Rothery 6. Rung for Armistice anniversary with bells muffled.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wardle 1, K. Burdett 2, B. Bown 3, J. Wardle 4, M. D. Nixon 5, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 6. First quarter by 5. First quarter of Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Mr. M. D. Nixon, who is entering the Leicestershire County Police Force. The rest of the band and also other local ringers send their best wishes to their fellow-ringer of the past eight years.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. F. Penfold 1, Miss J. R. Wells 2, T. A. Wickens 3, F. A. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all. Rung to commemorate the completion of the new Parish Hall.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Taysom 1, A. H. Eplett 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, A. Carveth 4, C. A. Wratten 5, H. Miles (cond.) 6. First for 1, 3 and 4.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. Diserens 2, Miss A. Diserens 3, R. Tomlin 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, C. Lewington 6, R. F. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8. Rung for Confirmation, and also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. G. Symonds 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, R. M. Foreman 3, B. Mayers 4, C. S. Hoad 5, F. B. Jeal 6, F. T. Hoad 7, L. W. Penfold (first quarter Caters) 8, A. T. Shelton 9, W. H. Inwood 10.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. E. Boam 1, J. Lilleker 2, I. M. Holland 3, W. Holland 4, D. Holland (cond.) 5, H. D. Holland 6. Rung for the patronal festival, and as a farewell to H. D. Holland on joining H.M. Forces.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Kent (first quarter) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Gwilt 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming (cond.) 1, L. Tuffrey 2, Mrs. K. Watts 3, M. T. Bartlett (first quarter 'inside') 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Gwilt 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect on the passing of James F. Harvey.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Nov. 15th, at St. Ann's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Parry 1, Miss M. Tomlin 2, W. Coleman 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. Riddleston (first quarter) 6. A 10th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Howson.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carey 1, Mrs. J. Barton 2, T. Barton 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. Kenward (cond.) 5, F. Scoones 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkins 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of D. A. Sydenham to Miss E. June Gibson, of Singapore, which took place the previous day. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkins 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. First of Triples in the method by all the band.

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The Rev. C. G. Pearson, who preached at
a Guildford district meeting last Saturday, told
of an interesting war-time experience. He was
in charge of a London church, and on New
Year's Eve was approached by a number of
American troops who wanted to ring in the
New Year. With difficulty he dissuaded them,
owing to the ban on ringing. The incident is
surprising to English ringers, as it doubtful if
there are more than 50 Americans who can ring
changes as we understand them.

In connection with the
ringing at Westminster Abbey
for the 'Save the Abbey'
week a quarter peal was rung each evening—
five of Stedman and one of Grandsire. The
conducting was shared by Messrs. R. F. Deal,
H. Langdon, A. B. Peck, J. Phillips and H. N.
Pitstow. The ringers taking part, in addition to
the above named, were Messrs. H. Belcher,
W. S. Langdon, W. H. Pasmore, C. J. Watts
and J. A. Waugh.

Mr. H. V. Frost hopes to publish 'Ringing
in Hertfordshire' in booklet form if sufficient
support is forthcoming. Any profits would go
to the Association's funds.

The peal of Imberhorne Surprise Major rung
for the first time at Turners Hill, Sussex, on
November 2nd is A. G. Driver's No. 1 in Cor-
rigan's unnamed collection.

The ringer of the trouble in the peal of Rut-
land Surprise Major at Kirtlington on Novem-
ber 7th was Cyril H. Kinch and not Finch as
printed. The conductor apologises for the error.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Erith on
November 20th was, in all probability, the first
time a true reversal of Thurstans' Four-part has
been rung. The peal starts with a Quick Six,
and the course ends come after Slow. The
sixth is the half hunt and the fifth is home at
the quarter peal ends. Many years ago Wash-
brook frequently called a peal he described as
'Thurstans' Reversed.' Mr. A. N. Woods has
taken great pains to discover what the peal
actually was. There is little doubt Washbrook
used the term 'reversal' very loosely, and the
peal was a transposition of his which appears in
the 'Oxford Diocesan Peal Book,' 1895, page
156.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Eccles is being regarded by
Masonic ringers of Lan-
cashire and Cheshire as their
headquarters. The bells are of excellent tone,
and the 'go' is all that is desired. Previously
to the successful peal attempt at this tower on
November 21st by a band of Masonic ringers a
framed illuminated record of a peal rung at
this church was presented to the Vicar, R.W.
Bro. the Rev. T. T. Taylor, Prov. Grand Mark
Mason. The peal commemorated recorded that
rung to celebrate the inauguration of Masonic
ringers meeting. W. Bro. Peter Crook made
the presentation, which was the gift of W. Bro.
Fred Dunkerley. In thanking the donor, the
Vicar expressed the hope that many more peals
of such a nature would be rung there.

The ringers who rang in the peal at Mells,
Somerset, on November 21st would like to re-
cord their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Nash
for their hospitality after the peal.

Congratulations to Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock,
who has called his first peal of Stedman
Cinques. This was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe
on November 21st.

We hope the initiative of the Essex Associa-
tion in arranging with the County Education
Committee a week-end course on bells and
ringing will be followed by other Guilds and
Associations. County Education Committees
are anxious to stimulate youth activities of a
novel kind, and there is every reason if an
approach is made, with useful suggestions, it
would be favourably received. We are in-
debted to our correspondent for a full report
of the Essex proceedings, which should be help-
ful to those approaching County Youth Com-
mittees and similar bodies on the establishment
of these courses.

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WEEK-END COURSE ON RINGING AT A YOUTH HOSTEL

ESSEX EXPERIMENT A GREAT SUCCESS

In agreement with the Further Education Committee of the Essex County Council, the Essex Association of Change Ringers held a week-end course on churches and bell ringing at the Residential Hostel, Clarence House, Thaxted, on November 21st and November 22nd. The course was a great success; there were 14 students in residence for the week-end and 12 day students on the Saturday.

ON the day and at the appointed hour the student pioneers arrived at the School, and true to time, with very few minutes between first and last, we gathered together, the majority of us being strangers to one another. Mrs. Jones, the hostess, had everything ready, and we were welcomed with hot drinks and supper. Having satisfied the inner man, we toured the house, and were shown to our respective rooms. We were surprised at the place, a lovely old house which is unspoiled inside and out, and is furnished where possible to match its period. The bedrooms are set out with single beds in accordance with the size of the room—a real home from home. But we had come back to school, and the syllabus set one brief talk before retiring.

Gathering round the common room or drawing room fire the fourteen students settled back in their arm-chairs, while the leader set out the aims and objects of the course. The programme was duly discussed, and it was agreed that the subjects provided material for many lectures. Following the introductory talk, a slight diversion was noted when one of the travelling parties stated they had seen a steam ploughing tackle at work—there were in this very small party two steam tractor enthusiasts, who appeared to know the name, registration number, age, type of valve, etc., etc., of every steam tractor in the Eastern Counties. It was mooted by certain members that the leader should next time include a short talk (if this is possible) on this very interesting subject, and provide a tractor for practical demonstrations.

As the fire died down, we gradually faded away to settle in the snug little beds.

We rose early in the morning, ready to look around the gardens before breakfast and to get a newspaper. After breakfast, at which we united with a small class of Drama Students, our day students and lecturers began to arrive, and everything was ready to start the real business at ten o'clock.

CHURCHES AND THEIR TOWERS

Mr. L. E. Last gave the first lecture, under the heading 'Churches and their Towers.'

He commenced from the beginning of the Christian era and carried the sequence and variation in architecture through the centuries up to the present day. He set out the reasons why towers were built in the early days, the reason for their many differences, the reason why certain types of towers were built in different parts of the country, and the bearing that the geological structure of the subsoil had on the materials which could be used. He dealt with the cost of materials and the methods of transport that were available when certain of the early churches were built.

Having disposed of the subject in a general manner, the lecturer then spoke on individual churches and their development. He gave as an example the fine Parish Church at Grantham and produced a series of large scale plans to illustrate the stages of development. These plans proved a source of great interest and were the subject of many questions.

The next section of this lecture applied to towers and campaniles, and were illustrated by a film strip which the lecturer had prepared himself. He then traced the construction of the towers from early Saxon times through the whole of the different types of architecture up

to the modern towers of the twentieth century with a view of the example tower or section to illustrate the point raised. This great and interesting subject had to be brought to a close to allow for questions to be asked on many of the very interesting towers that had been pictured.

Owing to the nearness of lunch it was decided to break off and resume the course with the second lecture early after lunch. It was a jolly party, 25 ringers and nine drama students, which gathered round the two great tables, and there were many happy exchanges about towers where certain members had rung and many more suggestions about visits to others which had been portrayed in the lecture.

CHANGE RINGING

Mr. F. V. Gant, Hon. General Secretary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, gave the second lecture on 'The Art and Science of Change Ringing.' This, as the lecturer explained, was a very big subject to discuss in a short time, and it was therefore necessary to take a very limited number of minor parts to explain and illustrate.

The lecturer dealt first with the history of change ringing, the early discoveries, and the people who were reputed to have made these discoveries. He then turned to the early books of the Exercise, and gave illustrations from them, ably connecting them up with the practice to-day. The lecturer proved a real genius with the chalk on the blackboard, the speed with which he produced courses, lead and course ends bringing forth applause. He dealt with method constructions, building up from the very simple methods to the more advanced sections. The lecturer then dealt briefly with conducting, and gave many varied and useful illustrations. He also spoke on proof of touches, and gave some wise advice on how to use the various proof scales which have been produced. Time again intervened and the lecture stopped in order that questions could be answered. These proved to be many and varied, and the lecturer dealt with them in an expert way.

CONSTRUCTION OF CHURCH BELLS

Mr. H. M. Howard, M.A., Director of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., gave the third lecture, entitled 'The History and Construction of Church Bells.'

Mr. Howard commenced his lecture by showing a slide of a very early bell, and referred to the Chinese art of making bells 4,000 years B.C., and traced the historic development of bells up to the Middle Ages, when St. Dunstan is mentioned as having made bells. Passing through the centuries, slides were shown of many famous bells and peals. The founders' marks and the signs on many of the bells proved very interesting. The lecturer showed how the founders' marks gave the age and often the thoughts and aspirations of the residents at the time. He then spoke of the three great founders, their early work, and the famous bells they had made.

The lecturer then came to the actual work before a bell came into being: the preparation of the core, how it was made and shaped, the forming of the cope and the inscriptions that were worked on to the inside of the cope. The composition of the metal was the source

of many questions; the addition of precious metals did not improve the bell, and is, generally speaking, not true, although the price the lecturer quoted for the base metals appeared to make them very precious.

The Liberty Bell which has been hung in Berlin was followed through the works, slides showing the preparation of core and cope and the actual casting. The lecturer spoke of the hopes that a successful cast had been made, and how they were never certain until the bell had cooled and cope and core had been removed. Then came the tuning, and comparisons were made of the early methods and the modern day tuning. A slide showed the lecturer, tuning fork in hand, testing the Liberty Bell.

The hanging of the bells is divided into three sections—ringing bells, swinging bells and carillons. Various types of frames for ringing peals were mentioned, wood, iron, and steel, and their uses and their virtues.

The frames and mechanism for swinging bells were shown and described, including the great 18½ ton Bourdon bell for Riverside Church, New York. The various types of mechanism for the playing of carillons, both hand and automatic, proved that this was a science on its own. The lecturer also spoke on the music which could be rendered on a carillon and of the noted carillonneurs throughout the world.

When Mr. Howard had completed his lecture he was besieged with questions from all angles, and these he was able to answer to the entire satisfaction of the questioners. Time again had to intervene and bring this section to a close.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

The Rev. J. Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted, had offered the use of the Parish Church bells for practical demonstrations, and a move was made to the church, which is directly opposite Clarence House. Here several good touches and courses in various methods were rung, and would have continued had not the dinner gong intervened. Following dinner a social had been arranged, everyone having a go at something or other. The Drama Students again joined with us, and I am sure they found the bell-ringers were not so dull. The Warden was greatly surprised when she came to join in a cup of tea before retiring to find the Drama Students, handbells in hand, 'having a go.'

Sunday morning arrangements had been made for the bells of the Parish Church to be rung before the early service, and following this ringing a very representative number attended the Communion service. After breakfast the bells were again available up to the time of morning service. This being the feast of St. Cecilia the extra ringing and the special orchestra for the service were most appropriate.

After lunch the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) gave a talk entitled 'My Ringing Experiences,' tracing his ringing career from the time he was first invited to come into the tower and try a rope. He dwelt on the many Essex and national occasions when great gatherings of ringers had come together, and of the part he had taken in these gatherings. Many amusing stories were told arising from his travels, and many of the lessons learnt were discussed.

Following this talk the whole gathering was asked to join in a general discussion, and many suggestions were made, including items which could well be added to the agenda of the next course.

At tea our hostess was thanked for a very happy week-end. The thanks of all were expressed to the lecturers for the way they had dealt with their subjects and the interesting way they had put them over.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A Visit to Acle

For their winter meeting the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association visited Acle on November 14th, where the ring of six was soon ringing to suit all tastes and talents.

The Association's president and general secretary (Revs. A. St. J. Heard and A. G. G. Thurlow) attended; the former conducted the service, whilst the organ was played by the Rector (Rev. H. R. Chisnell), who also presided at the business meeting, held after tea in the Parish Hall.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. George Steward, of Gorleston, who died a few days previously after a long illness, prior to which he had been a staunch Sunday service ringer.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Mr. F. N. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood. Ratification of belfry elections was effected in respect of Miss Margaret Lewis and Mr. Alan Lever.

It was unanimously decided, subject to permission being obtained, to hold the branch annual meeting at Loddon on February 20th.

The meeting warmly congratulated Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of the Acle company, on ringing a peal recently in celebration of his 81st birthday.

A collection for the Association Bell Fund realised £1. The meeting ended with hearty votes to thanks to Rev. H. R. Chisnell for his interest and help, and to Mr. Lidbetter, who, with several lady helpers, made excellent arrangements for tea.

An international note was struck by the fact that three ladies attended from Switzerland, France and Spain, and whilst, of course, non-ringers, they expressed great interest in the service, the handbell ringing and the bells themselves swinging in their frame.

The meeting also witnessed very remarkable high pressure sales technique from a certain Norwich cleric, not, for a change, in respect of a book of which he is the author, but of some excellent Christmas cards which he was selling in aid of St. Andrew's, Norwich, Bell Restoration Fund. It is pleasant to record the cards sold well, the salesman's stock being cleared, but 'he has plenty more at home.'

Week-end Course on Ringing—Cont.

The students then dispersed, the members travelling to their homes in Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Kent.

The conclusions that were arrived at come under the following headings: That the course was a great success; that the Education Authority, in their support, have given the art of campanology a standing among the other recognised arts; that there is no short cut to good ringing; that there will never be too many ringers. Ringing calls for so many of the qualities which are not too evident in certain walks of life—physical and mental stability, religious conviction, coupled with moral strength and courage, team spirit, the spirit of meekness which allows persons to be told where they are wrong without loss of temper, the spirit to persevere when things are not too rosy, and the spirit of brotherly love not to dwell upon the failings of others, but to see only the good motives in their actions. When all these qualities become the rule rather than the exception I am sure our bellringing will be of service to the Church and to the glory of our God.

A STUDENT.

BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. Albert T. Scrivens and Mrs. Scrivens celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, November 9th, with a party held in their son's home at Little Bromwich, attended by their five children, in laws, six grandchildren and a few close friends of the family.

Among the many congratulations was one sent on behalf of St. Martin's Guild with best wishes for many more happy days.

In honour of the event, a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,050 changes, was rung at Birmingham Cathedral on November 12th. A few members of the family heard part of the ringing and, after the peal, hospitably entertained the band, where the health of Mr. and Mrs. Scrivens was duly honoured.

Mr. Scrivens is a native of the Cotswolds, and his first interest in bells was as a youth at the village church of Longborough, near Moreton-in-Marsh. In 1899 he came to reside in Birmingham, and took up ringing seriously, and eventually joined the St. Martin's Guild. For some years he was a member of St. Martin's Church Sunday service band.

His first peal, Grandsire Caters, was at Aston November 5th, 1910, and his peals total 149, rung on 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

For some years past Mr. Scrivens has not enjoyed the best of health, and has had to give up active ringing, although his interest in bells, ringers and ringing still continues.

A. W.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON, SUFFOLK

Presentation to Mr. F. Day

The St. Mary's, Preston, ringers held their annual gathering on Saturday, November 14th. During the afternoon many short touches were rung in various Minor methods, after which, with their wives, friends and ringing guests, they adjourned to the Six Bells Inn and partook of an excellent supper.

During the social that followed Mr. W. Shorter, on behalf of the St. Mary's company, presented Mr. F. Day, their Ringing Master, with a barometer in recognition of all he had done for their advancement. Mr. Day suitably replied with deep thanks for their kind expression of gratitude.

Mr. S. H. Symonds, on behalf of the Lavenham guests, thanked the Preston band for inviting them there, and said that in Mr. Day the St. Mary's company had a leader to be proud of. He (Mr. Symonds) was proud of the fact that his father (Arthur), 1858, his grandfather (Henry), 1838, and his great-grandfather (Jesse), 1800, had all been conductors of former St. Mary's bands of ringers.

Entertainment was provided by Miss June Rudd (vocal), Messrs. R. Hollocks (piano), E. Martin (piano and vocal) and 'The Bell-Chords Trio.'

HANDBELL CLASS FOR THE BLIND AT CHICHESTER

Mr. Norman Smith, ringing master at Chichester Cathedral, is acting as tutor to a handbell class for the blind at Chichester. The class is looking forward to Christmas, when it can entertain others at public or private gatherings.

Music books in braille have been provided by Miss Downer, of Chichester, with the tunes set to numbers. 'O Come All Ye Faithful' thus reading:—

558548

343234

The class has a set of 12 bells.

HONGKONG CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The service of dedication and the inauguration of the Coronation chime of bells at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hongkong, took place on November 22nd. The bells are the gift of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Details of the chime are as follows:—

Treble: E flat, weight 4 cwt. 7 lb. 2: D. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. 3: C, 6 cwt. 4 lb. 4: B flat, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. 5: A flat, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. 6: G, 13 cwt. 13 lb. 7: F, 19 cwt. 5 lb. Bourdon: E flat, 28 cwt. 15 lb.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The Bourdon bell was cast with due ceremony on July 17th, when a five-shilling Coronation piece and a silver Hongkong dollar were dropped into the molten metal. On the Bourdon bell is the following inscription:—

'This Chime was presented by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 2nd June, 1953, to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.'

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mr. J. G. Clay of the Ancient Society of College Youths for the advice and assistance he has so willingly given, and to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. and the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., who have generously associated themselves with the donors in the matter of transportation and insurance of the chime. The services given without charge by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., and the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., in connection with the installation of the chime are also acknowledged with appreciation.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 5th, 1913

HINTON, EVESHAM

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, November 30th, 1913, in 2 hours and 39 minutes.

At the residence of F. J. Johnson.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5,040 CHANGES. Being 42 six-scores, comprising one each of Stedman's Slow Course and St. Simon's, four of College Single, six each of Stedman, Canterbury and Plain Bob, eight of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

Miss Ellen M. Johnson 1—2

Joseph D. Johnson 3—4

Miss Ruth Johnson 5—6

Conducted by J. D. Johnson.

First peal in eight methods by all and rung at the first attempt, to commemorate the anniversary of the first peal by the three children, on December 1st, 1912. The ages of the ringers are 13 years 3 months, 14 years 8 months, 11 years 6 months.

The Bells of Buckfast Abbey

The half-muffled peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Buckfast Abbey in March last, has not, as yet, passed into the annals of history.

Records of the peal were made by the B.B.C., and used in their 'Faith in the West' series; they were also used on overseas programmes during the week in which H.M. Queen Mary was laid to rest. And the latest information is that the records are again being used in special overseas broadcasts.

A photographic record of the peal was sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, who, in a reply to the organiser of the peal, said it was most interesting reading, and expressed her appreciation of the kind thoughts of those taking part.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW MASTER EACH YEAR

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse what Mr. C. Cullen said in his letter on November 13th about the desirability of electing a new officer for the highest post in an Association each year. It is a great mistake to continue to re-elect the Master of an Association year after year, for this often leads to a slowing down of progress and ultimately results in stagnation.

I have known of instances where, when a ringer has continued in office for a long period, the submission of another name for that office has been taken as a personal affront by the holder. Such unpleasantness would be avoided if it were normal to elect a new Master every year.

If the Mastership is held for one year only, it is highly probable that the holder, knowing that it is for a limited period only, will carry out his duties with great energy and enthusiasm.

For many years the Oxford (City) Society restricted the service of its Master to one year. Twice I held that office—once before the First World War and once a few years after that war. I always considered that it was an excellent arrangement which gave keen young ringers an opportunity of holding high office, and I was very sorry when this rule was rescinded.

On the agenda of any Association's annual meeting one usually finds the item, 'Election of Officers,' but if the same ones are simply re-elected year after year the whole thing becomes farcical. Why pretend to have elections?

At a recent annual meeting of a branch down here the chairman at one point rose and, to my great astonishment, said: 'The next item on the agenda is the re-election of officers,' thus inadvertently voicing the thought that was evidently in the mind.

It is almost axiomatic that the flourishing condition of an Association—or any of the branches—is due to a large extent to the enthusiasm and the efficiency of its officers, and if a high standard is to be maintained, fresh blood—in the shape of new officers—should be introduced fairly frequently.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir.—The ringers of St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, New Zealand, send greetings to fellow-ringers in the Old Country this Christmas.

We have recently completed our third year of ringing 'from scratch' and are now ringing passable touches of Bob Triples and are practising Bob Major.

A Coronation peal attempt broke down at about half-way.

Had it been successful it would probably have been the first in the world for this occasion, as it was begun at 6 a.m. on the morning of the Coronation and N.Z. time is 1½ hours ahead of Greenwich.

Although we have kept faithfully to 'Rope-sight' as our text-book, we have rung both Stedman and Grandsire Doubles as relaxation, and attempted Grandsire Triples.

A recent welcome addition to our numbers has been Mr. R. C. Gifford, late of Yate, Bristol. Mr. R. G. Bennett from Christchurch, N.Z., and Mr. T. J. Maeder, from Durban, South Africa, have been welcomed as visitors, and rang with us. Mr. A. J. White, of Auckland, N.Z., still visits us whenever he is able.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. A. CALDWELL.

Captain, St. Peter's Cathedral Ringers, Hamilton, New Zealand.

350 CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Barnett's letter regarding Mr. P. J. Johnson's speech at the Snowdon Dinner, I think Mr. Johnson was wrongly reported, although perhaps inadvertently, as he did not mention Mr. George Bolland as being the owner of the clocks. He had mentioned Mr. Bolland and then he passed on to this owner of so many clocks, but he did not, I believe, mention Mr. West by name, which may have led to the confusion in the report. Most people present, of course, knew that he was referring to 'Clocky' West, as he was known, but this point was evidently missed in the write-up of the dinner.

Mr. West, incidentally, died in 1938, half-muffled peals to his memory being rung at Sutton-on-Hull (his tower) and at Howden, on June 8th and 11th respectively of that year.

Mr. Barnett may also be interested to know that Derek Sharp rang 15 peals for the Y.A.C.R., all of which are recorded in two annual reports: 1934–35 and 1935–36. Ten of these included Mr. West, who rang 25 over a greater number of years. One of the ten they rang together was a peal of Stedman here at Scarborough on August 31st, 1935, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender.—Yours faithfully,

BERT SUTTON.

Scarborough.

MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 6th, there is a reference to a remark credited to myself concerning Mr. G. B. Bolland and Mr. A. G. West, both past officers of the Yorkshire Association, at the recent dinner held at Sheffield in honour of the past officers of the Association.

After making reference to Mr. G. B. Bolland, I then stated that another deceased vice-president, whom I did not name, had the huge number of clocks as stated, and also mentioned the late hours kept by visitors who were privileged to pay visits.

I can understand your reporter making the slip, but anyone knowing Mr. Bolland will be highly amused at the idea of him keeping a vast collection of clocks.

Apologising for unwittingly being the cause of the confusion.—Yours sincerely,

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Leeds.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND A LIBRARY

Dear Sir.—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' one of your correspondents wrote at considerable length about Hertfordshire ringing and the organisation of the County Association. He spoke of a collection of books and, if I remember rightly, of the assembling of a library. He did not appear to be aware of a good number of books which should be still with Mrs. Ferguson, wife of the Vicar of St. Peter's at St. Albans, which I donated to the Association a good many years ago, including a number of bound annual issues of 'Bell News.' If there is to be an assemblage of books these surely should be collected.

I have not heard of them since I sent them to Mrs. Ferguson, except that she kindly sent me a list of my own peals from 1886–1891. Unfortunately, I have no record of a number of others which were rung after that date.—Yours faithfully,

JNO. C. MITCHELL.

Canterbury Grove, S.E.27.

THE LATE WILLIAM SHORT'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Ernest Morris' inquiry, I have now been able to obtain a sight of the late Mr. William Short's peal book and hope the following will be of assistance:—

Doubles.—One method 12; two, three, four and five methods 50 (conducted 43).

Minor.—One method 15, three to seven methods 82 (55).

Triples 254 (107).

Plain Major methods 136; Treble Bob and Surprise 221 (81).

Caters 63 (20); Royal 24 (5); Cinques 54 (17); Maximus 12 (1).

Total 923 (329).

The Surprise total included the 14,112 London at King's Norton in 1903, 9,728 Superlative at Clent in 1911, and spliced in 4, 5 and 6 methods.

The Caters included 8,888 Stedman Caters at Aston on handbells and the Cinques included the 11,111 at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Dec. 26th, 1901.

Twenty-two of the above were rung on handbells and included Minor in seven methods, Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Caters and Cinques.

During the Irish tour of 1899, he took part in 5,017 Stedman Caters on May 20th and 5,040 Bob Royal on May 21st. In 1901 he was again a member of a touring band in Ireland when the following were rung:—

May 24th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, 5,000 Kent Royal.

May 25th, at the R.C. Cathedral, 5,004 Stedman Caters.

May 25th, at St. Patrick's tower (on handbells), 5,017 Stedman Caters.

May 28th, at Bray, Co. Wicklow, 5,088 Superlative.

May 28th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, 5,017 Stedman Caters.

May 29th, on the Irish Sea (handbells, conducted), 5,173 Stedman Caters.

May 29th, at Bangor, North Wales (for good measure and to round off the tour), 5,056 New Cambridge.

Unfortunately, the peal book consists of bare records of date, place, method and time taken, whether tower or handbells, with a note if conducted, and nothing else.

I happen to know that a number of these peals created personal records as, for example, a 'William' peal at Handsworth, Birmingham, on December 12th, 1896, of which he sometimes spoke, and a peal at Badsey, Worcestershire, Stedman Triples, July 22nd, 1939, which completed a peal in every 6, 8, 10 and 12 bell tower in the county. This was his last peal, the war putting a stop to his activities.

He took part in a large number of tours, including many of those organised by the late William H. Fussell, but he also had to work and there are many places in his book which show gaps of months between records of peals. There is no doubt that but for the outbreak of the war in 1939 he would have got well beyond his thousand. However, by 1944 he was suffering from arthritis, which prevented his getting about very much, while standing through a peal would have been out of the question.—Yours faithfully, BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query of Mr. E. Morris in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' on the above mentioned and the letter following from Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the Biographies Committee may be correct in stating Mr. Short's peal total was 892, but a paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' appeared on March 5th, 1937, as follows:—

'To record a ringer's 900th peal is a rare occurrence, yet this week we publish the fact that two ringers have reached this large total—Mr. James Bennett, at Crayford last Friday, and Mr. William Short, at Cheltenham on Saturday.—Yours sincerely, J. BENNETT. Grundisburgh, Suffolk.'

LETTERS—Continued

IRREGULAR METHODS AND SPLICING

Dear Sir,—Several months ago it was suggested in 'The Ringing World' that so-called irregular Minor methods may perhaps prove useful in spliced ringing, and that composers could find in them a useful field of activity.

These so-called irregular methods will, of course, splice with each other in a manner similar to the regular ones. To splice them with regular methods, if rather more complicated, produces interesting results, and certainly enlarges the scope of spliced Minor ringing.

The following 720 in 22 methods is an example of this. I wonder: what is the maximum number of methods spliced in one treble bob extent? The greatest I have among my records is one by A. G. Driver in 13 methods, but, of course, I have been out of touch with spliced Minor ringing for several years.

The six irregular methods employed in this 720 are: Campanulla, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, York Minster and Hemsworth. As the last method had no name, so far as I know, I have taken the liberty of supplying one.

Royston, Penistone and York Minster have the same lead end as Skipton (the old 'New London'), with London Scholars, Kingstone and Sandal respectively for the two middle sections. Gladstone, Hemsworth and Campanulla substitute 2nds for 6ths at the lead end (the old 'Tulip'), but are otherwise identical with the previous three methods.

Perhaps a future Central Council, realising the shortsightedness of their predecessors, may reverse the puerile decision taken at the last Central Council meeting, and Minor ringing may again move forward unhampered by such stupid restrictions.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

720 IN 22 METHODS

23456 London Scholars.

— 56423 London Scholars
23645 Skipton
45362 Sandal
62534 Campanulla
35426 College Exercise
64235 Bogdone
52364 Ockley
43652 Knutsford
26543 Royston
34256 Fotheringay

— 56234 Fotheringay
34625 Chepstow
25463 Kingstone
63524 Gladstone
45236 Knutsford
62345 College Exercise
53462 Norbury
24653 Rostherne
36524 Penistone
42356 Capel

— 56342 Capel
42635 Balmoral
35264 Balmoral
64523 Hemsworth
25346 Duke of Norfolk
63425 Duke of Norfolk
54263 Wilmslow
32654 Wilmslow
46532 York Minster
23456

Contains at least one plain lead of each method included.

16 regular methods. 6 (so-called) irregular methods.

'PROGRESS THROUGH CRITICISM'

Dear Sir,—Reiterated expressions of regret are, of course, of little value while misrepresentation continues. One would have credited a would-be critic with deeper knowledge of his subject than Mr. Speed's letter on page 760 surprisingly shows. However, he raises points and asks questions, the answers to which may serve to remove a number of obvious misconceptions.

'Pots and kettles.' His reference to these is entirely irrelevant. Criticism, if informed, is everyone's right, and it was not any criticism of Mr. Speed's that I deprecated, but his 'arbitration' on the quality or status and outlook (his attempted appraisal if you like) of those deriving the findings and conclusions; and while complaining that THEY were arbitrary. Criticism, IF INFORMED, can be an avenue of progress. Any serious investigator welcomes it.

'Expected answer.' I did, indeed, indicate the answer. It is too lengthy for these columns, but the Memorandum, in the C.C. Library, to which I referred, supplies it. His misguided reference to 'Stat,' discussed below, shows he has not examined that thesis. Yet he ventures to castigate it.

'Axioms based on custom and usage.' Mr. Speed (and he is not alone in this) has apparently not appreciated that the subject matter of Grid Analysis is, properly, Method Structure, rather than what he calls 'extension.' In this, Mr. Speed still holds to the outmoded concept of 'extending' (verb) methods. An extension (noun) of a method can now be shown to have been inherent in the basic form ab initio, and no 'operator' can do otherwise about it. For the study of this subject of method structure there are methods, not 'few' as he says, but galore. The fact that until recent years few extensions had been set out is beside the point. All these methods conform with principles established by custom and usage, now expressed as axioms. These are of two main kinds—basic or fundamental, and consequent or incidental. I previously referred to the former, which include such as the mirror reflection of the method pattern about the half-lead, no penultimate place-making unless the treble lies behind (calls excepted), etc. An example of the latter (consequent or incidental type) is to be found at the end of the article recently published on the new method 'REGINA.' And, of course, London Major is not the extension of the Minor stage, simply because the Minor is not the basic form of London. Extensions are only those stages of a method-family that are higher than the basic. Those below it are contractions.

On convincing others, with different 'answers.' Mr. Speed will surely agree that without full and unbiased study of a thesis there can be little 'convincing.' As far as I know Mr. Baker has not seen the Memorandum. This thesis was prepared and placed at the disposal of all in 1951. It may be of some significance that some recommendations and conclusions therein appeared (though in not quite the same form) in subsequently-issued reports of the Methods Committee. But the main difference in the conclusions of the latter is this, as internal evidence of their report shows: Their method was to take a large number of methods, examine the 'extensions' published of those methods, and find a 'formula' to fit the majority of such extensions. The branch of Grid Analysis dealing with stage-variation (i.e., extensions and contractions of methods) begins another way, as any science begins fundamentally. It examines a method to determine whether or not its form is basic, i.e., what are its inherent characteristics; then proceeding to determine the form of the method on other stages, in which those characteristics are preserved. (Some alleged 'extensions' are demonstrably lacking in this.) In all cases a number of structural features emerge, such as 'con-

stant' and 'varying' areas of grid-pattern, cyclics, and the like, and from these a process of 'stage-variation' ensues, which is applicable not only to even-bell hunt-controlled methods as dealt with in the M.C. Report, but to all methods of all types. Moreover, it can be expressed far more briefly, in generic form. (See Memorandum—Art. 107, et alia.) It is important to note also that Grid analysis insists on an approach to Method Structure that has not previously been given to it, i.e., by defining terms and stating the premises or basic concepts. Is it any wonder that 'others' get different answers? This approach Mr. Speed seemingly decries, for example, in his erroneous reference to 'stat.' (See below.) But there is, it appears, considerable body of comment on the lack of definitions and premises prefacing the M.C.'s Report.

'Calling a spade a spade.' Contrary to Mr. Speed's notion, this is, in fact, the main plank in the platform of Grid Analysis. The few publications of ringing theory are not free of the use of terms which are ambiguous. The principle followed in G.A. (where there is certainly no 'excess verbiage' as Mr. Speed claims) is 'one word one meaning.' No new term is to be introduced unless—

(a) there is none existing to express the precise concept;

(b) any existing cognate term is ambiguous. Mr. Speed wants us to call a 'stat' a 'place.' How little has he appreciated the difference! Apart from this, the word 'place' already has three separate concepts in ringing. One of these, 'making a place,' is already implied in the term 'stat' which means much more than the place made. (Otherwise the term would never have been introduced.) It is explained in the Memorandum that any varying of hunting by place-making causes dodging of all bells 'beyond' the place-making. (Unless an opposing place is made in the same row-interval when the consequential dodgings may be cancelled out.) The term 'stat' is necessarily introduced to convey the concept (and take it into account) of not only the place-making but also the consequential dodging in conjunction with it. This is of vital importance in studying the rows and columns because dodging reverses the mode of hunting. The term 'place' is used in its original concept.

(Mr. Speed might have realised that to one accustomed to critical analysis of technical matters in more fields than one, anything redundant or tautologous is mere anathema.)—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District at Queensbury

The last and most successful meeting of the year was held at Queensbury, near Bradford, on November 14th. Members attended from Bradford Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Headingley, Pudsey, Armley, Halifax and Sheffield.

The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m., and most requests were met before tea, several ringers managing more advanced methods for the first time.

Queensbury was that day literally up in a cloud, so that tea, laid in the vestry, was very convenient indeed.

Three new members were welcomed to the Guild, and the next meeting arranged to take place at Whiston, near Rotherham. The ladies passed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Ridings for permission to ring the bells, to Miss Bickerdike for the local arrangements, and to the ladies and gentlemen who prepared and served a very good tea.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

St. Donard's Bell-ringers' Service

St. Donard's Society of Bellringers held a special bellringers' service on November 22nd when visitors from Holywood, Lurgan, Hillsborough, Ballymena, Bangor and Rostrevor were present. The bells were available from 4.30 p.m. and ringing ranged from call changes to London Surprise Minor until tea was served at 5.30, at which the Rector of St. Donard's (the Rev. A. McKelvie, M.A.) presided. After welcoming the visitors the Rector cut the cake, which had the badge of the Irish Association iced on it, assisted by the local tower secretary, Miss Wilma Hoey. Messrs. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, and J. E. Dunwoody, Northern District Secretary, suitably replied for the visitors and wished the St. Donard's Society every success in the future.

After tea the local ringers rang touches of Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor for the evening service, at which all visiting ringers attended. The lessons were read by Messrs. William Pratt and J. T. Dunwoody, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Barry, M.A., Rector of Hillsborough and vice-president of the Irish Association. At supper, after the service, a very happy spirit prevailed.

Votes of thanks were expressed by the Rev. A. McKelvie, the Rev. J. Barry, Dr. Maginness, Messrs. William Pratt, J. T. Dunwoody, A. Wylie and V. C. Patterson. The local tower secretary, Miss Wilma Hoey, suitably replied.

To round off the evening touches of Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the handbells by Miss Jean Stewart and Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody and William Hall.

MITCHAM BELL-RINGERS' SERVICE

The annual bell-ringers' service at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday evening, November 15th, was very well attended. The seating capacity of the recently-restored church was almost filled and in the congregation were the Mayor of Mitcham and a number of ringers and friends from other towers, some of whom were at one time members of the Christ Church band.

Ringling for the service commenced at 5.30 p.m., in which most of the visitors took part.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston) who thanked the local ringers for their very regular services throughout the year and extended a warm welcome to the visitors, and said he thought bellringing must be a wonderful exercise for mind and body because the old members seemed to get more sprightly each year. The lessons were read by Mr. G. Pidwell and Mr. J. Parslow, both former members of the Christ Church band. The course of Bob Major which was rung on the handbells during the service by four members from St. Luke's, Chelsea, was a joy to listen to.

The special preacher was the Rev. D. L. Gardner, of St. Lawrence's, Morden, who said he knew very little of bellringing until he looked up the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' a week before, and the handbell ringing had interested him very much. His text was: 'This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.' The preacher pointed out that by His death and resurrection Christ had overcome death and sin.

A very full choir led the singing of Psalm 150 and special hymns and carols.

After the service the tower bells rang out for about ten minutes and several ringers and friends accepted the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston to partake of light refreshments in the Vicarage.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The meeting held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on November 21st was the first to be held here since 1944.

Good use of the bells was made during the afternoon and evening, and ringing ranged from Grand-sire Caters to a half-course of Cambridge Maximus.

The members were welcomed in the Church Hall of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, by Preb. H. H. Treacher. As is known to many ringers, this hall is sumptuously decorated and used by the Company of Fanmakers for their meetings.

In the absence of the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) through illness, the chair at the business meeting was taken by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (senior steward).

The following new members were elected:—Mrs. M. P. Mayell, Bentley Common; Miss Jane Coates, Havant; P. A. Sadler, Rochford; B. C. Sadler, Prittlewell; G. Frost, Battlebridge; F. C. May, Wickford; B. J. Howard, Westcliff-on-Sea; J. W. Binks, Prittlewell.

It was announced that the next meeting, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, would be joint with the Middlesex Association on December 5th, and it was hoped that this would be well supported. The annual meeting would be on January 23rd at St. Martin's.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Shoreditch, Rev. Meredith Davies, unfortunately unable to be at the meeting, for the use of the bells, the Assistant Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for the use of the hall, and Mrs. E. E. Davis for the ample tea provided.

K. M.

OBITUARY

MR. SAMUEL BRAGG

The death of Mr. Samuel Bragg, of Solihull, at the age of 73, breaks another link in the chain of ringers who brought about a ringing revival in the parish early in this century. The reorganisation of the band by Geoffrey Martineau in 1891 was followed by the teaching of a number of young men, and a large proportion of these beginners came from the Bragg family.

Samuel Bragg was a very capable ringer of the standard methods on six, eight and ten bells. He was an excellent striker and never failed to insist that learners handled their bells correctly, laying great stress on the importance of the position of the arms at backstroke. Round about 1906 he was tower keeper for a time, and he carried out the duties of this office with the care and thoroughness that distinguished all his activities. By trade he was a bricklayer and he was known far and wide for the meticulous accuracy of his work and his intolerance of any form of inferior building.

Samuel Bragg served in the Royal Engineers in Flanders during much of the 1914-18 war and he retained clear recollections of all his movements and adventures during that period. Indeed, his memory was remarkably encyclopaedic. All events in his experience seemed to make deep impressions and he could recall with complete detail the particulars of long-past football matches, race meetings, incidents in working life and the belfry and especially of his war service.

He was a splendid servant of the belfry of St. Alphege's Church, and although of recent years ill-health had prevented his ringing, he still took a keen and critical interest in all that was rung.

The funeral at Solihull Church on November 21st was attended by a large gathering of old friends and workmates, together with directors of the firm of Bragg Bros. On Sunday evening, November 22nd, the bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute to his memory.

E. C. S.

MR. J. W. MUSSON

Mr. James H. Musson has been bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. Joseph Walter Musson, of 13, Jermyn Street, Sleaford, Lincs, on November 23rd, at the age of 81 years.

Although not a ringer, he was a great lover of bells and bellringers. For over nine years he had been totally blind, but, nevertheless, remained happy and cheerful, and always contrived to find his way into the street to listen to any ringing. Musically inclined, he would praise good ringing, and was never slow to criticise the bad. He would have been 82 on December 1st, and a peal attempt had been arranged in honour of the event and also a party, but this was not to be. An old soldier, he fought with Kitchener and was at the battle of Omdurman.

MRS. BEATRICE SEAL

The death took place on November 17th of Mrs. Beatrice Seal, late of Ullesthorpe (in the parish of Claybrooke). It was in 1929 that Mrs. Seal generously gave to St. Peter's Church, Claybrooke, four new trebles and had three of the four old bells recast in a steel frame (the tenor being a pre-Reformation bell).

A wreath was sent from St. Peter's ringers, and a half-muffled peal was rung on the evening of the funeral.

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BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The November meeting was held at Cawthorne, and members attended from Barnsley, Crofton, Dronfield, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Shelley, Leeds Parish, Thorner, with a good muster of the local company.

Ringling commenced about 2.30 p.m. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and a very hearty welcome awaited the ringers. A very enjoyable meal had been prepared by the ringers' wives and friends and, to the surprise of all, this was free of charge.

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Meanley, acting as chairman. The Vicar said he would soon be leaving Cawthorne to take up new work at St. George's Church, Barnsley. He felt rather sorry about this, as it would be the last opportunity he would have of entertaining the ringers. Although he would still be in Barnsley, his new church only possessed one bell. He recalled the many times he had met the ringers; he had always enjoyed their company, and asked to be notified of the future meetings of the Society.

The usual vote of thanks to all concerned for making the arrangements which ensured success brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m., methods ranging from the Original to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The next meeting will be held at Darfield on December 12th.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

JENNEY—LAWRENCE. — At St. John's Church on the 2nd December, 1903, by the late Canon C. H. Hamilton, Harold George Jenney to Ada Mary Lawrence, now of Leicester.

We thank God for His many mercies. 3565

DEATHS

FORD. — At home, 83, Oregon Square, Orpington, Kent, on November 24th, 1953, after a long illness, bravely borne, Ada Constance, beloved wife of Dennis Ford and mother of David. 3575

JACKSON.—P.O. Martin Jackson, R.A.F., N.S., was killed whilst flying on Thursday, November 19th, 1953. Aged 20. His passing is a great loss to the ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Kingswood, Surrey. 3559

MUSSON. — On Monday, November 23rd, 1953, at 13, Jermyn Street, Sleaford, Lincs, Joseph Walter, beloved father of James H. Musson, aged 81 years. Rest in peace. 3574

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Stretham (6), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3547

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 5th. St. Mary, Redcliff (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3529

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination and tower captain's meetings at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meetings immediately after tea. 3514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, December 5th. Oxhey (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3533

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 3552

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District. — Meeting at St. John's Church, Knutsford, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Miss Doreen Edwards, 18, Acacia Avenue, Knutsford, Cheshire. 3549

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 5th. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry 6 p.m., including nomination of officers. Further ringing after.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 3545

These 21 courses called as the last 21 in Part 1.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual general business meeting at Beaminster on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Netherbury (6) and Stoke Abbott (5) towers open. Names for tea to Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3584

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, December 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members, please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3558

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, December 5th, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30 to 5. Tea 5.15. Names, please. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7 to 9.—F. W. Goodfellow and K. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18, Hon. Secs. 3536

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Newmarket, St. Mary's Church, Saturday, December 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 3546

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Quarterly meeting, Hammerwood (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, December 5th. After tea and business, ringing at East Grinstead till 8 p.m. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3541

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing after rehanging. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Everybody welcome. Refreshments can be obtained at nearby cafes. 3515

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Priory bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Full attendance, please. 3540

BARNSELY DISTRICT MEETING.—Meeting at Darfield, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. T. Hilton, 61, Nanny Marr Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, not later than December 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3583

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 3543

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Beverley St. Mary's, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in King's Head, Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, December 9th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 3584

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Wilfred's, Grappenhall, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, Mr. J. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, near Warrington. 3571

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3585

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 12th, St. Mark's Church, Exeter. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Manston Road Hall. Names, please, by December 8th

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), December 12th. Names to Mr. Dukes, Telephone Exchange, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Please note, annual district meeting, Huntingdon, January 16th, 1954.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8572

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney, All Saints', Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3573

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broomfield (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 3523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Prestbury (8), December 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3494

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church (10), Swindon, December 12th. For tea advise Mr. W. Daniell, 58, Brunswick Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3562

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, Dec. 12th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Dec. 8th.—J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, Tel. 3244. 3589

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 9th to Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. 3538

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chatham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash please, to Mr. L. H. Bennett, 1, Box Tree Cottages, Bolts Hill, Chatham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 3539

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 8th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. Please note change of place. 3578

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on December 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at White Cat Café.—M. J. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3580

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Pierhead, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Further ringing from 6 p.m. Tea, at 2s. per head, will be provided, but only for those who notify me before Wednesday, December 9th.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec., 3, The Rooley, Huyon, Liverpool. 3582

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch meeting and party will be held at St. James', East Crompton, on December 12th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6.30. Election of branch ringing master and secretary. Social evening from 7.30, including whist drive and dance. Tickets, 6s. inclusive, from the Vicar, East Crompton, or F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 3581

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, December 12th. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 8th, to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley. 3556

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, St. Modwen's, Burton, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Cotton. 3586

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at East Claydon, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (5) at 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3576

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Beenhams (6), Saturday, December 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. E. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenhams, Reading, by Wednesday, December 9th. 3560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Practice meeting at Greens-Norton, Saturday, December 12th, 5.30 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 3579

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Mere, Saturday, December 12th. Guild Office 4.30. Welcome to visitors. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 3551

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, December 12th. Cafes close to church for own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 3544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, December 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nomination of district officers for 1954. Names for tea, by December 9th, to A. K. Wood, Hughenden, Hickmans Road, Godstone. 3527

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—Dedication of two new trebles to complete the octave on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds. by Tuesday, 8th. Everyone welcome. 3537

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3588

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Hunslet on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. J. Hogg, 1, Woodhouse Hill Mount, Leeds, 10, not later than Thursday, December 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3561

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Friday, January 1st, 1954. Members who have not received circulars and any prospective members should get in touch with B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 3557

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