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MEMENTO MORI!

THAT may seem a strange heading for an article in a ringing journal. Certainly not a cheerful one. But, we are informed, it is to be applied to the art of bell-ringing; and, if that be so, the doom of 'The Ringing World' must naturally follow!

Just lately two quite contradictory statements have been publicly made before the Chancellor of the Lichfield Diocese. For the one, the Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, opposing the application for a Faculty for installing electronic bells, said: 'Bell-ringing was an English art it would be a pity to lose.' All credit to him! For the other, the rector of one of the churches applying for such a Faculty is reported to have said: 'Bell-ringing was a dying art and the Advisory Committee would have to face that fact sooner or later.'

The question whether these towers where recorded bells are proposed are suitable or not for a genuine ring of bells need not come into the discussion. The point is that the rector's use of the plea that 'bell-ringing is a dying art' in support of his application for artificial bells is thoroughly unsound, besides being totally untrue, and indeed unfair to the thousands of ringers at home and overseas who are working to maintain the high traditions of the Art and giving of their best to gather and train recruits. Not only that, but the statement gives a wholly misleading impression to the general public and calls for a public refutation.

Are we to visualise the gradual dismantling of the hundreds of rings of bells which have called people to the worship of God through centuries, and their replacement by artificially recorded sounds, on the understanding that ringers have no desire and no ability to perpetuate their kind? The idea is too foolish for words. Who could claim the right to predict such a doom except he be basing his assertions upon ignorance, or prejudice, or violent dislike? It stands to reason that one who never moves among ringers and never reads or hears about their gatherings and performances, and knows nothing of the enthusiasm for the art, or of its fascination, can have no grounds for pronouncing any judgment upon the state of affairs.

False prophets are always about. The Church has suffered from them. So have ringers. But we can deal with them, and this sort of prophecy will not worry us overmuch

because of its palpable stupidity. For while ringers may be a comparatively small section of the population they are quite a formidable body, and ninety-nine per cent. of them would raise their eyebrows in surprise at the mere suggestion that their art is on the way to becoming moribund. There are too many evidences to the contrary. If there may be indifferent exhibitions of ringing, so also music, painting, or any other of the arts have their tyros; but that does not warrant the assumption that any one of them is dying out. And many of the performances of bell-ringers today are of such surpassing brilliance that they are prophetic of advancement rather than decay.

The writer can claim to have a fairly wide knowledge of ringers' views and doings up and down the country during over 50 years, and can assure the gentleman who is the cause of these defensive remarks that he is hopelessly wrong. The whole thing might not be worth comment but for the fact that it publicises a fallacy and is likely to prove a disservice to the Church and ringers generally.

A mountain of indications is available to weigh against the gloomy outlook. One has only to turn the pages of the ringing journals for more than half a century to appreciate a measure of the progress being made. In addition to an enormous increase in the number of peals rung, an examination of their records will show a multitude of fresh names year after year and a noteworthy number of very young ringers of both sexes. Further, a revival of ringing has taken place in the Universities, and most of the younger Universities now have their own organisations with encouraging prospects. Again, the expansion of county and area Associations through the demand for the formation of fresh branches speaks for itself. One cannot overlook, either, the many towers which perhaps never come into prominence, but where steady teaching is going on and the aim of keeping a Sunday service band up to strength is ever to the front. And much of this, one ventures to say, will be found true of the call-changers' preserves as well as of scientific change-ringers.

We ringers of today, therefore, have this mighty consolation, that as the older generations of ringers pass away the light still glows, and will glow the more brilliantly in the future—aided without doubt by this Journal—notwithstanding all attempt to belittle the art or dig its grave.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN 7
*ANGELA GRAINGER 2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER.. .. 8
†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 3	FRANK D. MACK 9
MARY H. HALL.. .. 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 10
PATRICK J. BIRD 5	REGINALD G. HOOPER 11
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 6	RICHARD J. BOWDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal in the method and on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Edgar on leaving St. Woolos'.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	GERALD FARRER 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JOHN WORTH 7
BASIL JONES 3	HARRY FARRER 8
EDWARD POTTS 4	HEDLEY WOOD 9
DENNIS A. HENSHAW 5	DONALD PEARSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung fully-muffled as a mark of respect to William Gayes, leader of the Christ Church band 1927-1954, buried November 1st, aged 85 years.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON 9
RONALD J. SHARP 5	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
PETER J. SHIPTON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 3	CLIFFORD BIRD 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gowing. Mr. Gowing was for many years steeple-keeper here.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The composition, which contains one each -65, -64, -63, otherwise 4-5-6 only in 6th's place, with the 6th nine times home, was rung for the first time.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia Smee and Trevor A. Cross.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 5
ALFRED W. FULCHER 2	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	A. WILLIAM BIRD 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung for the consecration this day of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gorleston, and for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar and Rural Dean, the Rev. E. L. Corbell.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. Treble	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 5
*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST .. 2	JOHN A. W. DOWNING 6
†JOAN M. DOWNING 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 7
MRS. BETTY PERCY 4	J. MICHAEL SWIFT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES H. BAKER .. Treble	*JOHN M. BLAICKIE 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	ALAN GILBERT 6
DELIA SMITH 3	W. ALAN RICHARDSON 7
*JOHN B. NICHOLSON 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First 8-bell peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BASIL JONES Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
ALAN A. POTTS 2	PETER LAFLIN 6
*ALAN J. BROWN 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
BRIAN HARRIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (56).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 200th peal.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT CROOK Treble	FRANK HORNBY 5
HERBERT RAINFORD 2	†RICHARD RAINFORD 6
*NORMAN CROSS 3	SYDNEY JEFFERY 7
ROBERT WARDEN 4	RICHARD HORNBY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

* First peal of Triples and first 'inside.' † 25th peal—all for the Lancashire Association.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the Coronation of Pope John XXIII which took place on November 4th, 1958.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*FREDERICK ROSS Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	BRYAN PATTISON 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal. First in the method by all, and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5056 NANTANTAN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
PATRICIA J. M. FORSTER 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 7 lb. in F

BURLEY P. MORRIS Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal on the bells for 35 years. First of Surprise on the bells.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt, 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST G. JONES Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH 5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
HARRY J. HATFIELD 3	PHILIP H. TOCCK 7
JAMES ADAMS 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Reversed.	Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.
JOHN H. FIELDEN Treble	HAROLD HAMER 5
*JEFFREY KERSHAW 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 3	IVAN KAY 7
COLIN ASHWORTH 4	†PETER SCHOLFIELD Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.

A 21st birthday compliment to Alan, son of the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BRIAN HARRIS Treble	ALAN A. POTTS 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 2	BASIL JONES 6
ROBERT SMITH 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NANPANTAN SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—16—56—36—12—38—16—58. L.E. 13527486: 2nds.

F.C.E.s: 24365, 32465, 43265, 46253, 32546.

Composition as for Kerry or Fife Surprise Major.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS F. COBB Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
MICHAEL J. BEST 2	JOHN HARTLESS 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise in eight methods for all the band.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5120 SOUTHLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. D. H. NIBLETT Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

First peal in the method.

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BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt, 2 qr.

JOHN HALL Treble	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 5
JACK BRAY 2	PHILIP BARNES 6
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	ARTHUR CROWDER 7
*RICHARD C. WARBURTON 4	MICHAEL CROWDER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal and first attempt. Michael Crowder has now 'circled the tower.'

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	EDWIN BROMLEY 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON 3	*ERNEST J. LADD 7
KEVIN S. HOHL 4	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* 301st peal. First in the method on the bells.

A birthday peal for Mr. C. T. G. Sone and Master Richard Carter.

LONDON, E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Bow Road,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 3	RALPH BIRD 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by H. J. POOLE.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Major on the recast bells.

Rung to mark the 400th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth I.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	*CHARLES N. LEA 5
*ERIC N. HARRISON 2	*GEORGE S. DEAS 6
*MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
BRYAN PATTISON 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
 *First peal in the method. Mr. Eric N. Harrison has now 'circled the tower.'

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
JANET FRENCH 2	KEVIN S. HOHL 6
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
 *25th peal together.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	HAROLD PARKINSON 5
MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 6
ALLAN SMITH, SEN. .. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.
 Rung for the Feast of St. Cecilia.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	COLIN S. HARWOOD 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 7
PATRICIA DOORN 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
 First peal in the method as conductor.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
*JOHN MEREDITH 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 6
J. DAVID CLARKE 3	†HAROLD STEVENSON .. 7
*THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
 *First peal on eight. †First of Major. First peal as conductor of Plain Bob Major.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

J. J. PARKER'S Twelve-part.	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
*ENA MARKLEW Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	JOHN VERNON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	CURZON CLARKE Tenor

*First peal. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

Taylor's Six-part.	JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	GEORGE W. BISHOP 5
	MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 6
	*WILLIAM J. IRVING 3	ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS .. 7
	†JOSEPH NAPPER 4	EDWARD T. SNELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.

*First peal. †First of Grandsire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents: (1) Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE SAYER Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 4
PETER ADCOCK 2	ALAN ELLIS 5
A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to wish god-speed to Alan Ellis, who left after the peal to begin a new life in Toronto, Canada.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Primrose Surprise.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT .. Treble	CECIL WADE 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
JOHN M. ROFFE 3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being nine 240's and 24 120's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR .. Treble	LESLIE A. MORRELL 4
IVOR H. HUGHES 2	W. RONALD TRICKEY 5
CHARLES H. WEBBER .. 3	GORDON WALFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

Rung as a thankoffering for the incumbency of the Vicar (Rev. S. E. Easter), who has now retired.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Court, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
H. FRANK PIKE 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MICHAEL E. TURNER .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. 2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. CHARLES MORRIS .. Treble	ANTHONY A. UPTON 4
MURIEL REAY 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS 5
THOMAS GWILT 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Dunnell on completing 25 years as vergier at this church.

HEALEY, ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALLAN SMITH, JUN. Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK 4
MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON 2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON 5
ALLAN SMITH, SEN. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. R. Swift as Vicar of Healey. Also as a wedding compliment to the Rev. G. C. Graham, curate of St. Chad's, Rochdale.

IRNHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, and three of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR COOPER Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 4

JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in five methods.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARGARET W. STRICKLAND Treble	*ROBERT J. DEAN 4
JACK W. DREW 2	SIDNEY W. WHITE 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal. † 25th peal together.

Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. B. Ireland.

MUCH-DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being five extents of Pitman's and six extents of Morris's arrangements, 20 120's (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL Treble	AUBREY J. PROBERT 4
CHARLES PHILLIPS 2	REGINALD G. POWELL 5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE 3	MICHAEL MUNN Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

Rung to mark 48 years' service of Mr. George Perks as both ringer and sexton at this church.

SILCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 3
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4

ROBIN G. LEALE Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal on the bells.

STRATHFIELDSAY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's (all called differently), ten extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 3
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	PHILIP MEHEW 4

A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal on the bells.

WEARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents of St. Simon's, ten of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Plain Bob and 17 of Grandsire. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALGY HOOPER Treble	DAVID WHITE 4
*ANN WHITE 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	HAROLD HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Harrison on his retirement.

WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

*HARRY MASON Treble	GEORGE SMITH 4
*WILLIAM M. SCHEERER 2	†CHARLES H. MAXFIELD 5
†GEOFFREY THACKRAY 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

In memory of Mr. Percy J. Johnson.

SYDMONTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

MARY H. HALL Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 4
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	RALPH BIRD 5
PHILIP MEHEW 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal on the bells. With the exception of some short touches on two recent occasions, this is the first time that the bells have been rung since the last century.

HANDBELL PEAL

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT CAMPANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1—2	JACK BRAY 5—6
FRANK LORD 3—4	*ROGER LORD 7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal.

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HALF PEAL

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Nov. 15th, 2,580 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Mitchell 1, Joan K. Beazley 2, A. Buswell 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, C. Conway 5.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Underwood (first quarter) 1, B. Halling (first 'inside') 2, A. Halling 3, H. Devereux 4, E. W. Penn (first as cond.) 5, E. Freeman (first quarter) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Powdrill 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Patricia Wardle 3, T. Bolingbroke 4, J. Poyner 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, G. Gray (cond.) 8. For morning service.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,268 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Beresford 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, A. St. J. Boyack 4, J. Hill 5, F. J. Matthews 6, A. House (cond.) 7, B. Blaydon 8.

BENFIELDSIDE, DURHAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Fenwick (St. Mary's) 1, Elizabeth Lennard (St. Aidan's) 2, Margaret Alderman (St. Mary's) 3, G. Simms (University College) 4, C. Herbert (St. John's) 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. First quarter peal for the Durham Colleges Society.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Derrick 1, A. Wallace 2, F. Ross 3, C. S. Dixon 4, N. Webb (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. For Confirmation Sunday.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tebbutt 1, Evelyn Steel 2, H. Gayton 3, H. Robinson 4, E. White 5, P. Inskip (cond.) 6. Rung for the 11th anniversary of the wedding of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, by septuagenarians from the Bedford District and covering between them 318 years of Sunday service ringing.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Houston 1, Miss P. Wincott 2, J. Nicholls (cond.) 3, A. Campden 4, W. E. Burnell 5, P. C. Taylor 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rushall 1, Miss C. Eustace 2, P. C. Taylor 3, J. Nicholls 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, A. Campden 6. Half-muffled in memory of Winifred Maude, wife of the late Canon W. O. Asheton, former Rector of and patron of Bilton.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob): Eileen E. Woodridge 1, J. M. Lakin 2, J. V. Temple 3, M. R. Rose 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Rivett (first quarter) 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Mary Tysoe 3, F. Tysoe 4, R. J. Harrison 5, D. Stainsby 6, C. M. Payne 7, R. L. Piron (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David Simms, a member of the church, who died after a road accident.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's-on-the-Mount, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Doreen Gibbons 1, Beryl Abbott (first quarter) 2, Jane Cook 3, M. J. Austin 4, D. Heighton 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Grainger 1, Elizabeth Jackson (first quarter) 2, P. J. Bird (cond.) 3, Barbara Stephens 4, B. J. Wyld 5, R. Blacker 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. S. Deal (14), 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. L. Mills (cond.) 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, L. D. Mills 6, E. C. Hynard 7, D. W. Brooks (16) 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. M. Philpott 1, Miss A. Wells 2, Mrs. G. W. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. C. Phillimore 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Delight Minor (720 Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover, 720 Knutsford, Rostherne, Whimslow, Bogedone and Ely): A. Richardson 1, I. Jenkins 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, S. Hough, Jun., 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Schofield (first quarter) 1, C. A. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, Miss M. Moxon 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. A farewell to Christopher Moxon, who is joining the R.A.F.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. C. Thrift 1, I. Panton 2, R. Groves 3, R. S. Payne 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Saunders 8, P. Eves 9, M. Edwards 10. For the county harvest thanksgiving service.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Francis 1, I. Harris 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, B. Dixon (cond.) 5, B. Hale 6, T. Tims 7, C. Tompkins 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. R. Jarvis, a member of this tower for nearly 40 years, and Mrs. Jarvis.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, S. N. Bristow 2, C. Tarr 3, S. Smith 4, H. Commings 5, W. Grabham 6. For the 21st birthday of Miss J. Smith.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): M. Hovard 1, C. Sheffield 2, I. Harris (cond.) 3, R. Hovard 4, A. Leach 5, H. Hovard 6, B. Lewis 7, K. Hovard 8. In memoriam Harry Hovard, of Crayford, who died November, 1957.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ena Marklew (first quarter) 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, Elizabeth Wilcox (first quarter) 3, A. Ballard 4, E. A. Soman 5, M. A. Lindsey 6, J. Vernon (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. Rung for the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Seal, donor of the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, June Richardson 3, A. Grant (first 'inside') 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. For morning service. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Hilary Speake 2, P. J. Woodgayer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, P. J. Woodgayer 3, A. D. Grant 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. In memoriam Rose Ann Sadler. On Oct. 12th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Speake 1, June Richardson 2, T. S. Baker (cond.) 3, P. J. Woodgayer 4, D. Fowles 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—1,260 Stedman Triples: K. E. Pinney 1, H. W. Pearce 2, L. E. Wear 3, J. S. Hacking 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. Poole (cond.) 7, S. Wills 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Wills.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, Miss D. J. Murrel (first 'inside') 3, R. V. Johnson 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, J. E. Herbecq 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cooke (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Miss P. Dowse (first in method) 2, Miss B. Cooke (first in method) 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, W. E. Mashiter 5, T. Senior 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, F. Hodgson 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Knight 1, Mavis Haw 2, Angela Cook 3, H. J. Reeve 4, M. R. Reed 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. J. Reeve.

FINCAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. T. Edmonds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, J. Woodson (first of Minor) 3, M. W. Mason 4, M. Stokes (first of Minor) 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sanders 1, F. K. Cooke 2, A. F. Grimmer (first quarter) 3, R. Berry 4, R. Hornby (first as cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. P. Adams (cond.) 1, P. Pease (first quarter) 2, Vera Nelson 3, T. Pett 4, J. Hindry 5, E. Howse 6, G. Buckle cover bell.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Brown 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Freda Cannon 3, E. Jones 4, M. Hawks 5, F. P. Mead 6, J. Dafters (cond.) 7, J. Rooke 8. First quarter on eight bells 1, 3 and 8. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Howells 1, Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 2, Monica E. Collins 3, Ann M. Cox 4, I. Vaughan 5, F. Oldroyd 6, W. Morey 10. For Evensong and a compliment to the Rev. B. Rex Davis, whose ordination to the priesthood took place this day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Hunneysett (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Miss A. Deacon 2, E. E. Breed 3, G. Beeny (cond.) 4, C. Booth 5, H. Goldsmith 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Grice 1, M. J. Palmer 2, R. G. Leale 3, F. R. Scott 4, D. A. S. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. S. Deason 8. For practice night.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, I. Collins 3, A. Berry (first quarter) 4, R. Hayden 5, L. Whitby 6, W. Wheeler 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Johnson 1, Margaret Marshall (first of Triples 'inside') 2, E. Treagus 3, S. T. Ford 4, R. Borsberry 5, D. Jones 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, P. Richardson 8. For evening service.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Hawkins 1, W. A. Lewis 2, P. Ruch 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, J. Killick 5, A. H. Wulwell 6, P. Bettridge 7, G. Ruck (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 7. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Harbour 1, Miss S. Garrett (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Golding 3, Mrs. J. E. Chilcott 4, W. W. Webb 5, J. B. Sansom 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, J. E. Chilcott 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. E. Latchford 1, D. E. Latchford 2, F. J. Plummer 3, C. S. Harwood 4, A. R. Agg 5, P. Border (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday. In memoriam David Priestley.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Popplewell 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Armitage 3, Miss S. Brown (first of Major) 4, H. Smith 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. Richards 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Armitage 3, Miss E. Westmoreland 4, J. Pearson (cond.) 5, Miss S. Brown 6, D. B. Cater 7, A. Hinchcliffe 8, E. Pickles 9, J. Newton 10. First of Royal for 4, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong, also to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Gibbs (first of Triples) 1, R. K. Rivers (first as cond.) 2, Miss S. A. Castle 3, R. Castle 4, Mrs. V. Castle 5, B. C. Castle 6, C. Ecle 7, F. Hicks 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Waples 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 5. Believed to be the first of Major by a local band. For Evensong.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: D. West 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, Miss A. Lufkin 3, Miss H. Stewart 4, L. Sharp 5, E. Smith 6, U. Wildney 7, J. Brown 8. For evening service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, Patricia Cross 2, G. Marriner 3, Pauline Sprackling (first of Caters) 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Hawkins 6, Rev. C. Marshall 7, A. J. Smith 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. V. Young 10. For Evensong, and to mark H. V. Young's 25 years' service at Leatherhead tower.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Masser (first quarter) 1, J. Parish 2, R. J. Moore (cond., first quarter) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Baggess 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Derrick (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, J. Brain (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, Ruth Gaunt (first 'inside') 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Thomas (first quarter) 1, Christine Ashmore (first quarter) 2, C. Brewin 3, Jean Hoy (first 'inside') 4, R. J. Hill (first as cond.) 5, M. S. Hardy 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Mellor 1, T. Smith 2, Miss L. Forward 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

PRESTIGE, RADNORS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Webb 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, A. B. Elsmore 3, D. Jaine 4, G. Davis 5, Rev. E. G. Benson 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, A. T. Wingate 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 4.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. Ward 1, G. Sandwell 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. House 7, G. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy E. Scales (first quarter) 1, J. Warner 2, P. J. Eves 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Gouley 1, G. Redwood 2, C. Redwood 3, C. Pring 4, W. Shute 5, L. Cobb 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner 8. First quarter 1 and 3. For Evensong.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Ashton 1, B. Backhouse 2, J. Kitchiner 3, D. Munns 4, H. Gurney 5, C. J. Blain (first as cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Freda Phillips 1, H. Pople 12, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, K. Prime 4, D. Miller 5, E. Skinner 6. First in method by all except 3 and 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Pullin (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, C. F. Sayer 3, F. J. Spicer 4, R. W. Darvill 5, H. V. Frost 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8, G. W. Debenham 9, A. E. Ewer 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SHERBORNE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Faulks 1, Miss S. Stroud (first 'inside') 2, W. Collett 3, W. S. Oakley 4, W. H. Male (cond.) 5, W. Clement 6. Rung for the induction of the Ven. J. H. Proctor (Archdeacon of Warwick) as Vicar.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 24th, 1,272 Minor (Kent, Oxford, Plain and St. Clement's): G. P. Adams (cond.) 1, T. Pett 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, G. W. Buckle 4, G. Love 5, E. Howse 6. First quarter in four methods for 2, 3 and 4.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Rivers 1, Margaret Thompson 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, Sylvia Atkins 4, D. Wight 5, W. F. Oatway 6, W. G. Wilson 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanley (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, Miss C. Howlett 3, Dr. G. C. Roworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, C. G. Jones 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanley 1, V. Griffin (cond.) 2, Miss C. Lansley 3, Miss M. Wright 4, C. G. Jones 5, J. Sawyer 6, P. Minchin 7, B. Warner 8. First on eight bells 1, 3 and 6 and as conductor. To congratulate W. Boden (secretary of St. Mark's tower) and Miss Y. Unsworth on their engagement, and to mark the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Collins.

SHEPPERTON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Pole (first away from tenor) 1, M. J. Palmer 2, C. B. Fynes 3, A. D. Grant 4, T. S. Baker (cond.) 5.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, M. Mills 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Rupert Clarke.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. White 1, Mrs. N. Chadwick 2, W. F. Moreton 3, H. Chant 4, D. Cubitt 5, P. Woodward (cond.) 6, K. Park 7, G. Townend 8, J. H. Kirby 9, H. Naylor 10. To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth the First.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, R. J. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, F. W. Sykes 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, D. Hewitt 7, F. C. Taylor 8. First in the method for all. For Evensong and in memoriam Mrs. W. Morton, grandmother of 1 and 2. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, R. J. Chapman 3, W. Dowler 4, F. C. Maynard 5, E. E. Holman 6, F. W. Sykes 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, T. Hawkings 9, F. C. Taylor 10. First of Bob Caters for all. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Scott 1, Jill Easem 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Jackson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Gilling 1, H. W. Knight 2, Mrs. H. Kingcott 3, R. Smith 4, M. Collins 5, J. Brain 6, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, M. Legg 2, H. Brice 3, H. A. Price 4, C. Bishop 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. A compliment to S. G. Smith on his daughter's coming of age.

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Mr. Derek P. Jones rang his 100th peal this year on November 21st at Whitwick, Leics. His peal total is now 375, of which he has conducted 178.

With the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Bradford on November 18th, Mr. A. Percival Knights has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The delay of publication of peals at Norwich (September 5th), Norwich (September 17th) and Dartford (October 28th) arises from letters being lost in the post. The peals from Norwich were twice lost.

We are asked to state that the name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Lane End, Staffs (see page 752), was Geoffrey Davies and not Jeffrey Davis as submitted.

Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, of 36, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcs, is anxious to obtain a copy of the following issues of 'The Ringing World' for 1953: February 13th, 20th and 27th, and March 6th.

Mr. Trevor Lewis, the captain of Christ Church, Radyr, four miles from Cardiff, has after considerable difficulty recruited a band to ring methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Mr. Stephen Ivin writes from Oxford: 'I really cannot understand how anyone could contemplate attempting seven peals in a day with my old friend Pat Cannon. I have found that one a year is sufficient tax on my endurance!'

Fourteen-year-old Roger Lord rang his first peal on November 15th at Scunthorpe. He took the tenors to a peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand,' and the band included his father and godfather. Now for your first tower bell peal, Roger!

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Knowle, Warks, is not alone in ringing on Guy Fawkes' Day. Both Bilton and Dun-back to about 1650, writes Mr. W. E. Burnell, captain of Bilton ringers.

The Guildford Guild library has a bound copy of 'Campanology' which is being featured in our columns in Mr. Wilson's articles.

After the peal at Langham, Rutland (publication delayed through lost letter), the conductor, Mr. Horace M. Day, and the rest of the band with two listeners were kindly entertained by Mrs. Hubbard, wife of the tenor ringer.

An in memoriam quarter peal was rung at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, on November 19th to Mr. Rupert Clarke, who in 1935 had the old five bells rehung and a new treble added. He was a former churchwarden.

Mr. A. H. Hill, of King's Langley, Herts, has returned to ringing after an absence of 30 years. The local band were very pleased to see him ringing the tenor to a quarter peal on November 23rd.

Last Saturday, the Rochester diocese held a thanksgiving service and pageant in the Royal Festival Hall to commemorate the raising of £500,000 (half the required amount) towards church building. The Lord Bishop requested that all possible bells in the diocese should be rung in the afternoon of this day, and at several towers peals were successful.

Over 100 letters have been received by the Editor this week for card tunes. In view of the very limited number of typewritten sheets which are in circulation, the Editor has decided to publish the tunes. A number appear in this issue on page 798, and others will appear next week. We must warn readers that some are imperfect. Will readers please accept publication instead of an individual reply.

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'CAMPANOLGY'—Some Notes By Wilfrid G. Wilson

(Continued from page 778)

In issue No. 8 is printed a list of names of 'a company of workers' organised by the Central Committee for the Collection of Peals for the Central Council to deal with compositions in certain specified methods. And what famous names, with what a lot of talent, was in that list—all prepared to devote their time to the work of the Central Council—the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for Grandsire Triples; the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stedman Triples; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, other Triples methods; J. A. Trollope, Bob Major; John Carter, Duffield and Forward; H. Dains, Double Norwich; J. R. Pritchard, Stedman Caters and Cinques; Gabriel Lindoff, Superlative Surprise Major; N. J. Pittsow, London Surprise Major; Tom Lockwood, Treble Bob Major; Arthur Knights, Treble Bob Royal and Maximus.

No. 9 has a paragraph one would like to see more often nowadays. Certain famous London towers are mentioned as being anxious to give young ringers a hearty welcome to their practices!

Compositions giving the total extent of the changes on a specified number of bells have been news in 'The Ringing World' lately. This issue of 'Campanology' gives what it calls the 'Maximum of Maximus'—479,001,600 changes of Plain Bob Maximus, by J. A. Trollope. Such a simple (!) composition, too, that it takes up only about three inches of one column of print.

Readers of J. A. T.'s 'History of the College Youths,' and still more, those who have seen his manuscript history from part of which this book was taken, will be familiar with his skill at pen and ink drawings of churches and towers. In issue No. 10 are some early examples. He writes an article on Guildford—that's near home, Mr. Editor—and illustrates it by sketches of four of its churches.

The 259th anniversary dinner of the College Youths was evidently a great success, to judge by the account of it in this number. The dinner 'was served up in excellent style, not a discordant note was heard, course-end after course-end coming up in record times.'

No. 12 records two peals of Maximus thought worthy of praise in the editorial: 5,016 Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on November 28th, 1896, in 3 hours 47 minutes, composed and conducted by James Motts (first peal in the method); and on the same date, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral in 4 hours 26 minutes, conducted by Jas. Pettit, in which Mr. W. T. Cockerill rang the tenor (63 cwt.) single-handed.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RINGERS

At the end of three months' existence as 'the first weekly illustrated Journal entirely devoted to the Art of Ringing to be published for One Penny,' the Editor wrote that, in addition to the illustrations of churches, 'we hope to give photos of ringers who have rendered good service to the Exercise, nor shall we ask or expect any remuneration or premium from these gentlemen for so doing.' (The italics are mine.—W. G. W.)

It is difficult to imagine our Editor today considering such an assurance necessary when he published a photograph.

This issue also recorded the formation in July, 1896, of the Victorian Association of Change Ringers at Melbourne, Australia. And now, some 60 years after, we have a representative of an Australian Association elected to the Central Council.

No. 15 records five peals rung in Sussex towers as the result of seven evenings' ringing by members of the St. Peter's, Brighton, Society—all conducted by George Williams and featuring such (later) well-known names as George

Baker, Frank Bennett and Keith Hart. Two peals of London and one each of Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich Major would still be a creditable performance 60 years later.

'Brother String'—who may well have been the Editor, I don't know—started a series of articles by which he hoped to persuade those ringers who had never progressed beyond Treble Bob to attempt methods like Double Norwich and the Surprise methods. Equally true today, and something I find myself saying over and over again to beginners, is the statement: 'Home study is the great road to success; one hour by the fire is better than three in the belfry.' He also made the point that there was nothing more difficult in conducting touches and peals in these methods than in ordinary everyday methods.

No. 16 has 'Brother String's' article on Double Norwich, and to encourage his readers he starts by pointing out that 'this title does not mean double difficult, it simply means that a similar work is done from behind as from the front.'

THE BRIDGWATER PEAL

A mystifying letter in this issue needs a 're-cap' of earlier news. No. 14 published a performance of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Bridgwater, Somerset, the first peal on the bells. An account of the peal referred to 3 hours and 20 minutes of splendid ringing, hearty congratulations from the local ringers, everyone highly gratified, etc. The following week a letter was printed from a Mr. J. Joyce, who wrote that the midway single turned up in 1 hour 47 minutes (i.e., 3 hours 34 minutes for a peal) and the bells ran round in 3 hours 20 minutes at a plain lead, Holt's end single was neither called nor made and the back change turned up twice during the peal, 'therefore I fail to see that it can be a true peal.'

In No. 16, T. Doble, who rang the fifth, wrote that the midway single came up in 1 hour 42 minutes; he denied *in toto* that the back change came up twice, 'and the bells running round at a plain lead is a fabrication as I was ringing the fifth which was in the hunt.'

He goes on to say that during the latter part of the peal there was a considerable amount of rattling at the belfry door... 'I cannot say who did it, but J. Joyce was found at the door alone.' This doesn't exactly agree with the congratulations and gratification mentioned earlier. And Mr. Doble ends most emphatically, in italics: 'I myself shall always consider I have the honour to be one of the band who rang the first true peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bridgwater.'

But the queerest part of all this is the letter which also appeared from the conductor and which I must quote in full:—

'Having read in "Campanology" about the peal of Triples at Bridgwater, I beg to contradict J. Joyce's statement about the half-way bob single turning up in one hour and 42 minutes [a misprint for 47 I expect] and the home bob single in 3 hours and 20 minutes. Referring to the single which I didn't call, as I told him in the tower at Bridgwater at the end of the peal; but I called Holt's Bob, which was nearly two blows late, therefore I left the single out and called "That's all," and brought the bells round in two leads after the last bob was called, and not one lead as he stated, therefore we hold the peal to be true.—Yours truly,

J. MADDOCK
(conductor of the peal).'

An interpretation of all this, still leaving one in no doubt about the truth of the peal, would be most interesting. I should add that this was Mr. Maddock's first peal as conductor. He rang the treble, so perhaps he couldn't see whether the bells came round or not!

'TOM TOLLADAY'S 12,000'

An account in this number of the entertainment to supper, by the Rector, of about 20 members of the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, says that W. Truss contributed the ringers' favourite song, 'Tom Tolladay's 12,000.' It would be most interesting if any of your present readers could tell us what the song was.

No. 17 records the first peal of Stedman Caters by John S. Goldsmith at St. Nicholas', Brighton, on January 2nd, 1897. Fourteen years later he was to start our present journal. About the Bridgwater peal, the Editor very tactfully put a note under 'Answers to Correspondents' that he did not think that any further good could result from the publication of more letters about the peal and that it was for the Association concerned to decide whether the peal was true.

In No. 19 is a biography of Mr. J. J. W. Carr, managing partner of the bell foundry started by his father in 1863 at Smethwick. In the 1890's Mr. Carr produced a ring of six maiden bells, of which the firm was very proud. According to the article, this ring was (in 1897) still the property of the firm. Its owners were unwilling to let it pass out of their possession and the bells went 'on tour in various parts of the country where they are used to heighten the attractions of different theatrical performances.' We are not told their weight, only that they were awarded two gold medals and a diploma of honour and were pronounced by the experts to be perfect in tone and finish. What we would really like to know is what happened to them—whether some lucky ringers have them in their tower to use today.

The editorial in No. 20 returns to one of Mr. Bedwell's hobby horses—the neglected state of many belfries, especially in the Metropolis. He puts a deal of the blame on the fact that the clergy in many cases do not support the ringers, and he quotes remarks by the Master of the College Youths. 'If the clergy were found more at the west end of the church, bell-ringers would be found more frequently at the east end of the church.'

'Brother String,' having dealt with Superlative Surprise Major some weeks back, deals in No. 21 with Cambridge Surprise in what he calls the 'Burton Variation,' because this allows more freedom in composition, thus allowing more musical peals to be composed. The method is what today we know as New Cambridge, but I guess not a few readers were mystified by a misprint which made the second, when doing the front work with the treble at the end of the course—dodge 1-2, lead, 3 blows in seconds, 3 blows lead, dodge 1-2 with treble and make seconds!

Whether a portent of the paper's coming demise or not, in this issue was started a 'Sale or Exchange' column—three lines, one insertion, 6d.; three insertions, one shilling. Only one entry appeared—a gent's cycle; so the gross takings on this venture were 4d. a week for three weeks!

(To be continued)

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SYDMONTON'S FIRST PEAL

Sunday, November 16th, will be a day to remember for the villagers of Sydmonton, Hants, as after nearly 70 years of chiming only they were able to hear their six bells rung for 2 hours and 48 minutes of good ringing in the first peal ever recorded on the bells.

An article has already appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the history of these bells. The first peal attempt was arranged for October 5th but had to be postponed because of a breakdown of one of the cars.

However, no snags arose for the second attempt. The band met at 3.30 and a start was made shortly afterwards for Bob Minor. Two oil lamps were lighted as electric lighting has not yet been completed in the church.

Ralph, the conductor, had to shout at the top of his voice, the bells being immediately overhead. Fortunately there were no trips, and a great sigh of relief was expressed when the bells came into rounds.

We were all impressed by the way that Mary rang a difficult treble; she put up a fine performance, proving that there are good lady ringers.

We would also like to associate Pat Cannon and Trevor Cross with this peal, both of whom were included in the party for the previous attempt but not able to present.

It is hoped now to go ahead with the forming of a local band so that the bells may be rung regularly for every service. G. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

'The most successful meeting of the year' was the title earned by the annual nomination meeting of the Farnham District, held at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, on November 29th.

Very many ringers attended and most of the towers in the District were represented. Several methods, ranging from rounds to Cambridge, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Ringers' Service was conducted by the Rev. L. C. Smale, chaplain to Brookwood Hospital. He gave a very interesting sermon, quoting extracts from a very old book on bell-ringing.

Tea was served at Worplesdon Place, and was followed by a speedy but thorough business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Denyer (Master of the Guild) in the chair.

An apology for absence was received from the District secretary, Mr. C. J. Beadle, who is in hospital having a slight operation. His wife was asked to convey the best wishes of the meeting for his speedy recovery. Mr. S. Joyce gave the vote of thanks to the chaplain, organist and organisers of the tea.

The names of Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers were nominated for the posts of Ringing Master and assistant, to be voted on at the annual general meeting to be held at Aldershot on January 31st. All other committee members were re-elected. Nine new ringing members were elected. M. A. C.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, Barbara Marchant 2, T. S. Baker 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles 5, P. J. Woodgery (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

A Fashion Critic Conductor

Inspired by a Belfry Gossip paragraph on the dress of Crondall lady handbell ringers, Mr. W. W. Ring, who conducted 1,260 Grandire Triples at Tenterden, Kent, on November 16th, writes:—

'Miss Millen was rather gay in a cream blouse and plaid skirt, while Miss Meynell turned out in a blue jumper, slacks and brown boots (brown boots—I ask you!).

'The eminent Miss Relf had a Paisley blouse, a skirt by Daks, and beetle-crushers. Miss Marshall wore a white blouse and grey skirt in the best W.I. tradition, but this was offset by beetle-crushers, too!'

The ringers were Winifred Millen (first of Triples) 1, Mary Meynell 2, Violet Relf 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, W. P. Tickner 5, W. H. Prior 6, W. W. Ring (conductor) 7, P. Relf 8.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting of the Saxmundham District held at Leiston on November 15th was well attended, with Mr. L. G. Brett, the Guild Ringing Master, being present. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob Major to Yorkshire Surprise.

At the business meeting Mr. James Bailey, District Ringing Master, gave a warm welcome to all present. The proposed new Districts for the Suffolk Guild gave vent to much discussion. On a motion by Mr. Alan Pipe, seconded by Mr. Peter Bedford, it was agreed that these should be accepted, with the recommendation that Wickham Market and Marlesford should be in the same District. New members elected were Monty Basket, John Ludbrook, Denny Watling and Trevor Hughes (ringing members) and S. Pritchard-Barrett (honorary member), all of Kelsale. A collection in aid of the Suffolk Guild Restoration Fund amounted to 10s. 7d. The date of the next meeting was held over in view of the new Districts. A. R. B.

WAREHAM BELLS

In June the bells of Wareham, Dorset, were removed to Loughborough, the seventh to be recast and the others retuned. When the bells were out of the tower it was then possible to examine thoroughly the beams supporting the frame, and several bad pieces of timber were found. As a result it was decided to remove the old beams and install new girders and a new metal frame.

The Barron Bell Fund had already given £300 towards the cost of restoration, and they have now most generously doubled this. But there is still £600 to be found. The parish is working hard to raise this money, but any donations would be most gratefully received by Mr. Ashton-Taylor, Worgret Road, Wareham—the treasurer of the Bell Fund.

It is hoped to sell pieces of oak from the beams and frame, as some of it is in excellent condition and is hundreds of years old.

BELL-RINGING IS NOT A DYING ART

The statement made by the Rector of Ashley at the Lichfield Consistory Court that 'bell-ringing was a dying art and the Advisory Committee would have to face the fact sooner or later' (see 'R.W.', page 759) has been emphatically denied by Mr. E. H. Edge, hon. secretary, The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers. To the 'Sentinel' he writes:—

'During the past three months this Association has been conducting, as part of a country-wide census being carried out by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, a comprehensive factual survey of Sunday service bands and ringing at all the churches in North Staffordshire (north of a line Marchington-Eccleshall) with rings of five or more bells. With four returns to come in the position is as follows:—

'Ten- and eight-bell towers—Seven completely manned for all service ringing; seven satisfactorily manned, i.e., at least six bells rung regularly for all services; two less well rung; none not rung.

'Five- and six-bell towers—Thirteen completely manned, four partially manned, three not rung, four unringable.

'In all, more ringers than ringable bells (although the ringing strength of some towers is greater than others).

'With nearly 80 per cent. of the bells satisfactorily rung for services Sunday by Sunday, this can hardly be called "a dying art." At any one point in time the situation has probably never been better.

'There is no doubt that many churches are in need of recruits and others of experienced ringers, particularly for instruction, but these internal difficulties emanate mainly from the last war when for several years the church bells were not permitted to ring, bands were dispersed and no training of new ringers could take place. In many towers there is an age gap of 20 years between the older ringers, taught before the war, and the eldest of the young ringers who have joined the towers since the war.

'Our church bells ring and will continue to be rung for very many years to come.'

CHURCH-GOING IN NORTH STAFFS

Dear Sir,—A great saving of expense and labour would accrue and much acrimony would be removed if the parishioners of Ashley and Bagnall attended at the village 'locals' on a Sunday evening and listened in to the B.B.C. broadcast of church services. The question of the propriety of recorded bells would not then arise.—Yours sincerely,

Leamington Spa.

HENRY ALLEN.

'WHITTINGTONS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Walker's letter on page 761 reminds me that the first peal on the 12 bells at Canterbury in December, 1924 or 5 (I am temporarily unable to check the exact date), was Stedman Cinques in the Whittingtons by the late F. Hayes, of High Wycombe.

Mr. Hayes as a composer was unlikely to have many compositions of Stedman Cinques, so it is more than probable he had called this peal himself in his own tower some years before.—Yours sincerely,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREAT YARMOUTH AND ITS CLOCK CHIMES

Dear Sir,—As many readers will know, the magnificent Parish Church of Great Yarmouth, now rapidly rising from wartime ruin, will soon possess a fine ring of 13 bells (tenor 30 cwt. in D) with a flat sixth.

It is necessary in the very near future to choose the quarter chimes for the clock. These can be on 4, 5, 6 or 8 bells. I am seeking advice from many quarters on the matter, and should be glad to have the views of any readers interested. We already have the Cambridge Chimes (often wrongly called the Westminster Chimes!) on our Town Hall which, apart from their over-familiarity through the wireless, seems to exclude them from our choice.

I hope to be 'at home' to anyone interested at Yarmouth Vicarage on the evening of Wednesday, December 17th, there to make a choice or at least to get a short list of possible chimes. I should be grateful for any helpful letters by then. A grand cruciform mediæval church at the end of an ancient market place seems to call for a grand and solemn chime rather than a merry one; apart from this I have no ideas at the moment. But it would be very pleasant to have a chime which would come to have an association with Yarmouth in the minds of our multitudes of holidaymakers, and which they would hear again with pleasure as they get out of their long-distance motor coaches on Church Plain nearby.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage,
Norfolk.

PEAL RINGERS ARE NOT ONLY TO BLAME

Dear Sir,—I also agree entirely with Mr. W. Ring ('R.W.', November 7th). Why criticise and blame the enthusiastic peal ringer, or any other enthusiastic ringer, for the faults and failures of others?

For a change, let us see put up for criticism the 'dog in the manger' type, the 'stick in the mud' type with little or no interest, and the unreliable Sunday service ringer who only turns up when he feels like it.

Yes, I ring peals on Saturdays and attend Guild meetings; I am leader of a tower whose band try to keep the bells ringing on Sundays (not always successfully).

In addition to our own practice I attend others in the District; in each case we try to ring simple methods when enough Sunday service ringers turn up with enough interest to have a go.

Quite often I travel a distance of 14 miles each way by bus to attend a really good, progressive practice, where Surprise Major methods are regularly rung for Sunday service, and all this band are regular peal ringers.

I quite agree that Sunday service ringing should be the 'backbone'; if this was so there would be no need for the Central Council's concern over the poor state of Sunday service ringing.

There are plenty of 'Sunday service' ringers who have not enough interest to attend a Guild meeting, even in their own District.—Yours, etc.,

R. W. REX.

Thatcham, Berks.

OTHER FACTORS ABOUT SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am interested in your current series of letters on the question of Sunday service ringing, and quite agree that the vast majority of peal ringers are regularly to be found in the tower on Sundays. I do feel, however, that all your correspondents have fallen into the common error of considering the ringer purely in that capacity, and not also as the member of a congregation and a family.

Shift work makes both peal and regular Sunday ringing difficult. The presence of young children or an invalid in the family may mean that while an occasional peal is possible it is not easy to be committed to a regular attendance on Sundays, particularly if the ringer wishes to attend a service, as to ring would double the length of time away from home.

I can also think of a variety of circumstances in which, perhaps temporarily, attendance at church may conflict with the obligation in the tower. It is obviously desirable that a ringer should live in the parish of the church where he rings, and worship there also, but this is not always possible. If a youngster is introduced to ringing, often by a school friend, he might be able to ring regularly on Sundays only by discontinuing attendance with his family at his local parish church.

Again, the ringer who learns while away from home—perhaps at college or in the Forces—and has even become a peal ringer, may be faced with this same problem on his return. More common is the difficulty of an established ringer who marries and sets up his home at some distance from the church with bells. This is particularly true of the ringer at a cathedral or an old church now in the heart of a commercial or industrial area. If he is regular in his attendance his young family may well have to attend their own church without him.

There are ringers who are organists, and those who find the liturgical observance of the church which happens to have bells is not that to which they have always been accustomed. I can think also of a peal ringer who has always attended with his family a church where the bells have now been unsafe for some years.

Ringers affected by any of these conditions should obviously give an explanation to their own tower captain and the incumbent, if he is interested, but they are certainly not called upon to justify themselves to a casual critic. We should be chary of general criticism and judge only on an accurate knowledge of individual circumstances.—Yours truly,

LUCILE M. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

NORTH STONEHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Two weeks in succession now (November 14th and 21st) the weight of the tenor at North Stoneham has been given in your peal columns as 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Mr. Matkin especially should not have forgotten that the back seven were recast by Taylors in 1956 and rehung almost exactly two years ago.

The tenor, for the benefit of future conductors of peals on the bells, now weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. FORDER.

Swaythling.

BETHERSDEN AND SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret I am quite unable to act upon the suggestion of J. Burgess, of Friezland, and check up on the 177 ringers he mentions to see who rang Major or over for morning service, but I'm certain that very few of them did because many of them I suspect hail from 6-bell towers, and you can't ring Major on six bells however hard you try!

We are not so concerned with *what* they ring but with *whether* they ring for service, and I'm quite sure that most of the 177 ringers mentioned rang for service somewhere—probably always have done and always will do; I therefore stick to my former statement that peal ringers are also service ringers (with a few exceptions, of course).

Mr. Pellet has me staggering with a right-cross from out of the blue—I wasn't expecting such a crushing blow from the Woodchurch quarter!

While it is true that Bethersden bells have been silent for some months, it's *not* because there are no ringers (moral: ignore village gossipers—Reg Pellet, please note): quite a different reason, I assure you; but I cannot go into it here I'm afraid.

We have four peal ringers in the band, but one is out of the district at the moment and another can only ring for service on odd occasions owing to awkward working hours, so that leaves us with two peal ringers (who always turn up); the rest of the band is made up of non-peal ringers, some of whom think nothing of letting the remainder down by coming very late or not at all.

However, our troubles have been ironed out now and we ring at least once every Sunday, call-changes and method ringing, depending upon who turns up; moreover, our ringers can handle their bells, which is more than can be said for some of our neighbours!

If Reg cares to come over to Bethersden at any time we shall be pleased to see him.—Yours, etc.

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

KENT'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—A few additional comments on Mr. Davies' letter may be helpful. Of the 8-bell towers, at Sandwich the tenor is still rung for the 8 p.m. curfew, while at St. Margaret's, Rochester, a boiler stands in the ringing chamber, thus preventing the bells being rung.

The trouble at Sandhurst is that the tenor hits the frame; one other six—Chislehurst—has been unringable for many years, but a restoration is now in hand.

One 5-bell tower was omitted—High Halstow. Here is an excellent example of a disinterested vicar who has had the ropes removed and a new ringing room ceiling installed, without rope-holes. The bells at Newchurch have been rung within recent years: on the occasion of my visit we were told we rang at our own risk, the local band being insured.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Case 1, L. Smith 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. C. Edwards 4, W. F. Eyden 5, G. W. Holland 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. In memoriam Harry Ridgway.

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LETTERS (continued)

EQUATE THE OPPOSITE VIEWS

Dear Sir,—Whenever one goes to a meeting, a topic that sooner or later arises is 'peals.' It would appear that in campanological circles it is considered a mark of esteem to have so many hundred peals to your credit. Thus one type of ringer emerges—the type who always has his eye on his peal total. (Can this be called 'peal mania'?) At the other end of the scale we have the person who hasn't a good word to say for peal ringers. (Anti-peal mania, perhaps?) In between, of course, we have the whole host of ringers who are tolerant of both types and subscribe to neither of these extreme views. Where does this get us? Presumably nowhere, for two persons with fundamentally opposed views can never be made to agree. (Try having an argument with someone.)

However, I think it is generally agreed that peal ringing improves striking, and if we look upon peal ringing as a means to an end—better striking and thus better service ringing—and not as an end in itself—merely the adding to one's personal peal score—we shall have equated in some small measure the two opposed views.

Again, is the quality of Sunday service ringing necessarily measured in terms of quarter peals? Surely the quality of service ringing is essentially a local matter where the object is to extend the local bands to their limits, whether it be multi-method Spliced Surprise Major or well-struck rounds, all doing their best at what they are capable. Obviously this limit will vary between bands, and thus, whilst admitting that competition is a great stimulant, it would be wrong to gloat over any apparent superiority at achievement when a particular band has the ringers, facilities and methods at their fingertips. —Yours faithfully,

DAVID STAPLES.

Cheltenham.

METHODS AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I have clearly been misunderstood by Mr. Wratten. I did not state and never have stated that a call makes a plain course into another method. My argument is that if a conductor wants to report a peal as 21 methods, be it 21 methods or 12 methods and 9 variations, no one has the right to re-report this peal as has occurred in the 'R.W.' recently.

On the pages which Mr. Wratten points out there also on page 557 appears three peals by friends of mine, and on page 493 another by them. They are reported in methods and not methods and variations, and no one can alter these reports be they members of the C.C. Analysis Committee or a ringer in the smallest tower in the smallest village on this island. The C.C. can split peals into methods and variations if they wish to for their records. They cannot, however, make anyone report a peal in this way and I don't think they are trying to.

Some people, both in and out of the C.C., misunderstand its rules and decisions. The C.C. only offers advice on ringing matters such as composition, methods, etc. I was very pleased to see in the 'R.W.' that the C.C. did not try to make anyone complete the Sunday service survey form but asked Guilds to bring it up at the next meeting and see if its members would undertake such a survey. Therefore let other people stop telling conductors how to report peals lest they offend any good conductors or ringers and the offended leave the Exercise, which I am sure no reasonable ringer wishes to cause.

I once read in the 'R.W.' where someone said the standard of Doubles ringing had fallen off considerably. I know not if this person was comparing Doubles ringing with 8-bell ringing, but recently I had the pleasure of ringing at Burnham.

This town is really aware of the good or bad qualities of bell-ringing, due to the efforts of Mr. George Gilbert. However, this fine old gentleman told me that he had started training his present band after having lost an excellent 8-bell band who could ring Major as well as any band, which must have sounded wonderful on this lovely eight. He, of course, taught his new band Doubles methods, and on Sunday they rang Doubles with 1 and 2 leading and the tenor drumming. Yet the public stopped George in the street and told him that the ringing of late sounded much better than previously. —Yours faithfully, TERRY M. HAINES.

Moulton, Northampton.

HESTON'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 7th, your correspondent, Mr. Hillis, said I did not mention in my letter whether such a high standard of performance is a regular feature of our Sunday service ringing. Naturally we do not ring two quarter peals each Sunday with two different bands.

In January this year we decided to attempt at least one quarter peal each month for Sunday service, and up to the present time we have rung 14 quarters, including Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. We have 18 regular Sunday service ringers and each one has rung in quarter peals this year. We also have four recruits who can ring rounds.

Wishing Mr. Hillis and his band the best of luck.—Yours sincerely, W. W. WEBB.
Heston, Middlesex.

LATE NOTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on December 13th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3490
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Skelton on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3491

NEW CHURCHES AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—In your report of the 321st anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Archdeacon of London is quoted as saying that ringing was 'an absolutely essential service to the Church.'

This is rather a sweeping statement to make, as obviously it can apply only where a church possesses a ring of bells. There are also many churches possessing ringable bells whose parishioners do not appear to regard their use for Sunday services as either necessary or desirable.

In a somewhat different category are most of the new churches which have been built in this country during recent years. Few of them have been designed with substantial towers capable of accommodating a ring of bells.

These new churches being built today present special problems, as even the provision of a single bell is something of an expensive luxury, when money is scarce and building costs are high. In such cases, where perhaps the organ is represented by an electronic device, it is not unlikely that bell sounds will be produced electronically as well.

Thus it would seem that of all the churches in the land, the proportion requiring a band of ringers is steadily becoming less.

As a matter of interest, I wonder if any of your more knowledgeable readers could say how many of the completely new churches built since the last war have been furnished with a ring of bells.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the very foggy conditions, approximately 35 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild held at St. Giles' Church, Balderton, on November 15th. Thanks to a large party from Greasley, the bells were soon going to a variety of methods before a service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Johnson).

A fine tea was arranged and served by Mrs. C. W. Reed and her helpers. At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, the secretary's action regarding the old records of the Midland Counties Guild was confirmed. After the meeting a general return to the tower for more ringing followed.

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NEWARK'S GOPHER DINNER

THE day dawned with its traditional fog, but this cleared sufficiently by the evening to enable all intending visitors to arrive in time for the sixth annual Gopher Dinner, held at the Northern Hotel, Newark, on Friday, November 14th.

After the partaking of a most enjoyable meal, the loyal toast was proposed by the president, Canon J. H. D. Grinter.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by the longest serving member of the Society, Mr. E. F. Taylor, who coupled it with the name of the Master (Mr. J. W. Raithby). Mr. Taylor recalled that he personally originally introduced the Master to ringing many years ago.

The Master in reply thanked Mr. Taylor for his kind words and wishes for the Society. During the last year the Society, he said, had probably reached its lowest ebb, during the summer months. At the last dinner he had seen a revival but this had petered out early in the year. Later in the year, due to a publicity campaign organised by the Vicar and himself, both in the Church Magazine and the local press, ten new learners had been obtained and a certain amount of progress had been made. All were doing well. He thanked the local papers for the generous way in which they had co-operated in this project.

Mr. Raithby also proposed the toast of 'The President,' and said it was always a great pleasure to welcome the Vicar on the annual outing and to the Gopher Dinner.

The Vicar, thanking the Society for their good wishes, said that he had enjoyed the outing to Chester, which was new ground to him. He apologised for not seeing the ringers as often as he would have liked, but he had not been enjoying the best of health, and despite the well wishes of one busy lady in the parish and the secretary's extolling during the dinner of a muffled peal, he was not yet at death's door.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by the secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, and acknowledged by Mr. S. Adams.

The company included the president (Canon J. H. D. Grinter), the Master and Mrs. Raithby, Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mr. E. F. Taylor.

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ANDOVER DISTRICT OUTING

Augmented by friends from the Newbury area, the Andover District had an enjoyable outing into Wiltshire on November 15th.

At the first tower, Collingbourne-Ducis (6), six ropes were encountered. The heavy six at Netheravon provided the highlight of the day—a course of London Surprise Minor. Amesbury (6) bells were rung before tea at Milliard's Café. Durnford's five bells have a slow-going tenor, and the day's ringing finished at Woodford (6), where the fourth bell is tucked away out of sight behind the organ.

We were pleased to meet en route ringers from Salisbury and Southampton, and to renew acquaintance with the Rev. Kenneth Davis. Thanks are accorded to the Misses White for their arrangements. G. K. D.

OBITUARY

MR. C. PORTSMOUTH

The parish of Harlington, Middlesex, and the Middlesex Association in particular have sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Charles Portsmouth, who had rung at Harlington for 50 years. His first connection with the Parish Church was as a choirboy, and at 17 he was in the tower as a ringer. He also became the first Scout Master in Harlington. From 1919 to 1929 he was captain of the ringers and later became churchwarden. On a Sunday Charlie was always to be found either in the tower or in his seat in church. He leaves a widow.

The funeral was held on November 26th, the Rector (Rev. A. T. Morgan) officiating. The Middlesex County Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Coles (vice-president), with Mr. L. Grice, captain at Harlington, and Mr. A. Sapsford.

Mr. Coles sends this appreciation:

'Charlie was of a kindly, generous and gently humorous nature, and he had through the years endeared himself to all who were fortunate enough to know him well. Those of us who are left to mourn his loss will be comforted by the faith that by now he will have received his just reward by the greeting "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"'. L. G.

MR. HARRY RIDGWAY

Mr. Harry Ridgway, who died at his home at Deenshanger, near Wicken, Northants, on November 17th, aged 76, had been a ringer for well over 50 years—first at Passenham and since 1920 at Wicken. He was a wheelwright.

He passed to higher life the way he always said he would like to. He rang for evening service at Wicken on November 16th, and on Monday mid-day, after having his usual pint at the local, sat beside his fire and slept all earthly cares away.

His peals consisted mostly of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and he was the regular treble ringer in the late A. J. Green's Surprise Major band. To all who knew Harry he was a beloved, jovial character, who was renowned for his fine taste of a good pint and a game of dominoes.

After the funeral his fellow ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal at Wicken in his favourite method—Stedman Triples. W. A. Y.

MR. B. H. SWINSON

We regret to record the death on November 17th of Mr. B. H. Swinson, of Tower Hamlet, St. Saviour, Jersey, C.I.

MR. GEOFFREY CARTER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Geoffrey Carter, the well-known member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and also of London University Society. Cremation took place this week at Golders Green Crematorium.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and about 30 members attended the annual meeting of the North West Branch at Black Torrington on November 8th. The Rector conducted the service.

Owing to the illness of the chairman (Mr. F. Smale), the Rev. J. G. M. Scott presided at the business meeting. Mr. R. Pearce was elected secretary and treasurer in succession to Mr. J. Sangwin who had resigned, and Mr. C. Sangwin Ringing Master. Twenty new members from Shebbear College were welcomed. Thanks were expressed to the Rector and the ladies who provided the tea. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The dominating tower of Aldington, visible for many miles over Kentish countryside, with its fine ring of six bells was the scene of the meeting of the Ashford District on November 15th, for the first time for 21 years.

The meeting started slowly, as the church is very isolated, but the Rector (the Rev. P. E. Goldsmid) and Mr. D. Hooker (captain of the Aldington band) were on hand to welcome visitors to their well-kept ringing chamber. At the service the Vicar gave a thoughtful address based on Psalm 81, verse 3. Mr. Peter Small read the lesson, and Mr. C. T. Hillis was the organist.

It was a cheery party that walked the cold, dark mile or so to the warm Village Hall, where an excellent spread was enjoyed by the 23 visitors.

The Rector agreed to act as chairman at the short business meeting. The secretary reminded the gathering that the District last met at Aldington in May, 1937, when over 100 ringers met to celebrate the late Mr. Charles Slingsby's 100th birthday, and that on that occasion over 200 visitors packed the church and afterwards had tea on the Rectory lawn. He then presented the Rector with a photograph of that meeting, showing Mr. Slingsby and other stalwart veterans, of whom only Mr. F. Mitchell (then secretary of the Association) and Mr. E. S. Ruck are still alive. Mr. Hooker promised to mount the photograph and install it in the ringing chamber. Two new members joined the Association.

Mr. T. Cullingworth voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Rector and Mr. Hooker for such an enjoyable meeting. C. T. H.

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5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 8, 78, 76, 55,
5, 5, 5, 4, 558, 78, 76, 55,
1234, 345, 7876, 55,
8876, 554, 1234525.

See Amid the Winter Snow

545, 6788, 54, 233, 44,
545, 6788, 543, 2455,
1123, 456, 1123456,
5, 45, 6788, 135, 2345.

A Virgin Unspotted

6543, 4567, 654348, 65434567, 4654348,
8767, 4567, 34, 1234,
65434567, 4654348.

What Child is This (tune: Greensleeves)

754323468, 765, 7787688,
754323468, 7656778678,
Chorus:
11234687657787688,
11234687656778678.

Jingle Bells

4, 46784, 44, 4678, 3, 3356, 2, 44576, 84,
4, 4784, 446783, 335674444, 345, 78.

Chorus:

666, 666, 648, 76, 555, 556, 666, 6, 77, 8, 74,
666, 666, 648, 76, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6666, 4456,
78.

Holsworthy Bells

41234, 56, 78, 7654567, 41234, 56, 78, 64565, 78,
65, 31, 34, 68, 43, 51, 34,
63212, 63, 21, 3743234,
4123456, 78, 76, 54, 567,
63, 31, 34, 61, 64565, 78.

Holy Night

4346, 4346, 77221, 11, 44,
331, 234, 346, 3, 3, 1, 23, 4346,
77, 57, 2, 1, 6, 1, 46, 4, 5, 7, 8.

While Shepherds Watched

8, 66, 78, 556, 7644, 54, 63456788,
6788, 78.

The First Noel

678, 7654, 321, 234, 321, 234, 32, 1456,
678, 7654, 321, 234, 321, 234, 32, 1456,
678, 7654, 12334, 1234, 321, 456.

Christ is Born

8864, 334, 676, 5476, 6678, 776, 4341, 1, 2, 11.

Brightest and Best (Morpeth tune only)

4, 4, 4, 4, 645, 65456, 87764, 4, 4, 345667,
5, 5, 5, 5, 76565, 456, 67, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
7, 6, 8.

Bless This House

8, 644, 334, 5468, 778,
8, 644, 334, 321, 4546,
1, 124, 334, 33, 46787,
8768, 543, 211, 46, 788.

Come and Worship

876, 676, 45, 6788, 776, 634, 56778,
667653, 4, 44, 1, 4, 876, 65, 78.

The Lord is My Shepherd

8641431456888, 8, 641, 43, 1456, 8888,
768, 8, 7688, 764, 1111.

Come All Ye Faithful

558548, 343234, 556765436788,
558548, 343234, 556765436788,
12323, 435, 468,
5565, 458, 334, 32, 34,
32, 3456, 5234, 55.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bell's (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea must be notified for to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3409

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Witton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify before Dec. 4th H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich.—D. Smith, Sec. 3439

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 3438

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3415

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Lady Neville Pavilion, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 3377

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Special method, Beverley Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3394

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3418

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafes available.—M. P. Barron, Sec. 3421

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Vera Parish, 76, Burman Road, Wath, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 3428

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Fanmakers Hall 5 p.m. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, available after tea. 3378

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. 3424

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Sampford Arundel.—Dedication of new treble bell by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11th. There will be an open day for ringers on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing (6 bells) from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. F. Warren (Master of the Diocesan Guild). Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mrs. Williams, Rose Cottage, Sampford Arundel, Wellington. 3346

BARNESLEY DISTRICT.—Meeting, Wakefield Cathedral, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Sandal bells 2.30 to 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m., Brook Street School. Tea—please notify Mr. John E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfield Road, Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton. 3446

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Banwell (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m.—David H. White. 3445

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 3443

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion 5 p.m. A good company is requested.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 3448

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Goole. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 11th to Mr. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole. 3456

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 10th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3477

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 3469

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Clay-Cross. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis. 3454

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Dec. 13th, Tonbridge (8)—Penshurst not available. Names by Dec. 11th to C. Hancock, Ridgefield, Highams Lane. Look up Yorkshire. Names for dinner, please.—C. A. Bassett. 3466

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3450

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3466

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Ewhurst, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to me, at 30, The Drive, Cranleigh.—D. A. Kirk. 3457

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, Dec. 13th, St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by Dec. 9th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 3465

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Names for tea to Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3441

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Dec. 10th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3460

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Mrs. D. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good. 3368

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Cheshunt. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3475

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Wraxall, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 3468

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool, 19.—T. E. Radcliffe. 3449

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Millom, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 2 to 3 p.m. Names to M. Overfield, The Cross, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby. 3478

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Blackburn Branches.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Whittle-le-Woods. Refreshments at nominal charge. Names by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. T. Barker, 209, Eaves Lane, Chorley. A6 road.—L. Walmsley and C. Blakey. 3436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at All Saints', Hamer (Rochdale). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Nominations for Ringing Master.—Hudson, Sec. 3433

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Coach and Horses.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3471

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATIONS

The publication of 'The Ringing World' for the issue of December 26th will be printed before Christmas.

Notices of meetings should reach this office by Saturday, December 20th, to ensure insertion. Please remember that there are likely to be postal delays.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 3404

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed immediately by tea and business. Evening ringing to be announced next week. Names for tea, please, to Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, Clapham, S.W.4. 3467

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Packington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 10th to Mr. R. Clifton, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicester. 3462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3463

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Old Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to Mr. R. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 3411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 11th to J. Norsworthy, 15, The Terrace, Bray.—Butler, Hon. Sec. 3488

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llanstephan, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelli, Carmar. 3437

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Chippenham bells available from 6 p.m. Note: All members please, attend to discuss the re-arrangement of Districts.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening ringing at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 9 p.m., including a meeting to consider reorganisation of the Districts at 8.15 p.m. in the ringing chamber. 3425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—An important District meeting will be held at Horrington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Acting Sec., 5, Horrington Road, Bury St. Edmunds (129). 3444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, West Tarring (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne. 3461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wootton St. Lawrence (6) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6 p.m. All welcome. 3444

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, 10, Old Road, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3458

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies, Goole, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in School-room near church at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 11th, please, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 3407

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at St. James', Wetherby, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Town Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Dec. 19th to Mr. C. H. Maxfield, 17, Second Avenue, Hallfields, Wetherby.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3476

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Birmingham, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1959. Members who have not received a circular and prospective new members are asked to write before Christmas to B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. 3392

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the newly-formed West Lindsey Branch will be followed by a dinner and social on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Apply for tickets (10s. 6d.) now.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3447

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned. Numbers strictly limited, so apply now!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3351

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