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METHODS AND MUSIC

THE musical aspect of change ringing provides a fascinating theme and directs inquiry into many interesting side paths. It is a subject that has never been dealt with exhaustively or in any systematic way, but some of our very able writers have, from time to time, provided excursions into the musical realm of our art and have provided thoughtful essays on the essential musical system of change ringing.

The letter from Mr. G. A. Halls, which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' directs us once again to this by no means unimportant subject, and puts forward views that might provide material for much fruitful discussion. In Mr. Halls' letter the prime thought is presented in a sentence both unusual and intriguing. He says: 'It appears to me that the music produced by changes on ten bells is inherently dependent on the structure of the method being rung, and to a lesser extent on the composition of the touch or peal.'

Whether or not one can agree with this statement in its entirety it may prove an interesting exercise to discuss the postulation that the method builder rather than the composer is primarily responsible for the music the method will produce.

We may start with the undoubted fact that certain methods are fortunate in the possession of inherent qualities that make the exploitation of musical positions possible. Sir Arthur Heywood, in the preface to 'Duffield,' set out the qualities that go to the making of a good method (both for the purpose of practical ringing and for the provision of good music), and these factors, the keeping together of the tenors, the double dodging, and so on, are what Mr. Halls rightly calls the inherent qualities of the method.

It may be, nevertheless, that many ringers would hold the opinion that composition was of equal importance, that it was the composer's business to make use of the opportunities offered by the structure of the method, and that

the manipulation of the figures may make or mar the musical qualities. It is doubtful, of course, if many methods with poor inherent qualities can be made to produce good music, despite the fact that John Carter always insisted that Grandsire Major ('properly composed,' as he said) could produce very good effects; but it is easily demonstrable that methods with first-rate possibilities may have their musical potentialities rendered useless by bad handling of bobs and singles. The early peal compositions of Grandsire Caters with the big bells split up and the little bells used as hunts are primitive examples of this; and it is quite clear that in Royal the composer could easily part 7890 and so destroy the 'roll-ups' we all enjoy.

Very little investigation will reveal at least one important difference between the musical properties of Royal and those of Caters. In the ringing of Ten-in no position of the heavy bells has been found so universally satisfactory as the Plain Course position. Experiments have, of course, been made in the Tittum (or rather Inverted Tittum) position, but by far the vaster number of peals are composed and rung with the back bells undisturbed, and the musical effects of Royal are provided mainly by the nature of the method, with, of course, the enhancing of the music by a judicious use of the 6th.

The Cater methods, on the other hand, demand manipulation of the heavy bells if their finest beauties are to be revealed. Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich are all endowed with qualities that lead them to delight us with their music: the first because of the unity with which the great bells move, the second because of its double dodging and the fascinating breaking of the coursing order on the front, and the third because of the peculiarity of construction that combines the best of Stedman and Grandsire. But to ring any of these three with 789 in the Plain Course position is extremely dull. It needs the art of the composer, his enterprise in placing the big bells, and his manipulation of the 5th and 6th, to bring out the musical possibilities and send the 'tingle down the spine.'

These thoughts, which arise in the reading of the early part of Mr. Halls' letter, might lead on naturally to the consideration of ringers' tastes and the reasons why certain methods are rung and others neglected. But that part of the subject merits an essay of its own. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

RICHARD BENSON Treble	PETER LAFLIN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 8
BAZIL JONES 3	ALAN A. POTTS 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
C. KENNETH LEWIS 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
MRS. R. I. PARSONS 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 8
DAVID W. BEARD 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	JOHN CHILCOTT 11
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

A 50th birthday compliment to Mr. John Phillips.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Treble	*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6
†KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	†WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 7
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 8
*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 4	*RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 9
†ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Kent Royal on tower bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. James A. Donoghue and Miss Ruth Holmes, of Rotherham.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

F. BERNARD DITCHER .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
ALFRED SMITH .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
*HOWARD SCOTT .. 4	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., April 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 6
SAMELA THOMAS .. 2	HENRY E. GREEN .. 7
EDGAR T. SMITH .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
AUBREY M. PICKERING .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Harry T. Higgins, a member of St. Matthew's band for over 32 years; died Wednesday, April 21st.**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb.

E. M. ATKINS .. Treble	F. YEO .. 5
*D. JEWELL .. 2	F. WILLS .. 6
L. WALTERS .. 3	F. WREFORD .. 7
C. ROOK .. 4	†S. G. SULLY .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WREFORD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Both at first attempt.

Rung as an Act of Praise for the Festival of Easter.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*DAVID C. BROWN (14) .. Treble	ARTHUR T. PARKER .. 5
†ANNE P. BROWN .. 2	ALLEN TWYMAN .. 6
RUTH M. JACKSON .. 3	ALAN N. BROWN .. 7
‡JEAN C. BROWN .. 4	‡ALAN J. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*SHEILA M. TAYLOR .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. 5
ROBERT E. MOULDS .. 2	†GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 6
*JOHN F. BRYANT .. 3	SYDNEY H. BARRON .. 7
GEOFFREY INGHAM .. 4	JOHN PEARSON .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

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

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KILBY HOLTHAM .. Treble	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	G. RALPH EDWARDS .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 100th peal together.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.
 STANLEY PRESTIDGE Treble HOWARD HOWELL 5
 MAURICE G. TURNER 2 FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 6
 *R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN 3 WILLIAM DAVIES 7
 DAVID M. LEES 4 LESLIE PRESTIDGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.
 Rung for the Easter Festival. Also a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hill, a ringer at this church.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WILFRED R. RAYNER .. Treble .. GEORGE A. NAYLOR 5
 FREDERICK S. MACEY 2 PETER F. BORER 6
 FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3 GEORGE KENWARD 7
 *EDWARD C. BARTON 4 ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

*First peal of Major.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of a new Church Hall in the parish, at Tydall Green. Also a birthday compliment to Frederick S. Macey, who also celebrated 50 years of ringing.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. G. GARDNER .. Treble .. ERIC H. KNAPP 5
 JOHN DEARLOVE 2 ALBERT E. LAKER 6
 LEONARD STILWELL 3 FRANK H. HICKS 7
 ALBERT W. BOND 4 RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

The first peal in the method by all, and on the bells.
 Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, and also to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laker.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble .. JOHN A. ACRES 5
 WINIFRED M. BURTON 2 J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
 MRS. H. J. POOLE 3 BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
 *GEORGE E. FOSTER 4 HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First Surprise peal on a working bell.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble .. THOMAS E. SONE 5
 *GEOFFREY PEARSON 2 ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 6
 MARK S. LANCEFIELD 3 ROBERT SWIFT 7
 CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

*First peal of Superlative.

Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD A. REED .. Treble .. NORMAN HAYES 5
 *CEDRIC MURPHY 2 PETER NASH 6
 MOLLY HAYES 3 HAROLD P. REED 7
 CHARLES TAYLOR 4 J. M. N. LAKIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by J. M. N. LAKIN.

*First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the 28th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.; and as a 21st birthday compliment to Molly Hayes and her twin sister, Miss Mary Denby.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY .. Treble .. ALICK CUTLER 5
 JOHN R. MAYNE 2 THOMAS J. LOCK 6
 *C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. 3 *THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 7
 ALFRED J. HOUSE 4 RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

*First peal in the method

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's Variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER .. Treble .. ALAN A. HILLIAR 5
 *WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 2 FRANK HANSFORD 6
 B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3 REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
 ALBERT M. TYLER 4 †FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First peal on the eight bells.

Rung for St. George's Day. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. W. Elwel, Vicar of St. George.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Treble .. HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
 ARTHUR G. MASON 2 RALPH BIRD 6
 FRANK E. WALKER 3 FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
 ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4 FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ELISABETH GRIME .. Treble .. HAROLD TAYLOR 5
 †BRIAN M. BUSWELL 2 JACK BAILEY 6
 †GORDON HALLS 3 MARK J. BARKER 7
 W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 4 DENIS R. CARLISLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

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

Rung for St. George's Day, and also a farewell peal to Elizabeth Grime, who goes to college next month.



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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HORACE W. J. BUTT .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 2	BRIAN PIDGEON .. 6
*SIDNEY SKINNER .. 3	*JOHN QUICK .. 7
HAROLD P. BURTON .. 4	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on St. George's Day for the Festival of Easter.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. Treble	FELIX H. ERITH .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 2	GEORGE W. BARNES .. 6
DONALD C. ANDREWS .. 3	PETER G. BARNES .. 7
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the treble ringer's first peal on these bells.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

CYRIL J. SMITH .. Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 5
*SHEILA DUFFIN .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 7
C. HENRY HARDING .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal in the method.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

A. GEORGE CLARE .. Treble	*WALTER H. POOLE .. 5
RONALD G. BECK .. 2	†DAVID HOARE .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

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

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5120 HODNET IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 7
JOHN W. BEST .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

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

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 216).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 6
PETER J. CAME .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. 7
†PERCY GREEN .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
PETER F. BORER .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 7
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday and St. George's Day.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt.

†A. E. HINMAN .. Treble	†RONALD HILL .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	†JOHN H. BLUFF .. 6
REGINALD SCOTT .. 3	†J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. 7
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4	*G. A. BOWCUTT .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. † 100th peal.

Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Dr. Gordon Purdy to Miss M. D. A. Stokes, senior surgeon and assistant matron at the Oakham Memorial Hospital.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	PAT BOURN .. 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 2	GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	*HAROLD WILSON .. 7
JAMES BURLS .. 4	FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON .. Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
VICTOR NEAL .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 7
JOHN SCOTT .. 4	HENRY PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM D. PEART .. Treble	JOHN R. COTTERILL .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 6
*JANE COTTERILL .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ALBERT MILLS .. 4	WALTER REYNOLDS .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to commemorate the unveiling of a stained glass window in memory of the late Mr. A. E. Cotterill, who was a churchwarden at this church for over 30 years.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

MRS. S. H. JONES .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 5
GEOFFREY W. HAIR .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

Specially arranged to mark the 81st birthday of Ashby's G.O.M., Ernest W. Beadsmoore.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*RONALD HICKMOTT Treble	*VICTOR BURTON 4
RALPH PERKS 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
RALPH HARRIS 3	ERIC COOKE Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's Grandsire, 10 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 Plain Bob, 8 April Day, and 240 Hurdibras. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY P. COLLIN Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2	P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS 4
JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a son, Desmond Walter, to the conductor and his wife.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE BARRY Treble	THOMAS PRICE 4
DORIS SHEPPARD 2	FREDERICK BLOWEN 5
RONALD FORSTER 3	*JOSEPH MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Rung on the front six.

FRANCES E. ELLISON .. Treble	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 4
*JOHN AUSTIN 2	*ERIC ROUGHLEY 5
HARRY BLACKBURN 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 21 methods: (1) London, Wells, Cuncastre, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale, Annable's London, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne, Primrose, (5) Norfolk, Primrose, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, (7) York, Durham.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT 4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
CECIL WADE 3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled' the tower.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
*JAMES G. STANNARD .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	†GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'



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WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	JOHN VERNON 4
*GRAHAM BALL 2	REGINALD C. TIPLER .. 5
ENNEST MORRIS 3	C. ROGER HEYWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Frank E. Dove.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Ten callings.

*WALTER MASON .. Treble	*BRIAN ROTHWELL 4
†DOROTHY A. RICHARDSON .. 2	RICHARD BENSON 5
†ETHEL COLLIER 3	†CYRIL C. HARPER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD BENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double Court and College Bob, (2) Plain Bob and Hereward Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) Double and Reverse Bob, (6) Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, (7) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; 123 changes of method.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

ARTHUR G. BASON .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	*DAVID HEIGHTON 5
GEORGE SAYER 3	*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in 14 methods

Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of: Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old Bob, April Day and Plain Bob.

*C. S. SWANNELL (15) .. Treble	KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 3
JOHN HARROLD 2	ALAN C. COZENS 4

IVOR J. DICKIN Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH D. PERKINS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford, and two each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN .. Treble	SYDNEY SAGE 4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT 2	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Queen.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE:

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Thurs., April 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*BARRIE WHEELER .. Treble	*EDMUND E. EDWARDS .. 4
*JOHN R. CHAPMAN 2	RAYMOND W. SELBY .. 5
JACK HARRISON 3	*JESSE THORNETT (75) .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND W. SELBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. Treble	ALFRED LYNALL 4
*PETER CLARKSON 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD 5
RONALD FORSTER 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents: (1) Walsingham and Cromer Alliance, Little Bob, (2) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Court, (6) Hereward, (7) Oxford Bob.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Treble	HOWARD SCOTT 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung for St. George's Day.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	FRANK PEARSON 4
RONALD E. BURT 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank C. Arnold and Miss Mollie Howlett, which took place earlier in the day at Bunwell.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*JOHN A. H. BETTS .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4
RENEE MARWOOD 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5
ALAN H. STURGES 3	NORMAN J. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor. Rung to mark the baptism of David Hillary Betts.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT "THE WAYSIDE," 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8
*JOHN A. ACRES 9-10	

Composed by GEORGE A. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

GLOUCESTER.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT 39, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

Consisting of 784 Little Bob, 784 Double Bob, 840 Gainsborough Little Bob and 2,688 Plain Bob.

*SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 1-2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7-8

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Spliced Major on handbells.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX

An ambition of the people of Wivelsfield (Sussex) was realised on Easter Sunday morning when the Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. Geoffrey Warde) dedicated the bells of the Parish Church—a rehung ring of five, augmented to six.

It was a splendid achievement for a country parish to raise the necessary funds, and all concerned in the effort are to be congratulated. The bellringers, mainly composed of ladies, were instrumental in bringing in a considerable sum of money.

The whole of the work of the restoration of the bells was meritoriously carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of approximately £1,030, the ring being of excellent tone.

Of the old bells the third was recast and the whole of the ring was retuned with the addition of a new treble. They are hung in ball bearings in a new steel frame. The weight of the treble is 3 cwt. and bears the inscription 'Vivat Regina Elizabetha II. 1953.'

The bells in the old ring are of different dates, the fourth being the oldest, and though stated to be cast by Hy. Jordan, Citizen and Fishmonger of the City of London in 1450, according to other records may have been cast by a Chamberlain who married into the Jordan family. The bell is inscribed 'Wox Agustin Sonet in Aure Dei.' The old third, now the recast fourth, was originally cast by Edmund Giles, of Lewes. The tenor (6½ cwt.) was cast by S. Knight in 1714.

The original treble (3½ cwt.) and second bells were installed in 1766 by Lester and Pack, the second, however, being recast in 1906 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A Divisional meeting of the Sussex Association will be held here at the end of May.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society to be held at Rise was on April 10th and although the village lies off the train and bus routes, 38 members attended.

Ringings on the five bells took place during the afternoon in several Doubles methods, but the bells proved far more difficult than was generally expected. The local band showed how they should be rung and struck with a good 120 Grandsire.

A service was held in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Hewson), followed by a short talk on Psalm 122.

Tea was provided by the local ringers' mothers and wives in the British Legion Hut, an enormous repast of home cooking, which received a very hearty vote of thanks. Replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar gave the Society an invitation to come again, and thanked the Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell, for his help in teaching the local band to ring. Mr. Rodmell rang for the dedication service of Rise bells in 1904, and has taken a band to Rise to ring for special services during the last 50 years when there was no local band.

Further ringing took place after tea until 8 p.m.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Brixham on April 24th was well attended. An excellent tea followed the service, conducted by the curate, and Mr. J. E. Lilley presided at the business meeting. An apology was received from the president (Preb. E. V. Cox).

The joint meeting with the South-West Branch will be held on June 19th instead of June 26th at Chudleigh if nothing can be arranged at Ashburton.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A good variety of methods including some old favourites were rung at the April meeting of the Barnesley District Society at the Church-in-the-Fields, Felkirk. Towers represented were Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Badsworth, Earlsheaton, Horbury, Hemsworth, Wath, Shelley and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. Boyard Webster), in his welcome from the chair at the meeting, expressed the hope that it would not be long before the Society would pay them another visit.

Two new members were elected—Mr. Tesh and Mr. Wright, both of Darfield. The next meeting will be at Horbury on May 8th, as a compliment to Mr. H. Rowley, who has completed 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at this tower. The shield contest will be at Sandal on June 12th, the outing to Chester on July 3rd and the July meeting at Earlsheaton.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar, the local company and the ladies for attending to the tea.

BUNWELL RINGER'S WEDDING

Wedding bells rang out from Bunwell (Norfolk) Parish Church for the wedding of Mr. Frank Arnold, a local ringer, chorister and parochial church councillor, and Miss Mollie Howett, a Sunday School teacher. The Rev. J. P. Herbert officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. Jenkins.

The bells were rung before the service and 'fired' as the couple left the church, and a peal of Minor in six methods was rung during the evening, conducted by Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo.

One of the many gifts was a chiming clock from friends and members of Bunwell Church.

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LATE NEWS

We understand that St. Paul's Cathedral
ringers and also those of Stoke Poges will
appear in the television programme recording
the return of the Queen on May 15th.

At the age of 75 Mr. Jesse
Thornett has rung his first
peal at Middle Littleton, Wor-
cestershire. Two attempts were necessary as
the rope of the fourth bell broke after 30
minutes. This did not deter Mr. Thornett from
making a good job with the tenor immediately
after repairs had been carried out.

Two Wiltshire tower secretaries were married
this Eastertide—Mr. G. Eyles (Chippenham)
and Mr. E. L. Buckeridge (Calne).

Bristol Zoo once furnished a band of ringers
for Emmanuel, Clifton, states a former Vicar,
the Rev. W. Bathurst-Soole.

The musical peal of Stedman Caters, on page
253 of the issue of April 16th, was a composi-
tion of Mr. Louis Head.

Mr. J. A. C. King has been appointed 'Ring-
ing World' representative to the Winchester
District.

Mr. Mark Couchman, who rings at Harriet-
sham, near Maidstone, is to marry at Helsinki,
on June 23rd, Miss Sinnika Paasikivi, grand-
daughter of the President of Finland.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, is doubtful
whether his doctor will permit him to attend
the Council meeting at Newcastle, owing to a
recent sharp illness arising from duodenal ulcer
trouble.

After many attempts Mr. Francis C. Mogford,
of Bristol, has rung his 100th peal. It was
Stedman Triples rung at St. George's, Bristol,
on St. George's Day. Strange to relate, St.
George's were augmented from six to eight in
1919, but this is the first peal on the eight.

The Southern District of the Surrey Associa-
tion have nominated Mr. R. Davies for the Mas-
tership in succession to the late Mr. D. D.
Cooper. Last week we announced the nomina-
tion of Mr. F. E. Collins, who is being
sponsored by the Northern District.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The first quarter on the bells
of Cleaton Moor, Cumber-
land, since before the war, was
rung on Easter Day by ringers from Egremont,
St. Bees, Hensingham and Cleaton Moor. It
is only on rare occasions that these bells are
rung as, due to mining subsidence, the walls
of the tower and church are cracked. No fur-
ther subsidence is now anticipated and it has
been decided to put in hand this year repairs
to the church.

Mr. Kenneth W. Mackintosh has rung peals
of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick and Mr. John M.
Jelley have 'completed the circle' of South
Wigston tower.

Mr. George Sayer was welcomed back to peal
ringing after his operation by a peal on April
21st, at St. George's, Colegate, Norwich.

Holywood, Co. Down, Parish Church bells
will be broadcast as part of the welcome home
to the Queen on May 15th.

After the peal at West Bromwich to mark
the unveiling of a memorial stained glass win-
dow to Mr. A. E. Cotterill, the band were en-
tertained to tea by Mr. T. R. Cotterill. Through
'The Ringing World' they wish to express their
thanks.

Mr. G. Dodds issues a warning against any
would-be 'peal-snatchers' attempting to 'con-
quer' Caddington bells. They are in a very
bad, if not dangerous, condition. In fact it may
be even unsafe to chime them. Later we hope
to publish Mr. Dodds' article on these bells.

Bells of Lavenham rang out on April 24th to
a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major as a birth-
day compliment to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds.
The band extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs.
Symonds for their kind hospitality after the peal
and also appreciated the warm welcome given
to the visitors by the Lavenham company at the
service ringing the following morning.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 27th Council (57th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1954, in the Cathedral Library, Newcastle, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at 10 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of President for 1954-1957. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1954-1957. Mr. E. A. Barnett retires and is eligible for re-election.
3. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1954-1957. Mr. F. Sharpe retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
Mr. F. Sharpe is now a life member under Rule 6 and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher is now a representative of the Kent County Association. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. P. Fidler (Peal Boards Committee), H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes (Auditor), D. Hughes, Mrs. L. K. Marshall (Records Committee), B. D. Price, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers (Biographies Committee), A. Walker (Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee). There are six vacancies.
5. Election of Auditors. Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrins retire and are eligible for re-election.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the last meeting.
8. Report of the Hon. Secretary.
9. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
10. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1953.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
12. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To reappoint the committees or alter the constitution as may be considered desirable.

(a) Standing Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council:—

Messrs. R. S. Anderson, G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Alderman A. P. Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. A. Walker.

The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past officers of the Council.

(i) Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.

(ii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to compile the Roll of Honour.

(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke, H. J. Poole and R. S. Anderson.

(c) Biographies Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

(d) Peals Collection Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman.

(e) Methods Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, F. N. Golden, C. K. Lewis and C. H. Kippin.

(f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.

The following retire and are not seeking reappointment: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.

(g) Towers and Belfries Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins and E. Alex. Young.

(h) Records Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

(i) Peal Boards.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre, J. P. Fidler and Rev. C. E. Wigg.

(j) Analysis Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles.

MOTIONS

13. (a) That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic bells, which it considers to be unworthy of use in the service of God, and urges the responsible authorities to do all in their power to prevent their installation.

Proposed on behalf of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, seconded by Mr. T. H. Francis.

- (b) That this Council disapproves of the ban on the publication in 'The Ringing World' of letters signed with a pen-name and instructs the Editorial Committee to rescind it forthwith; furthermore, that this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to select only such letters as he considers suitable for publication.

Proposed by Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconded by Miss J. S. Evans.

14. To fix the place of the next meeting.
15. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

CIVIC RECEPTION AT NEWCASTLE

Members have been invited to a civic reception in the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle, after the Council meeting. Will those wishing to be present please apply to me, stating the number of tickets required, by May 19th.

Association Secretaries who have not notified changes in their representatives are requested to do so without delay.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

THE GREAT WELCOME

The local company of West Down (Devon) are proud and excited at being chosen by the B.B.C. to represent the West Country by ringing a welcoming peal to the Queen when she returns to England on May 15th.

Father of the company is Mr. Isaac Phillips, aged 86, who has been ringing at West Down for over 70 years. He is uncle to John Phillips, who is a member of the Westminster Abbey band and also a ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral. John learned his ringing at West Down under the tuition of Isaac, who relinquished the captaincy of the company 12 years ago. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, Frederick White, who will be in charge of the ringing on May 15th.

There was a time when all the ringers at West Down were named Phillips, five of them being related to one another. Those who will take part in the welcome are Fred and Walter White (father and son), William and Ivor Hookway (father and son), Mervyn Phillips and Leonard Smale. Realising the great honour done to them, they are practising hard so as to do justice to a great occasion. J. F. S.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN CHICAGO

St. George's Day was commemorated by a carillon concert at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago, by the carillonneur, Mr. James R. Lawson.

The programme included Fantasia for a Modern Carillon by Selwyn Baker, who plays the National War Memorial Carillon in Wellington; Dance Impromptu by Clifford Ball, carillonneur at Bournville; Rondo for 23 bells by Robert Donnell, who is Dominion Carillonneur for Canada; A Little Fantasy and Fugue by Sir Hamilton Harty, composed for the Sydney University Memorial Carillon, Australia; Big Ben Fantasia by James R. Lawson, composed while studying change ringing in England, and based on the Westminster Chime tune.

The recital closed with a selection of songs and national airs from England, which included 'Rule Britannia,' 'Land of Hope and Glory,' 'God Bless the Prince of Wales,' 'Jerusalem' and, finally, 'God Save the Queen.'

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild, the following new officers were elected: Master, C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn); secretary, W. T. Cook (Jesus); General Council representative, P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn). The other officers were re-elected.

During this meeting it was decided that the Bob Triples rung without a covering bell at Littleport on November 7th, 1953, should not be recorded by the Guild as a peal. W. T. C.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER

The peal at Rainham, Kent, on April 20th, was specially arranged for Mr. F. S. Macey to celebrate his 50 years of ringing, for it was in this tower that he was first taught to handle a bell, on April 13th, 1904. It was also rung to celebrate the engagement of Trevor A. Cross, ringer at this church, and Patricia Smees, of Ewell, Surrey; also as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Naylor, youngest daughter of Mr. G. A. Naylor.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Membership Over 1,000 Mark Maintained

THE decision last year to alter the date of the annual meeting from Easter Monday to Easter Saturday, owing to catering difficulties, did not affect the attendance at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on April 24th. The 130 members and friends present included representatives from all branches.

The Master, Mr. A. L. Barry (Gloucester) presided at the business meeting, prayers being said by Canon W. H. Thomas.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Sidwell, chairman of the Swindon Branch, who was unfortunately prevented from being present by business duties; Miss Doris Sheppard, chairman of the Stroud Branch, who commented favourably on the work of the Master during the past year, and hoped that he would be elected for another year to continue the good work amongst beginners; Mr. F. Oakhill, vice-president; and from the Rev. W. A. Peel, Tortworth.

The Master's report recorded that it was his privilege to conduct the Association's Coronation peal at Painswick. Although the Stow Branch was rather dead, they heard great news of Stow bells having a thorough overhaul. Baisdon bells in the North Forest Branch had been overhauled and were in excellent going order. The number of peals (57) showed a decline of 13 this year.

The secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore) in his report stated that membership had been maintained at over 1,000 mark. Nine members had been lost by death, viz., F. Price (Cheltenham), E. E. Preedy (Stonehouse), Sidney Palmer (Swindon), Mary Barnett (Staunton), Sydney Wiltshire (Chippenham), John Martin Cocks (Bristol), William Henry Davies (Newent), W. Townsend (Leckhampton) and Frederick Wilde (Lydney).

Thanking Branch secretaries for their unstinted effort, special mention was made of Bristol Rural Branch, which had passed all previous records in every way.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. S. G. Riches) reported that the funds of the Association had increased from £265 to £318.

The St. John's School of Ringing, Bristol, continued its good work week by week under the leadership of Mr. F. G. Leaker.

These reports were accepted on the proposition of Mr. F. Waite, seconded by Mr. C. E. Jefferies.

An interesting report on the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth was given by Mr. W. B. Kynaston, who was thanked by Canon W. H. Thomas.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Ponting, of Minchinhampton, was added to the list of vice-presidents.

Three nominations were received for the office of Master: Mr. A. L. Barry, present Master; Mr. C. L. Harding (Bristol Rural); and Mr. F. G. Leaker (Bristol Rural). Mr. E. Stitch (Wolverhampton) and a friend acted as tellers for the ballot, which resulted in Mr. Barry, 62 votes; Mr. Leaker, 35; and Mr. Harding, 28.

Thanking the meeting for his election, Mr. Barry promised to do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the Association.

Officers re-elected were: Mr. F. Skidmore, hon. secretary; Mr. S. G. Riches, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. E. Reeves, hon. peal secretary. The Management Committee was also re-elected.

Elected as Central Council representatives were Mr. T. Boreham (Cheltenham), Mr. A. L. Barry, Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon) and Mr. F. Skidmore. Miss Drew (Gloucester) and Mr. P. Baker (Cheltenham) did not seek re-election.

The Association's advisers, Mr. C. W. Martin (Cheltenham), Mr. C. J. Hathway (Swindon) and Mr. F. G. Leaker (Bristol), were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Waite, seconded by Mr. C. Rouse.

CORONATION PEAL TABLET

The secretary read the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at Gloucester in February last. It had been suggested that a peal tablet be placed in Painswick tower to record the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Coronation last year. The secretary had communicated with the authorities at Painswick, who were agreeable to having a tablet placed in the tower, and the Master had met the Vicar and churchwardens on the subject. Mr. H. W. Bishop had kindly prepared a rough estimate of the cost, which was in the region of £25. Mr. C. Rouse proposed that the executive have power to proceed with the job; this was seconded by Mr. C. Lerner, and carried.

The matter of the Belfry Repair Fund was brought forward, with the object of changing the title, so that there would be no doubt as to what this fund could be used for. Canon W. H. Thomas, Mr. A. Prince and Mr. C. Rouse spoke on the matter, and it was decided that Mr. Rouse would draw up an amendment to Rule 26. This was seconded by Mr. H. Blacker, and that the matter be brought forward at the next Management Committee meeting. Carried.

I was unanimously agreed that all bells as far as possible should ring for the homecoming of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. on May 15th, as near as possible to coincide with the time of landing, viz., 3.15 p.m. The next annual meeting is to be held at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, April 16th, 1955.

PERMANENCE OF TABLETS

Under any other business, Mr. Waite asked that in view of the fact that a peal tablet was to be placed at Painswick, was it possible that the tablet could be removed by the Vicar at any time, as he understood that a peal tablet which recorded the names of several well-known ringers had been removed from Barnwood tower. It was explained by the Master that what had been removed was a framed photograph, and not a tablet.

It was agreed that the Association pay for 'The Ringing World' which is used by the peal secretary.

Mr. Kynaston offered congratulations to the Malmesbury Guild, who had completed their restoration appeal and were now free from debt.

This concluded the business meeting, and Canon W. H. Thomas closed the meeting with prayer, and members made their way to church for a very good service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Cartwright); the theme of his address was Eastertide in connection with ringing and ringers. A collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £4 8s.

Tea was partaken afterwards in the Hall, when the usual vote of thanks was made to the Vicar, organist and ladies who had prepared tea, also to the Bristol City Branch secretary (Mr. A. V. Bennett) and to all the incumbents and steeple-keepers who had made their bells available that day. Further ringing took place during the evening at St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's and St. John's, thereby bringing to a close another enjoyable day.

F. S.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby 1, S. Clark 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Whitby 4, D. Hayden 5, D. Collins (first quarter) 6, B. Hines 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8.

FARNINGHAM RINGERS' SUPPER

Referring to 'the ancient craft of bell-ringing,' the Vicar of Farningham, Kent (the Rev. G. M. Young), presiding at a steak-and-kidney pie supper of Farningham bellringers at the Bull Hotel, Farningham, declared, 'It is our task to see that the church bells, which ring out to the glory of God, are not silent in our generation.'

The Vicar was proposing a toast to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.' He said that the ringing of church bells was something that had gone on for centuries. Three of the bells in Farningham Parish Church dated from 1650, and two more from a century later. The responsibility of seeing that the bells throughout the country were kept ringing lay with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

The Vicar then warmly welcomed the guests of honour, Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and his father, Mr. E. Barnett, both of Crayford. 'We are highly honoured,' he said, 'for both of you have devoted so many years to this ancient craft.'

Mr. E. A. Barnett, responding, said the Central Council might seem a bit remote, and it was sometimes criticised, but it did try to do its best for ringing.

'One of our main functions,' said Mr. Barnett, 'is to produce and issue our journal, "The Ringing World." It is our lifeblood. I appeal to you to take "The Ringing World" regularly, and by post if you can. It gives us more profit that way.'

Mr. Barnett, referring to the great record of 100 years of ringing by two members of the Farningham band (Mr. A. Bates, captain of the tower, 52 years, and Mr. W. Wingate, 48 years), added that his father would complete 60 years at Crayford next year. (Applause.)

The Vicar, presenting Mr. Wingate with an oak tobacco jar, said: 'He is one of our most faithful and skilful ringers. In addition, Mr. Wingate is a chip of real old Farningham, and it includes his family.'

Mr. Wingate thanked the company for their gift, and churchwarden clay pipes were handed round to the men.

Among other records announced during a memorable evening was that of 54 years as organist of Knockholt Parish Church by Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., who came on from another meeting and entertained the company with songs at the piano and recitations.

Sir Waldron, who was in fine form, said he hoped Farningham would ring when the Queen came home. He thought the Queen's Coronation and tour were epoch-making. And Britain would again save the world.

Before the supper, which was excellently served by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chitham—the two meat pies were cut by the Vicar and Mr. A. Morris Wheeler—the ringers assembled in the tower and rang for half an hour in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Those present included the churchwardens and sidemen of the church, Mr. Frank Keene, organist, Mrs. G. M. Young, Mrs. Bramer, as well as members of the band of ringers and the choir. Mrs. Bramer's father, the late William S. Pritchett, was a ringer at King's Norton, and her cousin, Sir Theodore Pritchett, presided over this year's Johnson Dinner.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, on April 22nd, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. Renn 1, W. Butler 2, W. Birmingham 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. W. Adcock.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1.272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Edwards 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss J. Spurin 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, A. E. Leggett 5, L. D. Mills 6. First in method for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for St. George's Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Guildford and Surrey Associations, Mr. F. A. Munday is reported to have said, 'Speaking as a College Youth he felt . . . an anonymous letter gave people a chance of expressing an opinion without being ostracised.'

May I point out that Mr. Munday must have been expressing his own personal views, as he had no authority to speak on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The matter of anonymous letters has not been discussed at our meetings, but I would suggest that the sentiments expressed by Mr. Leslie Hunter might be very sympathetically received.—Yours faithfully,

A. B. PECK, Hon. Sec.,
Ancient Society of College Youths.

A LONG ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. F. Stenson appears to have missed the true significance and import of Mr. Cliff's remarks which, no doubt, concern letters anonymous to the reader only.

Our immediate concern is, or should be, the preservation and, indeed, survival of our beloved and (to us) indispensable journal. Recently I was shocked when a comparatively well-known active peal ringer told me he had ceased taking, or even reading, 'The Ringing World.'

It follows, therefore, that, however much we dislike anonymous letters in general—personally I have never written one in my life, nor do I ever intend doing so—we should, at any rate, reflect very carefully before confirming the introduction of an arbitrary rule which discards a long-accepted principle editors, proprietors, etc., of all types of responsible newspapers and periodicals have, in their wisdom and experience, seen fit to retain.

When Mr. Stenson attempts, rather boldly I think, to define the occasions which justify anonymity, one wonders whether his 'unmasking crime, etc.' also include possible crime, or even the numerous anomalies and injustices, not actually illegal, which, nevertheless, frequently carry to many innocent people, sometimes children, far worse consequences than several real crimes.

I cannot help feeling some little regret that we may be deprived of the valuable opinions of a small group of individuals who, by reason of the etiquette or regulations of their respective professions, are debarred from openly taking part in public correspondence of a controversial nature. Also, that we shall never again see the like of those well-remembered, witty, but perfectly harmless communications whose humour was, of course, the more particularly enhanced by their anonymity.

In any case, if it is really intended finally to dispense with all anonymous contributions, we should, I feel, be consistent and have full names not, what are often meaningless, initials appended to leading articles, semi-provocative or otherwise. Owing to the main initials of two prominent ringers being identical, some confusion has already been caused in this respect.

As a member of the Central Council, I had intended raising the issue at its forthcoming meeting in Newcastle, but, due to a recent rather severe illness, it is, at the moment, somewhat doubtful whether I shall be permitted to travel there. I trust, however, your correspondents can rest assured the matter will be fully and fairly discussed by delegates.

At least the Exercise is entitled to know by whom this extreme and unusual ban was imposed, and why.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Orrell Park,
Liverpool 9.

A GOOD SIX-PENN'ORTH

Dear Sir,—May I add my comments on the two vexed questions current in this paper?

First on the question of finances. The only real solution is obviously to increase the price to sixpence and to discontinue delivery by newsagents. If, as most of us will agree, the journal was worth 3d. before the war, then it is certainly a good six-penn'orth now; and it's a poor reflection on us as a brotherhood of ringers if we're not prepared to accept this as a part of the inevitable cost-of-living increase, and pay the extra needed to keep our paper alive. Even if the number of readers dropped by a half, those remaining, being all postal subscribers, would still be sufficient to balance the budget—without having to resort to this objectionable regularised begging under the heading of 'Gratefully Acknowledged,' which, to my mind, is a disgrace to our art.

Secondly—anonymous letters. Mr. F. A. Munday is not by any means alone in his cry against the dictatorial ban imposed, I believe, by the Editorial Committee of the Central Council. I have discussed the subject with a number of ringers in this area and all are agreed that it is a thoroughly bad rule which should be rescinded without further delay. As Mr. Poyntz has already said, no reputable paper will consider publishing really anonymous letters; yet many papers—particularly professional ones—welcome, and even encourage, correspondence over a nom-de-plume, in which case the name of the writer is known to the editor, and rightly so. This system has many advantages, viz:—

(a) It allows a writer to give and ask for advice, in circumstances where it would be inadvisable for his name to be published.

(b) Grievances can thereby be aired in an impersonal and general manner.

(c) Letters over a nom-de-plume have, in the past, often started a most interesting and stimulating correspondence, which would never have occurred had the original writer's name been printed. An example of this is a certain letter some years ago from 'Ringer's Wife.' There must be hundreds of readers who remember the good-tempered furore which followed, and can testify how stimulating that was!

Of course, the system is open to possible abuse, but I feel quite sure, Mr. Editor, that you would soon sort the sheep from the goats. The Editorial Committee must leave such decisions to you, and not say, as the ban implies, 'We will save the Editor from having to use his discretion, rather than risk an occasional error of judgment.' I am confident that the great majority of your readers will be more than pleased when this, your prerogative, is rightly restored to you.—Yours sincerely,
Eastleigh, Hants. R. A. REED

OUR CHILDREN WILL SMILE

Dear Sir,—Re 'The Ringing World' finances, it can only be a matter of time before

(a) The price goes up;

(b) Donations are such that the loss on working is covered, i.e., donations become the accepted principle;

(c) Some genius gives us a coloured cover with outside advertising prominently displayed on every bookstall in the country to make payment for such advertising worth while.

Now (a) appears to be the line of least resistance or the acceptable way and (b) a carry-over.

It is reasonably certain that our grandchildren will smile when from their half-crown's worth they read in an odd corner how we feared 4d. to 6d. May one recall father fearing an income tax rise from 1s. 6d.? Surely history points the way we must go.—Yours faithfully,
E. L. HUMPHRISS

Woolton, Liverpool.

PAY FOR EVERYTHING

Dear Sir,—I don't think that to increase the price of 'The Ringing World' to 6d. would be a good thing, as some might discontinue it on the ground that it was too expensive. It must be made to pay for itself by the printing, i.e., all items published to be charged for, yes, I haven't forgotten, even 'Letters to the Editor.'

—Yours faithfully,
Yardley-Hastings,
Northampton.

S. J. ELLIOTT.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CANON COLERIDGE

Dear Sir,—The Vicar of Crowthorne has been good enough to give me full information regarding the proposed Parish Memorial at Crowthorne to the late Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was Vicar for over 50 years.

The Memorial is to consist of alterations to the east wall, altar and sanctuary of the church and, when finished, will, in my opinion, add considerably to the dignity of the church.

I have seen the plans which have been approved and for which a Faculty has been issued and I am of the opinion that there is little that the Canon would have liked better.

The Vicar hopes that any friends will join in with the parish if they wish and contribute towards the Memorial.

Any contribution should be sent direct to the Vicar:—The Rev. A. C. Nugee, The Vicarage, Crowthorne, Berks.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. CANN (Major).
Bridgwater, Somerset.

A PLEA FOR HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In your issue of 2nd inst. I was disappointed to see in the leading article, under the title of 'A Notable Trio,' the exclusion of Holt's Original in favour of Parker's 12-part. I know nothing of this latter composition, but it can surely not bear comparison with John Holt's famous masterpiece, containing, as it does, the extent of changes possible with the use of bobs only.

I believe I am right in saying that early composers of those days, including Holt, were of the opinion that the whole 5,040 changes could be obtained without the use of singles, and how nearly they were right!

It is curious to see how seldom this composition is rung nowadays, and there seem to be no more than quite a small number of conductors who aspire to master its intricacies. I can assure others, however, that if they once do so they would never call any other peal of Grandsire Triples, by reason of the fact that it is so full of interest throughout, and it well repays any difficulty there may be in learning it.

It is a matter that is full of interest and was thought a great deal of by past generations of ringers, and I, for my part, should hate to see this old friend pass into oblivion.—Yours faithfully,

G. N. PRICE.
West Norwood, S.E.

Co-operation With Call Change Ringers

The peal at Chittlehampton on Easter Monday is good evidence of the friendly co-operation that exists in North Devon between the isolated 'method' ringers at Combe Martin and the surrounding 'call change' ringers. Mr. Sully, who rang the tenor, is the secretary of the South Molton Deanery call change ringers. The Rev. T. H. B. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews very generously entertained the peal ringers and four more listening ringers to tea in the Vicarage afterwards.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

'Ringing World' Position Discussed

ST. JAMES' Church, Clerkenwell, has for a number of years been the venue for the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild, and a very cordial welcome was extended to the good attendance by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. M. Brown, at the service and also at the tea which followed, on April 24th. The address was given by the Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

For the business meeting, the Rev. P. Gough (president) took the chair, and it was a pleasure to the meeting to have with them Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who has been absent from ringing activities since last November through illness.

The company stood in remembrance of the following losses by death: W. J. Baldwin (Barnett), F. Blondell (Isleworth), W. Bunce (Ruislip), G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans), J. Cobb (Heston), Sir Gilfrid Craig (Hillingdon), G. Dawson (Leytonstone), Rev. H. Greatbach (Ealing), E. Marshall (Barnet), G. Martin (Maidenhead), H. Miller (Southgate), G. R. Newton (Liverpool), W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), Mr. M. Radley (Finchley), G. Stacey (Minchard), G. H. Kilby (Ruislip), W. J. G. Brown (Ipswich), G. Ward (Derby), Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith.

The report recorded that 68 new members were elected, consisting of 3 honorary, 50 ringing and 15 non-resident life members.

NEW METHODS

Forty-seven peals were rung, three of them being on handbells. There were again several new Surprise Major methods rung at Willesden. They were Cheshunt and Neasden, conducted by R. F. B. Speed and C. W. Roberts respectively, the first peals ever rung in these methods. In addition, C. W. Roberts conducted Banstead, Knebworth, Leatherhead and Warwickshire, and R. F. B. Speed conducted Eastbury, Kendal, Ickleton and Whitwick—methods not previously rung by the Association. Several interesting peals were rung at Stanwell, conducted by F. T. Blagrove. They included the first peal of Spliced Doubles by the Association, the greatest number of Doubles methods each having its own Plain Course (25) ever rung in a peal, and the first peal of Huntspill Bob Doubles. Other peals worthy of mention were Grandsire Triples at Upper Clapton, the first peal there for 31 years in which local ringers had taken part, and London Surprise Major at Stanmore, the first time a peal in this method had been rung on handbells without a conductor. A peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Feltham by eight officers of the Association. Nine members rang their first peals.

The number of quarter peals reported (170 compared with 123 for 1952), indicated a considerable improvement in ringing on Sundays. Both Stanwell and Upper Clapton recorded 28 and Harrow Weald 26.

The report welcomed two bands who had joined the Association—St. Margaret's, Edgware, had now a band after a lapse of 33 years; St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, returned now that the bells were restored.

The report was adopted.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. C. W. Roberts said the financial position of the Association had steadily improved. They had a balance in hand of £116 5s. 8d., and investments amounting to £73 13s. 8d. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £14 19s. 2d., against £10 14s. 11d. During the ban bells got into a bad state, and in order to get these bells going money had to be found. Churches, like people generally, were hard up and a bell restoration fund was useful. If they wanted to keep their bells they had to be ready to put their hands in their pocket. He asked the members to be as liberal as they could towards the fund. The alternative was recorded bells.

NO COPYRIGHT IN CHANGE RINGING

The President asked if it was possible for recordings of bells to be copyright.

Mr. Roberts replied that there was no copyright of change ringing. There was nothing intrinsically wrong in making a record and playing it, the only thing was substituting it for the proper thing when it was available.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. P. Gough was re-elected president. After Mr. W. H. Coles and Mr. H. G. Hart had been elected active vice-presidents, Mr. W. H. Coles expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr. Albert Coles for his services and the regret that he was unable to carry on.

Other officers elected were: Hon. general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant general secretary, Mr. W. N. Genna; ringing master, Mr. Tony Price; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. W. Roberts; hon. auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and C. W. Roberts. A ballot for Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Mr. R. F. B. Speed 54 votes, Mr. Turner 51, Mr. Lock 48, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow 41. Unsuccessful, Mr. C. W. Roberts, 40 votes.

Mr. A. Tapley (Exeter) was elected a non-resident life member, Mr. W. Blake (Finchley), an old member, rejoined, and the Rev. J. F. Wonson is a new member.

It was decided that the books of the Association be kept at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Mr. Parsons act as librarian.

Ringing on May 15th for the Queen's return was discussed, the subject being introduced by Mr. T. J. Lock. It was decided to leave arrangements to each district.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

There was a full discussion on the position of 'The Ringing World' following the reading of a letter from the secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. George Pipe (Suffolk Guild) said his father had suggested a peal levy.

Mr. Turner replied that the point was raised at the Central Council meeting and turned down. He commended the appeal for more postal subscribers and asked if there was any objection to all copies being supplied through the post.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood said that point was under consideration at the present time, but it would have to be realised that the circulation of the paper would drop. There were many young ringers who got 'The Ringing World' delivered with the family papers.

The first reaction to their appeal was a substantial increase in supplies to newsagents. Two years ago they asked for an increased number of 1,000 postal subscribers and the response was about 340. That told the committee that the Exercise was fairly apathetic about the matter. He felt that everybody who could afford to should take the journal through the post. If they put up the price, it would mean an increased percentage to the newsagent. There was a lot in the idea of reducing the price of the paper through the post and making it a postal circulation entirely.

A criticism from the meeting was that those who rang many peals in the Midlands never sent a contribution to the paper. To this the Editor replied that it would be foolish to make a general accusation. Many anonymous contributions were received. They were purposely kept secret and people making a general charge would be wise to refrain. Mr. White made a strong appeal that a copy of 'The Ringing World' should be presented to each ringer on ringing his or her first peal or quarter. Requests years after were received for these back copies. A first peal was a big occasion in the career of a ringer, and a copy of the journal officially recording the event should be in the possession of the individual. Copies could be ordered, price 6d. each, when sending in a peal report.

The meeting decided to refer the matter to the two district meetings and to appoint an officer to push the sale of 'The Ringing World' and to act as correspondent.

Mr. Genna proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. T. M. Brown for conducting the service and the use of the bells, to the Rev. M. C. C. Melville for giving the address, to Mr. W. Prockson and Miss M. Prockson for local arrangements and tea, and to the various incumbents.

EDGWARE BELLS AGAIN AFTER 30 YEARS

The opportunity of ringing in a fresh tower attracted a larger number of ringers than usual at the District meeting held at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on April 10th, for this ring of six is now active again after a period of over 30 years. After an initial waiting period for a wedding, a chosen band rang two bobbed courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor for the lucky bride and groom and this proved to be a fitting opening in a new meeting place. A welcome visitor to his local tower was Mr. William J. Nudds, who has lived four times as long as several others who attended.

The Rector of Edgware (the Rev. J. Melville Scutt) conducted an evensong service and, in his address, extended to the Association a very warm welcome and acknowledged with gratitude the part that ringers play in the work for the Church. Members then assembled for an exceedingly nice tea after the business of the meeting was held. This was presided over by the Rev. Melville Scutt, who was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the Association. Miss M. Piper (Southgate) was elected a ringing member. The chairman expressed his pleasure of this meeting and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne for acting as instructors to his young and promising band of ringers. Those present heard with regret that Mr. B. Tubb, late captain of the Finchley band, was in hospital, and it was decided to send him a letter of good wishes.

Approaching 60 ringers visited Edgware and Stanmore, which was made available in the evening, and enjoyed ringing in a full range of methods. T. J. L.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

At the quarterly meeting and six-bell contest held at Holmfirth Parish Church on April 24th, the draw and result were as follows:—

	Penalties	Faults	Totals
Friezland ..	0	31	31
Shelley ..	10	110	120
Liversidge ..	—	105	Rung out
Meltham ..	5	80	85
Silkstone ..	5	60	65
Cawthorne ..	0	45	45

Friezland were declared the winners of the Silver Cup. Owing to illness, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) was unable to attend, and on the proposition of Mr. L. Dawson, and seconded by Mr. G. Perrin, plus the full approval of all present, Mrs. Mary Greenwood accepted the post of chairman.

Mr. Jonathan Pilling, of Saddleworth, volunteered as marker for the judge (Mr. A. Roberts, of Kirkburton). Mr. Pilling, who is 90 years of age, rang a short touch with ringers from Meltham, Silkstone, Shelley, Liversidge and Cawthorne, after the meeting closed, and Mr. Allen Haigh, of Holmfirth, who is stone deaf, also rang a short touch with another mixed band. The ringing in both cases was very good and highly appreciated by the two men.

A. F.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Sybil Amesbury (first of Triples) 1,
T. Templeman (first as cond.) 2, D. Evans 3, B.
Gladwyn 4, Desmond Kerley 5, David Kerley 6, G.
Kerley 7, L. Scott 8. First quarter by a local band
on the bells.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 25th, 1,280
Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, P. K.
Williamson 2, D. A. Carpenter (first in method as
cond.) 3, P. Stone 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6,
F. W. Percens 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, Miss S. Dean 2, Maurice
Bagg 3, C. Norton 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, P. Clark
(first quarter) 6.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,320
Plain Bob Doubles: Norma Matthews 1, E. Naylor
(cond.) 2, Joyce Coward 3, Brenda Foley 4, S. A.
Read 5, F. A. Gooding 6. First quarter in the method
by all except the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260
Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy R.
Fletcher 2, R. Buckland 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J.
Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BICKER, Lincs.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: B. Pell (first quarter) 1, W. B. Dawson
(cond.) 2, A. T. Randall 3, G. R. Dawson 4, J. P.
Morris 5, A. H. Bennett 6, N. V. Fovague 7, R.
Howard 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On April 25th, at the Cathedral,
1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Fearn 1, Miss M. Reay
2, C. A. Barron (cond.) 3, E. T. Lloyd 4, J. Pinfold
5, H. H. Fearn 6, B. D. A. Woolley 7, W. T.
Froggatt 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain
Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss Y.
Wilkins 3, B. Sheppard 4, Miss D. Lewis 5, V.
Griffin (cond.) 6. Longest length for 3, 4 and 5.
Rung for Anzac Day.

BOBBING, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,440 Kent
Treble Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, W. A. Wood 2,
E. C. Barton (first of Kent) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4,
G. A. Naylor 5, S. M. Evans (first quarter of Kent
as cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of Bobbing Village
Hall.

BREWOLD, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Mrs. S. Dumbell 1, G. Gibbs 2, A. G.
Hunt 3, R. Adams 4, D. Neal 5, R. W. Broughton 6,
R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, W. Allsopp 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, F. Walker 2, W. Hacker
3, E. Dixon 4, R. Saye 5, H. Barry 6, R. Barry
(cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for the wedding of
Mr. E. L. Buckeridge, tower secretary.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On April 23rd, at St.
Dunstan's, 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,
720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wilsden 1, Mrs. G. Stock-
bridge 2, A. C. Philpott 3, A. Butler 4, J. Stockbridge
5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. First in three methods by
the band. A farewell to the Rev. E. A. Brown, who
has accepted a living at Croydon.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: Mrs. S. R. Cockell (first of Triples)
1, Miss J. Abbott 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, S. R. Cockell
4, H. Heath 5, F. D. Mack 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.)
7, R. Southwood 8. A compliment to the ringers of
3 and 6 upon their engagement, and a wedding com-
pliment to G. Eyles (tower secretary) and Miss R.
Gibbons, who were married at Melksham on Easter
Monday.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On April
18th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Joan Miller 1, R. A.
Johnston 2, J. R. Mossop 3, G. McKay 4, G. Tembey
5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on
April 25th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Miss D. A.
Deverell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3,
W. Theobald 4, E. Pryor 5, W. Prockson 6, R. Begie
(cond.) 7, H. Barnard 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On April 19th, at St.
Peter's Church, 1,280 Painwick Surprise Major:
Brenda M. Balls 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, E. J. Butler 3,
J. H. Edwards 4, A. R. Andrews 5, Hilda G. Snow-
den 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First
touch in the method by all the band and on the bells.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On April 20th,
1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420
Grand-
sire): E. Stitch 1, B. Peters 2, K. Collier 3,
F. S. Pamore (cond.) 4, J. Keirle 5, W. Wiseman 6.
First quarter for 3 and 5. A wedding compliment to
Miss Pauline Perry and Mr. C. J. Grimwade, who were
married the same day at this church.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On April 25th,
1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss B.
Fairer 2, W. Wall 3, J. E. Burles 4, J. Bagnall 5,
H. Wilson 6, V. Forshaw 7, R. Suar 8, N. M.
Newby 9, T. Metcalfe (cond.) 10. Rung for St.
George's Day Scout service.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On April 21st, first and last
of the Original: G. Hurrell 1, J. Warner 2, T. A.
Easterby 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, F. J. Hurrell
5, G. H. Daynes 6, E. B. Crowder 7, J. Hurrell 8.
For the Queen's birthday.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260
Stedman Triples: A. R. Tudball 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2,
A. R. Jones 3, P. Tudball 4, G. Maidment 5, I.
Farmer (cond.) 6, H. W. Lloyd 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung
for St. George's Day.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,740 Grand-
sire Doubles: Gwenda M. Davies (first quarter) 1,
Joan M. Downton 2, Mary Andrews 3, B. P. Hargrove
4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: Mrs. R. R. Brett 1, G. F. Gray 2,
C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, T. Ellender 4, E. J. Walker
5, J. H. Brett 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. A birth-
day compliment to the tenor ringer.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Bob
Minor: K. Durely 1, Mrs. F. Evans 2, I. Battersby
3, A. Wilson 4, A. Hulley (cond.) 5, —, Watkinson 6.
First quarter for 1 and 2.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: S. F. Cull 1, E. Edmondson 2,
E. G. Bennett 3, H. Nobbs 4, S. Huckle 5, A. Cull
(cond.) 6, J. M. Page 7, R. Cochran 8. Rung for
Easter and thanksgiving service for the redecoration
of the church.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Miss E. Ricketts 1, B. A. Rose 2, P.
Ruch 3, C. Newnes (first 'inside') 4, W. Webb 5,
E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts
8. A farewell to P. Ruch, who is entering H.M.
Forces.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—At the Church of
All Saints, on April 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob
Major: B. Henry 1, J. R. Jenkinson 2, W. Mansley
3, H. Hardacre 4, H. Calderbank 5, J. Bailey 6, F.
Howarth 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. In honour of the
Queen's birthday.

HUYTON, LANCs.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Doreen Jones 1, S. T. Smith 2, Audrey
Adshead 3, I. D. Campbell 4, A. P. Cave 5, W. R.
Birchall (cond.) 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On April 18th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: R. L. Nutt (first quarter) 1, D. K.
Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane
(cond.) 5. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary
of the Rev. J. W. Bennett as Vicar.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's
Church, on April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss
C. Harding 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. Barker 3, E. Green-
acre 4, E. H. Mastin 5, L. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding
7, W. Rose (first quarter as cond.) 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Minor: W. Avery 1, C. Hagger (first of Minor
'inside') 2, W. Woodward 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright
5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 25th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: Ann Clifton 1, R. Richards 2,
Marion L. Lidgely 3, S. Richards 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5,
J. P. Higgins 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 11th,
1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Tomsett 2,
A. Coles (cond.) 3, F. Barker 4, R. Charge 5, G.
Spencer 6, G. Parsons 7, P. Blake 8.

MADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 13th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: R. S. Jones (first quarter) 1,
T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Col-
combe 4, A. J. Probert 5, M. Munn 6. Rung half-
muffled in memory of W. J. Dafty, a ringer at Mad-
ley for over 50 years, who was interred this day.
Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles by the same band, rung half-muffled for the memorial
service to W. J. Dafty.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On April
20th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: D. Martin (first
quarter away from covering bell) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.)
2, R. J. Hicks 3, S. J. Littlejohns (first quarter) 4,
H. Heard (first quarter) 5, F. Gilbert 6. Rung for
Easter.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 18th, Grand-
sire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, R. E. Dean 2, Miss E.
Gibson 3, Miss H. Bonner (first quarter 'inside') 4,
J. T. Clay 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7,
E. Silvey 8. Rung for Evensong on Easter Sunday.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On April
17th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: H. Anson 1, H. G.
Childs 2, E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Evans 4, L. Long-
lands 5, H. Perks 6, H. Edge 7, A. G. Matthews 8.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Woolf, lay
reader, church councillor and sidesman.

NOTTINGHAM.—On April 25th, at St. Mary's
Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Hoodless 1,
Joan Hoodless 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, G. Payne
4, A. Simpson 5, E. Elson 6, J. B. Guy 7, W.
Nichols 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 18th, at St. Mary's
Church, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major:
J. D. Harris 1, R. G. Leale 2, R. Baldwin 3, E.
Winifred Keyes 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York-Bramble
6, F. W. Rogers 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First in
the method for 2 and 3.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on
April 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. A.
Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens 2, E. W. Colley 3, J. N.
Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, A. Diserens 6, R. W. Rex
7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 3,
5 and 7.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, Joan M.
Downton 2, E. J. Walker 3, B. P. Hargrove 4,
G. F. Gray 5, J. E. Chittenden 6. Rung in honour
of the wedding of Miss Audrey Daisy and Sergt.
Trevor Clarke.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on
April 25th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. J. Mat-
thews 1, Mrs. R. J. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3,
Mrs. L. Pearson 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, W. Wil-
liams 6, F. J. Matthews 7, R. F. Deal 8, T. H.
Francis (cond.) 9, L. Pearson 10, A. J. House 11,
E. F. Willcox 12.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260
Doubles (Grand-
sire and Plain Bob): Stella Lazenby
1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, C. Savage 4,
A. Bown 5, D. Sweet (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour
of the Queen's birthday.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On
April 25th, 1,259 Grand-
sire Caters: W. Cockings 1,
E. Cubberley 2, J. L. Findon 3, J. A. Print 4, R. C.
Chapman 5, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. Winter (first
quarter) 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Garner-Hayward 9,
F. C. Lyne 10.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Mat-
thew, on April 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor,
with tenor covering: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss N.
Hales (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, J. Hales 3, G. A.
Parsons 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6,
C. F. Neal 7.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On April 10th, 1,280
Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Blond (cond.) 1, Mrs.
H. Wells 2, H. Wells 3, F. Smith 4, E. Garrard 5,
C. Corderoy 6, J. Blond 7, J. Berry 8.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On April 21st,
1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, C. E. Taylor
2, C. A. Manning (cond.) 3, S. J. Littlejohns 4,
H. Stacey (first quarter) 5, F. Gilbert 6. Rung for
Easter.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World',
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SUNDERLAND
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE
ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 30th, 1914, in 2 hours and
57 minutes

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

William Oxley	Treble
George S. Taylor	2
James Ayers	3
William A. Carr	4
Michael E. Harrison	5
Thomas H. Naisby	6
Joseph W. Parker	7
Robert L. Patterson	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Joseph W. Parker.
First peal of Surprise Major by all except the
conductor, and first for the Association by the
band of one church.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Enthusiasm Well Maintained

MR. ROGER O. FRY presented his first report as secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at the annual meeting at Wells on Easter Monday. It gave a fully paid up membership of 1,521. 'Everywhere one sees beginners—men and women—being taught, and in my view this reflects great credit on the older members of the Association, who are thus ensuring that the bells will still ring out when they themselves are too old to carry on.

Proceedings started with a service in the Cathedral at noon, conducted by the Archdeacon of Wells. The address was given by the Master, Prebendary A. J. Hook.

Nearly 100 attended the lunch at Wickenden's Restaurant. The Master presided, and the guests included the President, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. H. W. Bradfield), and the Dean of Wells (the Very Rev. F. P. Harton).

The annual meeting followed, with the Master in the chair and a company of 150 being present.

The apologies included one from Mr. J. T. Dyke, former secretary for 28 years, owing to the serious illness of his wife. At the suggestion of the Master, the secretary was asked to convey to Mr. Dyke the sympathy of the meeting and their hopes that Mrs. Dyke would be speedily restored to health.

DIÖCESE TO BE CONGRATULATED

In his address, the Master said it was really wonderful the way the towers were being put in order and everywhere in the diocese they heard of things being done to put the bells into service. He felt that the Diocese was to be congratulated on all the activity taking place in that direction: He also felt that it was a matter of congratulation that their membership was over 1,500, and that Somerset had the second largest membership in the county, being beaten only by Yorkshire. They owed a tremendous debt to Mr. Dyke. No one had done more to raise the standard of ringing, and his enthusiasm had raised the Association to its present efficient position in the ringing world.

He thanked all the officers of the Association, particularly Mr. Fry, their new secretary, who had done very well in his first year; Mr. Sanger, peals secretary, and all the others who had helped forward the work of the Association.

Prebendary Hook commended the members for their self-denial over peal ringing during Lent, and said the Deaneries were very good about it. He also touched on the subject of synthetic bells and said he hoped they would do everything in their power to resist such a thing. He looked upon the whole thing as a fraud, and said it was certainly not worthy of calling people to Almighty God.

STRONG EVIDENCE OF ENTHUSIASM

In his report, Mr. R. O. Fry said during the past 12 months he had travelled extensively throughout the diocese, attending branch meetings and visiting practice meetings. He had done this so that the members could meet their new secretary, and he could make himself known to them and hear their views on Association matters. He was also anxious to see how the Association was progressing.

Summing up his observations, he was happy to report that the Association as a whole was in a very healthy position, and was flourishing. In every Deanery, without exception, there was strong evidence of enthusiasm and effort to increase the number of members, and to ensure that the bells were rung regularly, and frequently, for Sunday services.

Mr. Fry said as further evidence of the enthusiasm in the diocese was the number of

towers where restoration work had been carried out. There were comparatively few towers where the bells had not received attention in recent years. In this connection he thanked Mr. W. A. Osborn for going to so many towers all over Somerset to give his time and advice to church authorities on the condition of the bells.

Mr. Fry said he would like to place on record an account of the work undertaken by Miss M. Graves-Knyfton, of Uphill. It was proposed that an apparatus be placed in the new church at Uphill to reproduce synthetically the sound of church bells. With great determination and vigour Miss Graves-Knyfton organised a petition against this apparatus and such was the measure of her success that the proposal was dropped.

'This action may have profound effect on future such proposals, and the thanks of the Association and of the ringing world generally are due to Miss Graves-Knyfton for her interest and activity,' said Mr. Fry.

SHOULD PAY THEIR WAY

Turning to the business and financial side of the Association, Mr. Fry said that with new rates of subscription, coupled with the new peal-booking fee, it was fairly certain that with care and thrift they should just pay their way.

Having made an appeal to members to take 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Fry concluded his report with thanks to the many people all over the diocese who had helped him during the past year, and particularly to the peal secretary and the treasurer and to the late general secretary, whose kindly guidance and wise counsel were always at his disposal, also all the local secretaries for their support.

The report was approved, as was the report of the peal secretary (Mr. H. J. Sanger, Evercreech), and of the treasurer (Mr. L. W. Pullen). The peal secretary suggested that more attention should be given to the ringing of Surprise methods.

A report was presented by the advisory expert on the care and restoration of bells, Mr. W. A. Osborn, of North Cadbury, who made a special appeal to members to man all the towers on the day of the Queen's return.

Mr. H. J. Sanger gave an interesting account of the last meeting at Bournemouth of the Central Council.

THE NEW MASTER

The Rev. Michael Hurst Bannister (Pilton) was elected to succeed Prebendary Hook as the Master. Having thanked the members for electing him, he hoped they would keep on ringing, and particularly for Sundays. He hoped that as many towers as possible would ring on May 15th for the Queen's return.

Other officers elected were: General secretary, Mr. R. O. Fry; peal secretary, Mr. H. J. Sanger; treasurer, Mr. L. W. Pullen (Yatton); Central Council delegates, Miss Williams, Messrs. S. G. Coles, R. O. Fry and H. J. Sanger.

In appreciation of his services as the Master for the past nine years, a presentation was made to Prebendary Hook. This took the form of a book and a cheque, the presentation being made by Mr. H. W. Knight (Wrington). Prebendary Hook expressed thanks to the members for their kindness.

The meeting concluded with the Master expressing thanks to the Dean for allowing them to hold the service in the Cathedral, the Lord Bishop and the Dean for their interest and for attending the lunch and annual meeting, and to all the officers for their work during the past year.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Rostrevor, Co. Down, and seven teams took part in the Cunningham Cup competition.

Nine new members were elected at the business meeting and the District has now a membership of 180. Mrs. Adamson, widow of Mr. R. W. Adamson, presented a magnificent cup for perpetual competition in change ringing, and it is hoped that the cup will further change ringing in the District as the Cunningham Cup has improved striking.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody, who was re-elected hon. secretary, with Miss J. Stewart as assistant secretary, explained to the meeting the position of 'The Ringing World,' and urged all those present to help by taking a copy. He also stated that he would be pleased to act as collector.

In the Cunningham Cup competition the striking was exceptionally high, the winners being Rostrevor (99 per cent.) followed by St. Donard, Belfast (96) and St. Comgall, Bangor (82). Miss Cunningham, daughter of the late donor, presented the cup to Mr. A. Wylie, captain of the winning band. This was a most popular win, as the late Mr. Cunningham was a member of the Rostrevor band.

THE G.O.M. OF ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

To mark the 81st birthday of that enthusiastic ringer, Ernest W. Beadsmoore, a special peal was arranged on April 26th. It was unfortunate that, owing to failing health, Mr. Beadsmoore himself could not take part in it, but he was, nevertheless, keenly concerned about its success. Despite an elastic rope on the third, and a false-struck sixth, a very good peal resulted, much to everyone's gratification. Before the peal ringers noted the old attendance book in the tower showed Mr. Beadsmoore as a regular ringer here in 1890, but he was a probation ringer long before that. He has rung some 60 peals for the Midland Counties Guild since its formation and nearly 100 for the old M.C.A., as well as a number for the Leicester Diocesan Guild and other Societies. Everyone wishes him 'All the very best.'

LATE NOTICES

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Please note change of date. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Tuesday, May 18th. 4374

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Goodnestone, May 22nd. Usual arrangements. Tea 2s. Names by May 15th to B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4378

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Annual joint meeting to be held at Asfordby on Saturday, May 22nd (Bottesford bells not available). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby. 4376

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stonham Aspal.—Rededication of Stonham Aspal 10 bells, Saturday, May 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. All are welcome.—W. J. Button. 4377

STRATFORD, E.—On April 25th, at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Barringer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. E. Corfield 5, L. Woods 6, L. W. Bullock (first in method as cond.) 7, C. W. Otley 8.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual Ringing Week, Hereford, August 13th-21st. Will any members thinking of taking part who have not had a preliminary circular please write now to B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 4321

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—Ringing at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, will cease forthwith owing to rebuilding of steeple. A notification will be published when ringing can recommence. 4373

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Wybunbury, May 8th, is cancelled. Branch secretary's address is now: W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4372

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The meeting arranged for May 8th is postponed until June 5th. 4360

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. 4310

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), May 8th. Names for tea to L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smart's Hill, Penshurst. Look up Single Norwich. Names for outing, June 26th, by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett. 4334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Bees in the Wall. Evening practice meeting at Linton (5), Saturday, May 29th.—H. L. Martin. 4347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Ardleigh, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—John H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 4338

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Apsley (6), May 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4306

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Clitheroe, Lancs, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Cups of tea provided in the School, 5 o'clock. Please bring own food (cafes near at hand). Business meeting to follow tea. 4349

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Fulney (8), May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Allen, Hon. Sec. 4363

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 8th. meeting, Clapham Common R.C., 3-4. Business 4.15. Tea 5.15. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 6.30. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4355

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, May 8th, 3 p.m. Tea and business. Ringing at Barnet in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4339

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. 4335

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 8th. Goring (8) and Stratley (6) 3 p.m. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and South Stoke (6) 6.30 p.m.—N. E. Swann. 4307

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—A meeting will be held at Cotton (8) on Saturday, May 8th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea. All ringers welcome.—B. Chilvers. 4303

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—S. K. M. Knight. 4352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, Saturday, May 15th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise by 11th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4317

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Ron Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 4357

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Stretton Grandison, May 22nd. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 19th, important, to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury.—J. Ward, Hon. Sec. 4370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 18th, to Mr. A. L. Terry, 12, Eastern Road, Lydd.—W. P. G. 4370

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Sketty, Glam. Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 18th, to Mr. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 4314

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Grimsby, St. James (8), May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, Bull Ring. Please notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 4358

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—The annual bell ringers' service, May 22nd. 4.30 p.m. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, May 19th.—W. A. Prescott. Timsbury, near Bath. 4368

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting Hook Norton (8), May 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 4366

SALISBURY GUILD.—Annual Festival, Salisbury, May 22nd. General meeting, Acland Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m.: preacher the Very Rev. the Dean. High tea, Acland Hall, 5 p.m. Price 4s., tickets only, from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge, by May 18th. Ringing, city churches: St. Martin's (8), St. Paul's (8), St. Thomas' (8), 11 to 2: also available: Downton (8), Barford, Damersham, Dinton, Durrington, Martin, Shrewton, Wilton, Berwick St. John, Codford. East Knoyle and Britford, all from 11 to 1.30 and after tea. 4366

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Cannock, May 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than May 19th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4365

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The School Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3269

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting is arranged for Saturday, May 29th. Ringing at Long Compton, Kingham, Bledington (tea), Broadwell, Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Hill. All welcome. Tea and if needing a seat on coach, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 4371

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