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'ALL YE PARTIES WERE WOOLCOMBERS'

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE record of a peal of St. Blaise Doubles to mark the Festival of St. Blaise (p. 117) is interesting and worthy of more than a passing notice. St. Blaise or Blasius (died A.D. 316) was Saint, Bishop and Martyr. According to legend he was Bishop of Sebaste, Cappadocia, and suffered martyrdom under Licinius by being torn with an iron comb and then beheaded. He thus became the patron saint of weavers and woolcombers, and in Western art appears in the vestments of a Bishop, and his peculiar emblem is an iron comb, such as used by woolcombers. Three churches in England are dedicated to him, and his name appears in the calendar of the Book of Common Prayer. He is specially honoured in Yorkshire, and in Bradford his festival (February 3rd) was high-day with processions and pageants.

In the old Leicester Scholars' peal records it is stated that on April 4th, 1807, Annable's peal of 5,040 Bob Major was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, conducted by Thomas Sibson, and 'all ye parties were woolcombers.' One wonders if, after the peal, they adjourned to the 'Woolcomber's Arms,' which still carries on its business and is only about a hundred yards from St. Margaret's Church.

Our old friend Woolley and others, by name Woolford, Woolman and the like, doubtless are descendants of those who followed this staple trade. Its importance is shown in the presentation by Edward III. to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as a reminder that the seat of England's greatness and future prosperity was to be found in the wool trade. In those early days wool was exported in sufficient quantities as to be taxed to produce 74 per cent. of the country's revenue.

Certain churches are called 'wool churches,' and the reason is that they were either built or restored by the wealthy merchants of the wool trade. In the Cotswold, for instance, the famous churches of Cirencester, Northleach, Chipping Campden, Fairford and others all owe their glory to the wealth created by the trade. Thus the Grevels rebuilt Chipping Campden; the Fforteys, Northleach; the Tames, Fairford; while the noble church of Cirencester, with its tall embattled tower and three-storey porch, owes much of its glory to the woolstaplers, whose memorials in brass and stone may be seen in nave and chancel.

The famous church of Lavenham commemorates on its tower the Spring family of woolstaplers, who did so much for the church and charities, and many other instances might be noted, such as the Burton chapel in All Saints', Loughborough, and the Wyggeston hospital, schools and charities in Leicester.

THE PRACTICE

READING 'Country Neighbours,' a book by David Green, I found an interesting description and conversation concerning an unnamed belfry in north-west Oxfordshire (writes Miss Marilyn Bell) which I thought might interest ringers. The excerpt is originally from 'The Countryman.'

The quotation is as follows:—

... 'And so back to the ringing room, where all five ringers have arrived and are ready for practice. "Is it get up and go through or get up and stop?" Captain asks them. "Get up and stop," pipes Treble, a small man, nervous. "Get up and stop it is, then," agrees Captain, "we're all out of practice," and spitting on his hands he seizes the striped sally and takes his stance, one unlaced boot a little before the other. (Captain is tall and lean, about fifty, with an air of knowing what he's about. The others tense: he is relaxed.)

'There is a great clash and then another and another as all five heave on the ropes to peal the bells and get them up, so that for a minute discord flies out over the quiet fields. This is the bells' time and for a while the ringers give them their heads. Yet underlying the clamour you hear Tenor (Captain's bell) steady, calling them to order, and sure enough in a little while a steady rhythm sets in.

'But just as all seems well and the ringers in stride there is a sudden "Stand" from Captain and the sound falls off and dies. "Right through now?" he asks. "Ah, but what if I mistake?" demurs Treble. "Follow your table and you can't go wrong," Captain tells him, pointing to the columns of figures on the wall," but keep off the red numbers, them's mine." So sallies are grasped again and serious work begins.

'Number Three, a young blacksmith, looks cheerfully confident now, as who would not with biceps rising to hillocks beneath the snowline of rolled sleeves as he strains on the rope. But for style we look to Captain, erect, manifestly at ease, his sally shooting through the ceiling with a convulsive wriggle to vanish completely, as does none of the others, at every alternate stroke. I have to watch it.

'Again the bells cease, and "Where's young Bob?" someone asks. "Dunno," says another; "he'll come if he hears us though." And swift on his cue Bob enters, slipping in quietly from the spiral stair. He is sixteen, fair, bronzed, aglow with health. But ah no, he couldn't take a rope, not up to it, he says. (Nonsense, we can all see you're itching to.) Five voices insist and at last, still protesting he'll never do it, he is persuaded. "You'll do it," says Captain. "you've done it afore, now haven't you?" "Ah," agrees Bob doubtfully as he takes over Treble, "but I forgets, see?"

'For the third time the bells ring out and for a round or two all goes well. For Bob, though, you can see it's fearful concentration, with arms strained, lips parted and every now and then a wild glance over the shoulder as though he sees Time overtaking him... Looks are exchanged. Bob's bell is out of control now, the ringing in chaos. "Stand!" roars Captain and then, "What's the matter, Bob?" Bob is confused. "Shoulda' rung that bit twice, eh?" "Ah, that you should." "I needs more practice see?" "Come, try again then"....

'At last all goes sweetly and one pictures some ancient campanologist in a distant village nodding approval. On a morning if it isn't the barnyard cockerel it is often a bell that wakes us.....'

Deals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, on Feb. 19th, 1960

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 4 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 8
FRANK E. DARBY .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 10
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. 11
JOHN D. ROCK .. 6	JOHN H. CRAMPTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER .. Treble	MICHAEL ELSON .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 10
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*CLAIRE WILLAMORE .. Treble	*LOUIS WILLIERS .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN .. 2	JOHN WALDEN .. 8
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. 10
PETER A. SHARP .. 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 11
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First 12-bell peal.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. Treble	JOHN RHODES .. 6
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	*PETER SCHOLFELD .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	ALEX. E. MARSH .. 8
RITA M. JOWETT .. 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 5	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* 50th peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Bob Royal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILFRED NEWMAN .. Treble	IVOR GOULTER .. 6
VALERIE WILLARD .. 2	THOMAS BOREHAM .. 7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 8
CHARLES T. BURRIDGE .. 4	DAVID BEACHAM .. 9
E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 5	WILLIAM A. FARMER .. Tenor

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 150th tower-bell peal.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDALA.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GERALD D. BROWN .. Treble	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 6
†JEAN STEWART .. 2	‡WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .. 7
‡REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. 3	HARRY BROWN .. 8
PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 4	*RODNEY STRINGER .. 9
*JONATHAN S. N. PORTER .. 5	‡FRED E. DUKES .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal of Royal (first attempt). † 50th peal. ‡ First of Kent Royal (first attempt). First as conductor.

Rung also for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 8
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. 9
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5	GEORGE FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

Rung also to mark the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Charles Robert Armstrong-Jones.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 HILLINGDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. Treble	MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL .. 8
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. 9
DENNIS KNOX .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Arranged by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method.

Rung also in honour of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*ANN BARR .. Treble	*BERNARD J. TOWNSEND .. 5
*BIRYL E. CAWSE .. 2	*MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
†JILL V. MORGAN .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
PAUL WEBB .. 4	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL ELSON.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Major. § First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

*JILL V. MORGAN .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 6
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
DEREK TRANTER .. 4	CLIVE M. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

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ROYAL PEALS—Continued

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D.

BRIAN M. SMITH Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.53).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	†ROY FOSTER 5
JOHN C. BREEZE 2	JOHN RYDER 6
*CLIFFORD W. SHAW 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
†MICHAEL THOMPSON 4	DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Composed by HAROLD WORRALL.

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

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PAULINE ADCOCK Treble	HARRY B. FULLER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	LEONARD J. MINNS 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	†GEORGE FILBY 7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Heywood's transposition.	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
RICHARD V. FULLER Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 6
SHEILA M. DOBBIE 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
MARGARET A. LADD 3	*WILLIAM J. MANNING .. Tenor
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	*BEVAN W. WILLGESS 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD 3	*GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
HENRY TOOKE 4	PETER ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Heywood's transposition.	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
*VIVIAN BARNES Treble	PATRICK HARRIS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	RALPH HARRIS 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	‡RICHARD NEWMAN Tenor
†WILLIAM J. NEWMAN 4	

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman on tower bells. † First of Stedman 'inside.'

‡ First peal.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

I. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstons' Four-part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*ERNEST MORRIS 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 1.900th peal.

MARDEN, KENT. (CORRECTION.)

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	EDWIN BROMLEY 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung to commemorate the completion of the conductor's 50 years' membership of the above Association (Marden, January 29th, 1910).

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID WIGHT Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON 5
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 6
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	*ROBERT HARTLEY 7
FRANK C. PRICE 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Surprise.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	BERNARD B. TYRRELL 5
JOHN W. CARTER 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 6
FRANK TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 7
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

On the 'Gabriel' eight. Tenor 19 cwt. 5½ lb. in F

A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. Treble	PETER M. ADCOCK 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	WILLIAM LOVE 6
STANLEY W. GALL 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS 7
EDWARD HOWES 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Also rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Launcelot Fleming as Lord Bishop of Norwich on January 28th.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*DAVID J. BODICOAT .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	†JOHN A. ACRES 6
†MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3	†G. HARRY BRAY 7
‡BRIAN M. SMITH 4	†ALBERT J. COOKE Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First of Plain Bob 'inside.' The conductor has now called 50 peals on these bells.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Campanile of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JOHN S. STILL Treble	BRIAN D. PRICE 5
*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
‡C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER .. 3	E. WINIFRED KEYS 7
RICHARD J. WILSON 4	ROBERT WAKE Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. † First 'inside' and first of Triples. ‡ First 'inside' on eight bells.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FLANN 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
PETER BORDER 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ROYAL PEALS—Continued

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Court and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT Treble	WALTER WESTON 4
WILLIAM R. MARSH 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
HENRY P. COLLIN 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

SHELLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods: (1) College Exercise; (2) London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford; (3) College Pleasure; (4) Snowdrop; (5) Duke of York; (6) Woodbine; (7) Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS N. STABLES .. Treble	*ERIC STAINROD 4
*TREVOR TARBATT 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal in ten methods. First as conductor in ten methods.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (each called differently). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN S. STILL Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER 3	ROBERT WAKE Tenor

Conducted by E. WINIFRED KEYS.

* First peal on six bells.

Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob, Grandire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*BRIAN E. JEFFERY Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME 3
VICTOR A. PERRY 2	PERCY AMOS 4

JIM C. RAINBOW Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal of Doubles. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

MRS. J. RENDER Treble	JOHN POTTS 4
IRIS LE MARE 2	ALAN EVANS 5
ALAN SHEPPARD 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

HANDBELL PEAL

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT 36, EASTGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

FRANCES FAIRBANK 1—2	CHARLES BARKER 3—4
MALCOLM LINCOLN 5—6	

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

OTHER PEALS—

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 2	JOHN CHILCOTT 8
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 10
JOHN ARMSTRONG 5	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 11
STEWART F. KIMBER 6	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5081 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	JOHN WALDEN 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	HAROLD TAYLOR 9
STANLEY E. BENNETT 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

TERRY PAGE (Downing) .. Treble	PETER LANGTON (Trinity) .. 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	DAVID KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 7
JOHN SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 8
DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) .. 4	ROBIN HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 9
STAN HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 5	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by HENRY TUCKER. Conducted by ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

C. F. SAYER, Librarian .. Treble	W. AYRE, C.C. Rep. .. 6
*E. EDMONDSON, C.C. Rep. 2	R. G. BELL, C.C. Rep. .. 7
F. J. PLUMMER, Treasurer 3	*S. HUCKLE, Sec., St. Albans 8
H. V. FROST, Gen. Sec. .. 4	T. J. SOUTHAM, Sec., E. Dis. 9
†E. G. BUCK, Sec., N. Dist. 5	G. W. DEBENHAM, Pres. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

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

Rung by officers of the Hertford County Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

DOROTHY NELSON Treble	†PETER HANDLEY 5
JAMES DICKINSON 2	†THOMAS E. METCALFE .. 6
HERBERT RAINFORD 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 7
*WILLIAM G. WILSON 4	ALAN CAPSTICK Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

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

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE Treble	†DOROTHY ECCLES 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 2	ROLAND F. ECCLES 6
JOHN BAGNALL 3	†NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 7
†JAMES E. BURLS 4	LAWRENCE E. CLEMENT .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* 100th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	†JOHN A. ACRES 6
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	§BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
†ALAN E. HARTLEY 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.48).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 700th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 600th peal. § 300th peal of Surprise.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLESBeing six extents each of Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.JAMES W. FORDER Treble | TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3
MICHAEL J. STOKES 2 | GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble | †ALAN J. COLLINGS .. 4
R. ANN BARR 2 | †J. DAVID ATKINSON .. 5
*ELIZABETH C. OAKESHETT 3 | PAUL W. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, first attempt.
A birthday compliment to Alan J. Collings.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORBeing one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford.
Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.GEORGE E. FEIRN Treble | W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 4
*VIVIEN RICHARDSON 2 | JACK BRAY 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3 | A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal 'inside.'

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORBeing one extent each of Cambridge, Norwich, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.,
St. Clement's, Double Court and Double Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble | PETER ADCOCK 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2 | THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 3 | HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Mosby. Also a welcome
to the Rev. Sanderson (the new Rector) and Mrs. Sanderson.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORBeing one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double
Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

BARBARA PAYNE Treble | WILLIAM LOVE 4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON 2 | GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
BRIDGET H. MUTIMER .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Launcelot Fleming as
Lord Bishop of Norwich on January 28th.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD J. KING Treble | LEONARD W. KING 4
DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON 2 | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3 | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the recently-instituted Rector, the Rev. K.
Wilkinson Riddle.**John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

HALF PEAL

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): F. H. Andrews 1, Mary Funnell 2, P. Gay 3, D. Uphill 4, Roger Gay (cond.) 5. The first half peal by all.

DATE TOUCHES

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Feb. 22nd, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: R. Broadest 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Kiddle 3, M. Stone 4, K. Derham 5, A. V. Davis 6, L. Stone (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8. First quarter by 1 and 4.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: T. Osbourne 1, Stella Lewis 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, A. R. Price 5, G. Thomas 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, at St. Mary's College, Winchester, 1,960 Grandsire Doubles: P. H. Harris 1, C. A. Morris (first 'inside') 2, A. R. Crawford 3, I. M. Smith 4, J. E. Spice (cond.) 5, R. M. Hillary 6. First touch for 1, 4 and 6. First date touch for any of the band and on the bells.

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: E. Sopp 1, F. Storey 2, J. Reeves 3, S. Hamilton 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5. First quarter peal on the bells since rechanging by a local band.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bull 1, H. Sherratt 2, M. Blore 3, R. Pocklington 4, C. Walklate 5, E. Johnson 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, F. W. Haycock (first quarter) 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Salmon 1, V. Roberts 2, Marjorie Legg 3, G. Prescott 4, S. Smith 5, K. Prime (cond.) 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, R. W. Steward 2, H. A. Mitson 3, C. Snowden 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wlngrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, R. Broadley 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BIGGLESWADE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. H. Smith 1, Mrs. S. I. Smith 2, F. Briscoe 3, P. G. Smith 4, A. S. Smith (cond.) 5. First quarter in method by all and on the bells.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Spencer 1, W. Fay 2, W. Hudson 3, J. A. Robertshaw 4, H. Parker 5, D. S. Johnson (first of Major) 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, R. Ducker 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Carr 1, Alice Talbot 2, Joan Marshall 3, Stella Davis 4, Dorothy Pearce 5, A. Hawkins 6, G. Stocker (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Duke of Leeds, Duke of York): J. W. Buxton 1, T. Tarbatt 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, on the Thomas eight: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, F. Mack 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. L. Glanville 4, H. C. Spencer 5, H. Gaylard 6, N. Mallett 7, F. Wreford 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. C. Begrie 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, M. W. Mason 3, P. J. Mason 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, F. G. Begrie (first quarter) 6.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dyke (first on a working bell) 1, K. Walker (first quarter) 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key 4, D. W. Friend (cond.) 5, T. Edwards (first quarter) 6.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, B. Morley 2, L. Lerner 3, B. Cross 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. Also for the engagement of Princess Margaret.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, H. K. White 2, M. Bishop 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, W. Corderoy 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. First in method for 4, 5 and 6.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. D. Kelly 1, W. H. Taylor 2, Christine Fox 3, Eileen J. Osborne 4, F. Cardwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Chettleburgh (covering) 7.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Fishwick 1, J. P. Partington 2, Christine B. Clayton 3, G. Rothwell 4, F. J. Nelson 5, G. S. Mills 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, D. Butterworth 8.

Quarter peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, born Feb. 19th, 1960

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Valerie Orman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, W. J. Gait (cond.) 3, J. Brooks 4, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 5, J. Naish 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and All Saints): N. Davies 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bulford 1, A. Duggan 2, E. Potter 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, F. Wood 5. First quarter by all except 5.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Birkenshaw 1, M. Bland 2, Ruth How 3, W. Skjwell 4, M. F. Amos 5, J. Perrett 6, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 7, Christine Bradburn 8.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Miss U. Hopkins 1, M. Hughes (first quarter) 2, P. F. T. Smith 3, E. Lloyd 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, G. J. Harris 6. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): M. Hughes 1, G. Harris 2, E. Lloyd 3, P. F. T. Smith 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, G. J. Harris 6.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maud Boley (first quarter) 1, Pat Popham 2, J. Coleman 3, I. J. Burrough 4, H. Petheram (first 'inside') 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, P. Ham 7, R. Fisher (first quarter) 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price (first quarter) 1, R. Harrison 2, C. King 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. J. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langleys 8.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8, covering): D. Evans 1, J. Hartley 2, J. Eden 3, C. Eden 4, F. Jones 5, N. Bryan 6, F. G. Wilton (cond.) 7, G. Kench 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 8. First quarter on the bells since recasting and rechanging.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret E. Sim (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, J. Scott 3, R. Turner 4, E. White 5, S. Hewitt 6, M. B. Liversley 7, Jack Scott (cond.) 8.

OUNDE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Tessa Lovell 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, A. B. Clarke 3, R. Gardner 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, A. Wills 6, C. Page 7, A. Pywell 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Holbrook (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Hassell 2, P. G. Holmes 3, Rev. F. A. Sanders 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. De Combe (first quarter) 1, R. Walker (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, K. Sansom 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, B. Kercher (first of Bob Doubles) 6.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Cornick 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, G. Cornick 4, Miss B. Marsh 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Winter 1, A. Wixey 2, G. P. Green 3, S. J. Pugh 4, F. E. T. Tranter 5, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 6.

ST. MELLONS, WONS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. I. Hulbert 1, G. Monk (86) 2, W. H. Williams 3, L. I. Hulbert 4, R. H. Addis (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler (first quarter) 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bragg 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, F. Gudeons 4, P. Steer 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Dexter 1, W. Loake (first 'inside') 2, N. Spencer (first quarter) 3, R. Loake 4, D. Williams (first as cond.) 5. Also for the 25th anniversary of Mr. C. Hawkins joining the choir.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wakefield 1, Anne Stephens 2, B. Wakefield (cond.) 3, M. J. Cook 4, R. Fenton 5, R. J. Smith 6.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Delia Wright 1, G. E. Foster (cond.) 2, A. R. Fowkes 3, F. Pickard 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, F. L. Hemstock 6.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: C. Robinson 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, A. Perry 3, E. Potter 4, D. V. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. F. Ward 6.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. L. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, Miss M. A. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, Miss J. B. Softley 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nicholls 2, P. D. Baldock 3, C. Matthews 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Meryl Purslow (first quarter) 1, Sheila Hodson 2, Glenda Rowley 3, W. Buckley 4, E. Young (cond.) 5, C. Dobson (first quarter) 6.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, J. E. Ivings 2, H. A. Mitson 3, R. G. Crooks 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. F. Taylor 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. C. Neal 1, M. J. Newth 2, S. Howard 3, D. A. Smith 4, J. W. Parslow (cond.) 5, A. M. Horn 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, June Mallinson 2, A. V. Coates 3, J. Waller 4, G. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. Elwick (cond.) 7, G. Lamerton 8.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. West 1, Miss W. Whitaker (first of Doubles, and first 'inside') 2, Miss A. Aldridge 3, C. Aldridge 4, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 5, Rev. N. Haigh 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob): A. E. Leggett 1, Evelyn Cansdale 2, P. J. Perkins 3, D. E. Culham 4, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 5, B. E. Gibbons 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Caroline Carpenter 1, Anne Garnett 2, Dorothy Robinson 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs 6, C. Mew 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. Also for engagement of Princess Margaret.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. D. O'Donnell (13, first quarter) 1, T. W. Thorpe 2, J. H. Beale (cond.) 3, H. M. Windsor 4, B. Taylor 5, L. C. Beck 6.

Quarter peals rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda J. Kew 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, W. D. Ward 3, J. K. Ward (first as cond.) 4, F. R. Scott 5.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Swann 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen Barnes (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Valerie Mephram 3, R. Seeley 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Baker (first quarter) 1, P. H. Marshall 2, T. Price 3, E. A. Price 4, S. Smith 5, R. Brice 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Lias (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Marshall (first 'inside') 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, R. Clist 4, H. Noakes 5, G. Gilder 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob): J. Nelson (cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, J. Owens 3, R. Crowe 4, J. E. Sumner 5, H. Hunter 6. A compliment to Mr. W. W. Hunter (father of 6) on the completion of 50 years' service as ringer.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary de Crypt, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Allen 1, P. Clarkson 2, W. Jones 3, L. Edwards 4, T. Boreham 5, J. J. Webb 6, L. Barry (cond.) 6. F. Blown 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 4 and 8. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blown 1, W. Jones 2, L. Hewitt 3, P. Allen 4, J. Smart 5, L. Edwards 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. An 80th birthday compliment to H. Newman.

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Mr. G. M. Atkins writes that 'A Flat' was quite wrong in suggesting that his friendship with W.W. was ever strained. W.W. called his first 8-bell peal, and Mr. Atkins well remembers making a special journey to see him during his last illness.

Mr. J. P. Blond has 'completed the circle' of Blewbury tower.

Mr. John R. Mayne was the most successful conductor in 1959 with 55 peals, and not Mr. Peter Border, as was inadvertently published.

Mr. David Lamb, of the Beaconsfield tower, is leaving for Hong Kong for three years. A farewell quarter was rung on February 21st.

The peal for the Royal birth at Stratton St. Margaret was also associated with the 82nd birthday of Mr. T. Moulden, a local ringer.

By ringing the treble at Gosberton to a peal of Bob Minor on February 23rd, C. Harold Whitton 'completed the circle.'

Will the sender of the peal at Blaisdon, Glos, on February 6th, please forward his name and address for the extra copies ordered.

When our Oundle correspondent sent in a report to a local newspaper of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor it appeared in print as 'Bob Junior.'

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton informs us that the Alliance methods Snodland and Swanscombe were mistakenly named by his band Adwick and Scawthorpe on November 3rd, 1955.

In the peal of 5,040 Doubles rung at Nassington (see page 118) there were 14 different methods rung, not extents as was inadvertently written.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Yorkshire S. Major at Cheadle on February 10th (page 131) was Miss Margaret Ross and not as printed. The conductor sends his apologies.

Before leaving to take up a new appointment as Rector of Melton, the Rev. L. R. Manthorp is anxious to clear the debt of £100 on Wenhas-ton, Suffolk, bells, which were rehung about three years ago. He appeals to all people interested in Wenhas-ton or in bell-ringing to help.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris has only 100 peals to go for his 2,000th. His 1,900th was rung on February 22nd at Overseale. Ringing landmarks have been passed by Mr. Joseph W. Cotton's 700th and Mr. John A. Acres' 600th.

Bromsgrove bells were rung at 4.30 p.m. on February 19th by a band consisting entirely of pupils of Bromsgrove County High School.

The peal of Edinburgh Delight was rung at Warsop, as stated in our peal columns, and not Worksop, as mentioned on page 159.

At Luppitt, Devon, the Vicar was asked by the parishioners if they got their quarter peal of 'Bob Martin's.' Shades of 'Grand Cicators'!

By ringing the sixth at Sevenoaks to a peal of Stedman Triples for the Royal birth, Mr. E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, has 'completed the circle.'

Jafus apologises to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher for saying that she rang the tenor at Chew Magna. This should have read 'Wedmore, 35 cwt.' Memory plays some peculiar tricks!

A coat and scarf were left behind after the meeting at Iver on February 27th. Will owner contact Vicarage, Iver, or A. D. Barker, Slough 23260.

All Saints' Church, Braywood, Slough, where a quarter peal was rung in honour of Princess Margaret's engagement, is shortly to be pulled down. We understand that several applications have been made to purchase the bells.

It is not very often that Frank Smallwood is lost for words, but the Derby folks recently took him so completely by surprise in conferring their order of 'Capita Magnissimus' that it left him completely speechless.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, of 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, would welcome information regarding the Sunday Service Survey that appears in diocesan, deanery or parish magazines, in order that his committee can assess its impact. Duplicated copies can be obtained from him if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

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Preliminary Notice

THE first session of the 24th Council (63rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960, in the Town Hall, Folkestone.

Committee Reports (Rule 11 (i)). Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the Secretary by March 31st, 1960.

Nominations for office (Rule 9). Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary by April 7th, 1960.

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E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26 Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Weston Favell, Northants, bells are to be re-hung. Probably the last quarter on the bells before this is done was rung on February 29th to the memory of the Rev. R. B. Disney, one time assistant priest in the parish.

The band who rang the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Tewin, Herts, on February 27th, wish to associate the name of Miss Audrey M. Bailey, who unfortunately had to stand down at the last moment through illness. Thanks are due to Mr. T. J. Lock, who kindly took her place at short notice.

Members of the University of Bristol Society who rang a peal for the wedding of Miss Audrey Flower, daughter of the tower captain of Timsbury, would like to thank her parents for their hospitality after the peal and to wish Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins every happiness.

Apart from being a peal of Royal congratulations to the Queen and Princess Margaret, the 5,007 Stedman Caters rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on February 27th, was a farewell to Canon David H. Booth on his appointment as Archdeacon of Lewes.

The band of St. Mary's, Cheltenham, would like to associate with their Royal peal for the Queen's second son the names of Susan Elizabeth Marshall, born to David and Sheila Marshall (both members of the band) on February 15th, and Julie Mary Beard, daughter of David and Sally Beard, of Northampton, born on February 14th. Prior to his marriage and subsequent move from the district, David Beard was a regular member of the St. Mary's Sunday service band.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 11



MR. R. F. B. SPEED, B.A.
(Hon. Assistant Librarian of Central Council)

Although a comparative new-comer to our art, Richard F. B. Speed has distinguished himself by his brilliant performances and there is little doubt that we shall witness a good deal of his great ability in the not too distant future.

Born at Surbiton, Surrey, in 1926, he was educated at Eastbourne College and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. By profession he is an Electronics expert, and is in control of the Electronics Laboratory at the G.E.C. Telephone Works, Coventry. In 1952 he married Miss Anne B. Stockdale, and they now have a family of two boys and one girl.

He learned to ring at Radley in 1943 under the tuition of Miss Marie Cross, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Epsom in 1945. He became associated with the famous Willesden band, and whilst with them he rang and conducted many Surprise Major peals including one in 1956 which was Pitman's peal of Spliced Surprise in nine methods, in which all the bells do all the work of each method. This was only six days after publication of the figures and was the first such performance. He has rung peals in no less than 90 Surprise Major methods, and has also composed peals in a wide range of methods, including the record length of Cambridge Surprise Major (with Singles). Another very fine performance in which he took part was the then record peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods conducted by Walter F. Judge. His peals total to date is 390, of which he has conducted 169.

Mr. Speed was elected Master of the Cambridge University Guild 1946-1947, and he represented the Middlesex Association on the Central Council 1954-1957. In 1958 he was elected an Honorary Member, and has assisted the Council's Librarian, Mr. F. W. Perrens, with the distribution of the Council's publications.

JAFUS.

Record Length Attempt Notice

Dear Sir,—This is to give notice to the Exercise that, by kind permission of the Vicar of Kirby-le-Soken (Rev. J. W. Thomas), an attempt will be made to ring 22,400 changes of Plain Bob Major at the Church of St. Michael, Kirby-le-Soken, on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 8 a.m.

The composition is the 13,440 by J. A. Trollope, No. 191 in C.C. Collection, with the tenor called three times 5th in each course of the first four parts.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Tips For Beginners—11

Court places as in Double Court Minor or Double Norwich are a significant feature in change-ringing. You make the further place first and step back to the nearer place. This lesson well learned will help later in Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and numerous other Surprise methods.

First In The Country

Inner story of how Broadchalke, near Salisbury, came to be the first tower to ring for the Royal Birth tells of careful planning by Mr. David Hitchings (31), poultry farmer, who is tower secretary.

He had a radio set installed in the brooder house. Two of his young employees—Royston Jenkins (19) and Raymond Chalk (16)—are also ringers.

Immediately the news was received they rushed out of the hen house, jumped into Mr. Hitchings' car, and on the way picked up Robert Fry and Mr. Chalk, the postman. There were also other reserves in the village.

Three minutes 15 seconds after the announcement they were ringing, and continued for 30 minutes. In the evening the bells were also rung for an hour.

MR. CHADDOCK'S REPLY TO B.B.C.

Mr. Norman Chaddock sent the following reply to the B.B.C. regarding the criticism of the Christmas Day Broadcast:—

Dear Mr. Riddell,—Mr. White, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' has passed on to me your letter and enclosures about the 'Christmas Bells' broadcast commenting on a letter of mine which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on January 8th last.

On the whole, my letter expressed appreciation for an enjoyable programme and, in particular, complimented the ringers and sound engineers for the excellent broadcast from St. Donard's, Dublin.

One part of my letter did refer to an error in that particular broadcast. I also had in mind other similar broadcasts when I used the phrase 'casual way.' Perusal of your enclosures impels me to admit that I was perhaps a little unjust in using this phrase. I do not wish it to be thought that I am unappreciative of the technical difficulties involved in such broadcasts and would like to say that but for the error you mention, I personally think that this last 'Christmas Bells' broadcast, as far as the B.B.C. is concerned, was an improvement. For instance, increasing the time 'on the air' to two minutes for each tower is a welcome step in the right direction.

An improvement in the quality of bell broadcasts could be obtained if there was more consultation with those responsible for the ringing of the bells to be broadcast. The position of the microphone is of paramount importance as sometimes particular bells in the ring being broadcast have been almost inaudible, or in other cases too loud, this completely spoiling the effect. Echo effects from surrounding buildings may also impair the quality of a broadcast. Tests should be made before every bell broadcast to ensure that every bell in the ring is clearly audible. The services of a competent ringer are needed for such tests. From correspondence in 'The Ringing World' subsequent to my letter, you will see that some ringers themselves are not able to agree on the selection of towers, though most responsible people consider that there should be some safeguard that the quality of the bells, rhythm, and striking, should be good.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' Committee on Television and Broadcasting (of which I myself am a member) are anxious to help the B.B.C. on any matters concerning Bell Broadcasts and would like to see increased co-operation in this respect.

I am sorry that my letter appeared over-critical and trust that a better understanding may result from the exchanges of views.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) N. CHADDOCK.

Derbyshire Association Honour Mr. J. Frank Smallwood

THE only safe thing to predict about the Derbyshire Dinner is anything may happen! and it generally does. Formality is thrown to the winds—and the impression your reporter gathered was that those two arch-conspirators, Gordon Halls and Denis Carlisle, spend the whole of the time between one dinner and the next plotting and scheming who the next victim for their good natured banter and leg-pulling shall be.

Only one serious note was struck during the evening, when Mr. Norman Chaddock (who had been warned that if he exceeded his allotted time, he would be shot down in flames) proposed the toast of 'The Memory of the late Sir Arthur Heywood.' He reminded his audience that it was their parent organisation—the old Midland Counties Association—that gave the Exercise this fine ringer and gentleman, who was responsible for setting up the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and much of the progress which had been made in Derbyshire was largely due to the good work done by Sir Arthur. Peal ringing activity was not always a true measure of the state of Sunday Service ringing in a particular area, but there was ample evidence that this most important sphere of our activity was not being neglected, and he was glad to note the valuable contributions made by the Derbyshire Association to the recent survey of Sunday Service ringing. He felt that Sir Arthur would have welcomed this Survey, and the efforts to foster closer relations with the clergy. He stressed the need for toleration for beginners and the less able type of ringer, and to make them feel that they were wanted. It was not so much what they rang as how they rang. The toast was honoured in silence.

This serious business having been disposed of, fun and games were then the order of the day. Competitions of extraordinary variety took place—and one in particular convulsed everyone present. The competitors were all male, and their orders were to turn their coats inside out and roll up their trousers. They then had to balance a waiter's tray on their heads, keep a tennis ball between their knees, and then traverse the length of the room at speed holding a lighted candle. It is not certain who won—but whoever he was he was a hero! Then the Derbyshire Association Choir went into action—this time with a competent conductor, the brother of Denis Carlisle, who last year did everything but conduct.

CAPITA MAGNISSIMUS

The great moment of the evening came with the conferring of the insignia of the Most Noble Order of Capita Magnissimus to the most worthy belfryman of the year in the Derbyshire Association. The honour was accorded Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and the citation read:—

'In conferring this award upon you, we have borne in mind the excellent example which you have at all times displayed before ringers of all ages.

'We admire particularly that ritual which you carry out before starting a peal. First you take a pinch of snuff, and after administering a pound or two to each nostril you liberally scatter the remainder over your waistcoat and over any unfortunate ringer who strays within your orbit.

'Next you gently anoint your hands with your own preparation of glycerine and senna pods—this ensures easy and regular movement throughout the peal. Finally, without a hair out of place, you fling some last-minute insult at the conductor, catch hold of your rope and condescend to ring with the waiting band.

'Your reliability in peal-ringing is beyond

question. If you are calling a peal the band has every confidence that, with a clear and audible voice, you will call all the bobs except the last one. If the peal looks like being successful, you can always be relied on to set your bell as opening time approaches.

'You will recall one incident last year during a peal at Matlock. It was necessary to ring by candlelight at this primitive tower. Your fellow ringers thought you unusually bright on this occasion until they realised your trousers had caught fire from an overturned candle. There was a most warming experience for you.

'You are very proud that you have recently completed 50 years of married life. However, the committee can give you no credit for this—on the contrary, they consider your hard-working, long-suffering wife, to whom they offer their deepest sympathy, is far more deserving of a medal.

'Your recent endeavours on behalf of "The Ringing World," which culminated in a popular price increase of 25 per cent., have, in the opinion of the selection committee, done more than anything else to secure you the award of the medal. They have also ensured that the year of your golden wedding is really a golden one.'

The 'insignia' of this 'most noble order' was then placed round the victim's neck, and it is a point of honour that all those who have received this honour shall wear it at every Derbyshire dinner. It is a circular cardboard plate with a humorous drawing of the recipient. This year it depicts a Scrooge-like figure sitting at a table counting up pennies!

About a hundred guests took part in this happy evening, and they enjoyed excellent fare, beautifully cooked and served, and an evening brimful of good healthy fun. To those two arch-villains, Halls and Carlisle, our hearty congratulations and thanks.

50 YEARS' PEAL RINGING WITH KENT COUNTY

During Mr. T. E. Sones' 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association, he has rung 487 peals and conducted 305 for this Association: a further 153 peals (conducted 48) have been rung for 16 other Associations, making the total 640 and 352 conducted.

He sends his compliments to all who have taken part in these peals, and especially to his very old friends whose names do not now appear in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World'—Mr. H. Baker (197), Mrs. H. Baker (140), Tom Saunders (125), Luther Honess (101), A. Relfe (85) and Mr. F. S. Macey, who stood in his first peal in 1911.

INSTRUCTORS' COURSES INITIATED

Following on the successful pioneer course in ringing at Dillington House last year, and its decisions on courses generally as reached at its last-held convention, the College of Campanology is launching its No. 3 type course—Instructors' One-day—on Saturday next at Bristol, at Christ Church (City) belfry.

With local arrangements made by the Bristol University Society, the latter becomes the first University Society to have such a course. Its president, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst, who will be in the chair for the opening, is also an honorary tutor of the College. City ringers are invited.

Applications for courses to be arranged are invited and welcomed and should be made to the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Branch

The ringers of the Sonning Deanery met at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on February 20th, for their annual meeting. After an hour's ringing the service was conducted by the Branch chairman (Ven. H. T. Shaw) and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Harcourt Trevor, Vicar of Warfield. Tea was served in the Church Room and the chairman presided over the business meeting, at which about 60 members were present, together with both the Master and deputy Master of the Guild.

The Branch Secretary reported a slight decrease in membership but that with one exception all towers had a good Sunday service band and most practised regularly each week. Combined practices each month were well attended, and thanks were due to the Ringing Masters for their work during the year. It was also reported that Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, had dismantled the six bells of Arborfield prior to rehanging, and £20 was voted from Branch funds towards the cost.

The Master (Rev. C. E. Wigg) urged all young ringers to put duty to their tower and church before pleasure, and spoke of the forthcoming week-end course to be held at Radley. The deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) mentioned that on his visits to the Sonning Deanery he had, on the last three occasions, inspected one of the towers and reported on the condition of the bells and fittings, and asked ringers to do their share in bell maintenance with oil can and spanner, and so save the church many pounds for repairs.

The bells of both St. Paul's and All Saints' churches were open for ringing during the evening, and many young ringers from Arborfield and Sandhurst had their first experience of 8-bell ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held at Kirton Lindsey on February 20th, attracted some 50 ringers, including visitors from Brantston, Dunholme, Burton Stather and Scunthorpe. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. D. Davies).

At the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker), five new members were elected. These included three from Hibaldstow, where plans are in hand to augment the existing three bells to a ring of six.

On the suggestion of the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn), it was agreed that a telegram conveying loyal and affectionate greetings should be sent to H.M. the Queen, following the good news from Buckingham Palace the day before.

Further ringing followed in the evening, ranging from rounds to Surprise methods.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

A party of nearly 40 met at Birmingham on February 12th for the 12th reunion. Ringing took place at King's Norton, Northfield, Selly Oak, Aston, Erdington (where local ringers kindly provided tea) and St. Martin's.

Dinner was held at the Market Hotel. At the meeting which followed, the following officers were elected: President, Bill Kingcoit; life vice-president, T. Mark White; Master, Cyril Lewington; joint secretaries, Audrey Bailey and Michael C. Austin; treasurer, Bernard Ongley; recorder, C. Lewington.

It was unanimously agreed that the summer tour be held in the Lincolnshire, Rutland, Leicestershire area.

On Sunday, ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Martin's, Edgbaston and Bishop Latimer's Church.

Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents and ringers of Birmingham for their warm welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FATHERS' AND SONS' PEALS FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Salford Priors, Warwickshire, on January 30th by four fathers and sons was not the first father and son peal for the Worcestershire Association. A peal of Plain Bob Major, at St. John-the-Baptist, Worcester, on November 16th, 1946, was rung by four fathers and sons as follows:—

John Morris, treble, Edward Large 2, James Woodyatt 3, William Lewis 4, Denis R. Morris 5, George E. Large (cond.) 6, Reginald Woodyatt 7, Thomas W. Lewis, tenor.
The four fathers rang 1, 2, 3, 4, and their sons 5, 6, 7, 8.

This peal was not claimed as a first. I believe a father and son peal was rung on the six bells of Kempsey, near Worcester, some years before.—Yours faithfully,

R. WOODYATT.

Claines, Worcester.

THE LATE JOHN CARTER

Dear Sir.—In order to complete the material required for an illustrated pamphlet about the Carter Ringing Machine, I am anxious to obtain a good original photograph of the late John Carter with his machine in front of him. Such a picture appears in Mr. Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change-Ringing' and was also published in 'The Model Engineer' in March, 1925, but neither Mr. Morris nor Messrs. Percival Marshall are able to help.

If any reader has such a photograph, I would be very grateful for his help.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS HUGHES.

12, Orpin Road, Merstham, Surrey.

BELLS AND ST. CECILIA

Dear Sir.—Whilst reading some correspondence on 'The Patron Saint of Gardeners' which appeared in recent issues of a gardening periodical the thought came to me, 'Is there a patron saint of bellringers?'

St. Cecilia. I know is the patroness of musicians and good bells rung by experts produce good music but it would be interesting to know if any association or band of ringers has, in the past, adopted St. Cecilia or any one of the other saints as the patron of our art. Maybe one of the lesser known saints was in some way associated with, or interested in bells or bell-music (though not in modern change-ringing of course). Perhaps Mr. Ernest Morris or one of your clergy-readers would be kind enough to give me some enlightenment on the subject.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Dear Sir.—Though no fault of the compilers of 'The Ringers' Notebook and Diary 1960' the details of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, (page 14) are incorrect. Please read as under: Ringing Master, E. Malin; Deputy, J. B. Dinenage; Secretaries, Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, The Vicarage, Swindon, nr. Dudley; D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, nr. Walsall; Assistant, C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway', Talbot Avenue, Streetley, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.

In addition may I take this opportunity of saying that I shall be happy to assist any ringer(s) intending to visit this area in the future, for peals or outings, and point out that our scenery is not all 'Black' or industrial, and that we have some excellent peals of bells on which to ring.—Yours sincerely,

Lichfield, Staffs.

CLIVE M. SMITH.

CORNISH RINGING

Dear Sir.—I thank the Rev. J. G. M. Scott for his interesting front page article (February 19th). It appears I was wrong in saying the competition bands of the South West cause their bells all to begin to double-clapper on the same round in a rise. I think I got this idea from an incident that occurred to me about 11 years ago.

I had recently come out of hospital after an operation and was sitting by the fire one afternoon, feeling weary and depressed. I turned on the radio, hoping for something cheerful. Now it so happened that a programme depicting life in a Cornish village was being broadcast: nearly every aspect of village life was portrayed, and of course they had to have the bells. It seemed to be a ground floor pull for I could hear the ringers walking about the quarry floor (one or two had hobnails) and talking among themselves.

After a few words by the announcer, I imagined the ringers swayed their bells slightly, for when the captain stamped his foot they all struck round in a perfect 'pitch'. This was followed by about four rounds of clapping on one side only. Then the captain shouted 'Go' in a loud voice, and immediately all six bells commenced to double-clapper on the same round without fail, and away they went in a perfect rise till the bells were well above frame height, when they were faded out. I do not remember the name of the village. I would say the tenor was round about 12 cwt. in G or F sharp.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, TORQUAY

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Donald Roberts re the peal on May 30th, 1887, I hope the following information will help him. All the band were known to me and six of them were from Exeter: Mr. W. W. Gifford came from Salisbury and Mr. Frederick W. Batchelor hailed from Plymouth. Messrs. James Moss, William Munday and Thomas J. Lake were well-known ringers in Exeter, but Mr. Munday moved to Birmingham shortly after the Torquay peal.

Mr. Gifford was a bank manager in Salisbury and for many years gave splendid service to our art in various ways. Mr. Batchelor had two titles in ringing circles: Sir, verbally, and Esq. in print; but his name seemed to fade rather quickly in Devon Guild circles in the late '80's.

A few details of the three brothers Shepherd are: Ferris (my father), born April 30th, 1857, died April 22nd, 1921, aged 64; Alfred (my uncle), born 1860, died February 25th, 1902, aged 41; Edwin (my uncle), born July 11th, 1862, died July 22nd, 1946, aged 84.

It would take many columns of our paper to acquaint Mr. Roberts with many other items of interest concerning the band, who did a lot of spade-work in Devon, but if he would like to write me direct I shall be pleased to supply further particulars.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove,
Addlestone, Surrey.

CHARGE FOR ROPES

Dear Sir.—I would welcome Mr. F. W. Perrens' suggestion in 'The Ringing World' of January 29th of a small charge for ropes. All vicars saddled with a ring of bells should impose a charge of 2s. per rope for all peals attempted, the money to go towards the cost of new ropes. Ropes are dear, and after all, peal ringing for pleasure or otherwise is dirt cheap.—Yours, etc.,

G. S. LEE.

Rotherham.

BETJEMAN AND BELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Denson's recommendation in your issue of February 26th, of 'Altar and Pew,' edited by John Betjeman, prompts me to draw the attention of ringers to John Betjeman's 'Collected Poems,' published by John Murray (15s.).

'Collected Poems' abounds in references to bells, change-ringing and ringers. If John Betjeman is known as the poet of suburbia, the Church of England and Oxford, he is equally entitled to be known as the poet of the Exercise.

In his poem, 'Bristol,' for instance, he writes:—

Ringers in an oil-lit belfry—Bitton?
Kelston? who shall say?—

Smoothly practising a plain course,
caverned out the dying day

As their melancholy music flooded up
and ebbed away.

And later on:—

... over leagues of hills and dells

Was the mathematic pattern of a plain
course on the bells.

Again, in 'Myfanwy at Oxford':—

Her Myfanwy? My Myfanwy.

Bicycle bells in a Boar's Hill Pine.

Stedman Triples from All Saints' steeple.

Tom and his hundred and one at nine.

Bells of Butterfield, caught in Keble,

Sally and backstroke answer 'Mine!'

'Church of England Thoughts' contains this stanza:—

In country churches old and pale

I hear the changes smoothly rung

And watch the coloured sallies fly

From rugged hands to rafters high

As round and back the bells are swung.

The opening lines of 'The Dear Old Village' illustrate John Betjeman's acute observation of ringers and their foibles:—

The dear old village! Lin-lan-lone the bells
(Which should be six) ring over hills and dells,
But since the row about the ringers' tea
It's lin-lan-lone. They're only ringing three.

There are many other campanological references in 'Collected Poems,' and ringers will find the reading of it both rewarding and entertaining.—Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—In the composition of 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, by Stephen Ivins (page 143), the figures and calling of the two courses of the 'B' block have been inverted.—Yours sincerely,

H. TURNER.

Shenfield.

A TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir.—The composition of Romford Surprise Major on page 128 of 'The Ringing World' is a transposition of a peal of London by H. Law James, given on page 59 of 'Surprise Methods.'

Inadvertent acts of piracy of this type can often be avoided if the peal for an 8ths place method is transposed so as to give the corresponding peal for 2nds place methods, in which form they are usually more easily recognised. This is especially true of peals on a simple plan, such as this, which bears more than a family resemblance to Middleton's!—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsun, Rugby.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR (p. 96)

Dear Sir.—The footnote is correct: I fear Mr. Gobey has misread it. The 'fourth and last repetitions' are, in fact, the sixth and twelfth parts: of course the singles may be made on any two bells—Yours, etc.,

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LADY PEAL RINGERS OF ST. MARTIN'S HONoured — BISHOP LATIMER'S BELLS — VICAR TOURS PUBLIC HOUSES FOR REACTION TO PEAL RINGING

RINGERS from as far distant as Newcastle-upon-Tyne came to Birmingham on Feb. 27th to honour the memory of Henry Johnson, to join in the excellent ringing arrangements and to take part in the 72nd Commemoration Dinner. In the chair was Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, and his epigrammatic wit knit together a long toast list. In a reference to 'The Servants of the Exercise' which 'Jafus' is writing, he said, 'So far we have had the civil servants. I am looking forward to the time when we shall read of those who have rendered political service.'

THE COMPANY

The chairman was supported by the Master and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd, the honorary secretary and Mrs. George E. Fearn, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Lt.-Col. Donald Paddon Smith and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Canon and Mrs. F. F. Guy Worman, the Rev. C. H. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

The company included: Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg, Mr. C. Dale, Mrs. H. Shepherd and Mr. T. Warner (Solihull); Messrs G. J. and G. C. Hemming and Mr. R. Savory (Evesham), Mr. M. Elson (Lichfield); Mr. L. J. and Miss B. Millhouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randles, Miss G. Rusby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bloomfield (Lincoln).

Messrs. Wilfred Williams, T. Edwards, W. Cook and R. J. Leale (London), P. Mehew (Bedford), B. C. Ashford (Stourbridge), P. L. Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. Garner Hayward (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon (Dorking), Miss E. Fearn, Mr. J. Worth and Mr. B. Jones (Cheshire), Mr. and Mrs. A. Ainsworth, Mr. J. E. Anderson and Mr. E. Harrison (Newcastle upon Tyne).

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. A. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards, Messrs. H. H. Fearn, P. J. Righy, A. Ager, J. Anderson, R. J. Lees, H. J. Turner, A. J. Collings, J. McDonald, J. Pinfold, N. J. Goodman, T. W. White, the Misses M. Reay, V. M. Horton, E. M. Yardley and M. Turner.

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Provost, Canon B. Green (who is abroad), Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness, Mr. and Mrs. Walden, of Lincoln, Mr. Morris J. Morris (who is in his 82nd year) and Miss M. Cross (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

TURNING COURSE OF STEDMAN CINQUES

Proposing the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' Ald. A. Paddon Smith said while he never knew Henry Johnson personally, he had the pleasure of talking and ringing with many men of the older generation who knew and rang with him. He was a very good ringer—a good man at the end of a rope, but his fame was as a composer. His peals were beautiful musically. He was the first man to come forward with the idea of putting the turning course in the middle of a peal instead of towards the end as was common until then. Many peals were lost because of that. Men had become accustomed to ringing in the Tittums position and then when they were tired the change into handstroke position caused the peal to be lost.

He was a wonderful man and on his 72nd birthday rang in the then record length of 9,238 Stedman Cinques on February 28th, 1881. It took six hours and 48 minutes to ring. In that peal were Amos Cresser treble, Job Joynes 2, Henry Johnson jun., 3, C. H. Hattersley 4, S. Reeves 5, Henry Johnson 6, John Dunn 7, John Buffery 8, John James 9, F. H. James 10, William Hollsworth (cond.) 11, T. Reynolds tenor. Reynolds then weighed 22 stone and he weighed 18 stone when he died.

Johnson's tombstone was in Aston Churchyard and by the goodwill of the Vicar of Aston it was one of the very few remaining upright. It had this inscription:

'This stone is erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of Henry Johnson to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is greatly indebted. Born at Lichfield 1809, died at Aston, 1890. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might"'

The toast was drunk in silence.

CONTINUITY

The toast 'Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Canon F. F. Guy Worman, Vicar of Aston, who quoted George Elliot's words that appeared on the toast list:

'You must remember, it is not only laying hold of the rope

You must go on pulling.'

The Canon said he was a curate of the church George Elliot wrote about—Shepperton Church. Tied up with continued prosperity was continuity. The point about continuity was that it was not exactly the same as ever before. There was a famous Greek philosopher who said, 'You can't step in the same river twice.' Continued prosperity did not mean the same prosperity of 20, 30 or 50 years. With continued prosperity there must come change, because if there was no change it would be merely static—something with no life.

In the Ringing Exercise there was a very ordered continuity. If the continuity was not continuous the peal came to an end. In the St. Martin's Guild there was a continuity of personnel. Each year at that dinner they met those who had been in the business many years, and some just starting.

The most important was the continuity of service and for many years in Birmingham and its neighbouring churches there had been the continuity of service by the bell-ringers, and as a clergyman he would like to say how much they were in their debt. 'There was nothing so pathetic,' said the Canon with emphasis, 'as old ringers trying to bring back the former glory on five bells, and then later we hear eight, ten or twelve.'

It was this continuity of service they desired in wishing prosperity to the Guild.

CATHEDRAL BELLS COMPLAINT

The Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, in reply, said they were losing one tower—the old church of Bishop Ryder and its bells but at the same time they were gaining one with eight at Bishop Latimer's church.

During the past year the Cathedral bells had come back into action after being silent for many months. About the middle of the year they suddenly began to ring peals on them and one of those peals was Stedman Cinques conducted by their old friend Albert Walker. He was very much impressed by his control; he did not use an easy composition but one with a complicated turning course. Ringing in that peal was a great privilege. They also rang during the year four peals of London Surprise Royal.

Sad to relate there had been a complaint about the Cathedral bells. In the 'Birmingham Post' of the previous day there was a serious complaint headed 'Silent bells.' A gentleman who lived in his borough of Solihull had written complaining that the Cathedral bells were not rung for the birth of the Royal Prince and stated, 'It is high time Birmingham stopped lagging behind the rest of the country.' Commented Mr. Shepherd: 'We must really ask Mr. Fearn to take notice of this complaint and ring more peals at the Cathedral.'

There was one thing he would like to mention—how much the Guild owed to their very talented lady members. Miss Elizabeth Yardley rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques in an excellent way and they all knew what an accomplished ringer was Miss Diana Perrens. Then there was Mrs. Ruth Border who came the 20 miles from Coventry on the back of her husband's motor cycle to ring with them, and finally there was Miss Muriel

Reay, who had now completed over 500 peals of which more than 75 were on 12 bells. (Applause.)

There were two things which he as Master of the Guild was particularly proud of. St Paul wrote, 'If it be possible, as much as lies in you be at peace with all men.' St. Paul was a practical man and he knew that times would arise when hard words would be said. They in that Guild did not quarrel among themselves and he was very proud that they lived at peace with one another.

The second was the very hearty welcome they gave to visitors at the Bull Ring and it was a great joy to hear the Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold, in his courtly manner say, 'What would you like to ring?' to the visitor. 'You can ring anything you like.' It was very nice to offer anything from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise.

THE VISITORS

Mr. Ralph G. Edwards, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' had something complimentary to say to the many guests present. In a reference to the chairman he recalled Mr. Meadows' speech at the Henry Johnson dinner of 1951 when the Lord Mayor was present and he referred to the smoke of Birmingham as 'Dante's Inferno.'

Speaking of Mr. John Worth he mentioned the record peal of 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise rung at Over 'on real bells,' a quip at the next extent of Major attempt at Loughborough. In a welcome to Mr. Alan Ainsworth and the Newcastle contingent, he called Mr. Ainsworth 'an accomplished conductor who had done what very few had in calling Carter's Odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples. There were words of welcome to the Lincoln ringers and a special reference to the marriage peal of Desford Surprise Major for Mr. and Mrs. George Randles—Desford was Mr. Randles' birthplace.

Speaking of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, Mr. Edwards said, 'We are sorry he has come to Birmingham and taken away a modern Taylor ring but we hope he will be in a position to bring it back into the city.' Of his friend Mr. Pat Cannon, the speaker said, 'There is not a tower in the country you can go into in which Mr. Cannon is not known for some reason or another. "Jafus" told me one day he is a second Jimmy George with a difference—Cannon has a sense of humour.'

To Mr. Wilfred Williams, past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, there was this compliment. 'During this year as Master he brought the standard of ringing in the Society to the highest level it had attained.' Another London ringer, Mr. Robin Leale, was congratulated on ringing a peal of Scientific Triples while Mr. Philip Mehew was referred to as 'the glamour boy' of the Exercise after the chairman.

The Rev. Cecil H. Smyth, of Bishop Latimer's Church, in reply mentioned the completion of the raising of the £2,000 for the bells of his church, despite certain opposition from the Diocesan authorities. On the night of the peal on the bells for the birth of the Prince he was out in the parish and called at various public houses. There was not a word of opposition to the ringing of the bells. He hoped that those who rang for service at his church would not be those who rang and went away but would stay for what they were ringing for.

SUBSCRIBERS PLEASE—NOT BORROWERS

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Collins. He appealed strongly to narrow the gap between the 20,000 ringers who were members of affiliated bodies and the 5,600 who were subscribers to the journal. There were too many people borrowing 'The Ringing World' he said.

The Editor in reply said despite the increase in price the circulation was still in a better position than a year ago. The past week had (Continued col. 1, page 181)

HURSTPIERPOINT'S SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE

On February 13th a social evening and entertainment was held at the Parish Room, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, in honour of long service by four members of the local band.

The local ringers made all arrangements and invited their clergy, members of the Parochial Church Council, officers of the Sussex County Association, representatives of 14 neighbouring towers and representatives of other church organisations in the parish.

Four bronze plaques had been cast specially from a design by a ringer. The centre-piece is a bell with three interlocked circles to represent the Holy Trinity to which Hurstpierpoint Church is dedicated. Around the bell are raised letters, reading: 'Hurstpierpoint Ringers,' and underneath: 'Faithful Service.' The lower part consists of a raised and polished oblong, engraved with the words: 'Presented to G. H. Richardson with grateful thanks, 1898-1960.' The other three were similar but with the names G. S. Mansbridge, 1911-1960, C. W. Diplock, 1898-1959, J. C. V. Dearlove, 1935-1955. (Mr. Dearlove also rang for many years before coming to Hurstpierpoint in 1935.) Each plaque was mounted on a polished oak base by one of the local ringers.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of these plaques by the Rector (Rev. T. R. Franklin), supported by the Rector's Warden (Mr. J. Denman) and a vice-president of the County Association, Mr. S. E. Armstrong. All three, together with others speaking from the floor of the hall, paid tribute to the wonderful service given to their church by these four gentlemen over such a long period of time. Mr. J. Denman also presented signed copies of 'Coronation Chimes,' a book on the history of the local bells, printed when they were rehung for the Coronation. These books were from the Rector and churchwardens.

The presentation was followed by refreshments arranged by the ladies.

A very fine spirit prevailed throughout the evening as the more active played games, and later all were entertained by handbell tunes rung by the local band, excellent change-ringing by the band from St. Peter's Church, Brighton. Mr. Jack Markwick, a comedian from Crawley, songs by Mr. George Austin, from Hove, 'Farmer Giles' by Mr. Bernard Cornish, from Portslade, and a twins act by the local joint captains.

It was good to see ringers from many towers mixing with the local churchpeople to honour such a fine record of service by four 'servants of the Exercise.'

Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

for him been particularly strenuous. Two mornings that week he had had over 100 letters to deal with. It was revelation to him of the place the paper held in the affection of ringers of England.

From time to time there had been criticism of the 'gratefully acknowledged' column. Through the generosity of those who had sent donations with their peals and quarter peals, they were planning to give in the next issue one of 24 pages, the largest number of pages ever given. That issue would present an amazing picture of how the ringers of these islands honoured the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen. They did what the people of this country expected of them.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Mr. Paul L. Taylor. The chairman in his acknowledgment thanked the Guild for the privilege of presiding over such a distinguished gathering. He thanked Mr. D. S. Anderson for his songs and his accompanist, Miss Margaret Bunn.

During the evening there was handbell ringing of touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters.

MORE ABOUT THE HERTS ASSOCIATION GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir.—I acknowledge the helpful replies to my letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 12th from Messrs. Painter, Castledine and Frost. As Mr. Bartholomew was once a member of our band at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, but left under unfortunate circumstances, I am unable to acknowledge the contents of much of his letter. If he would care to furnish me with his address, or come and see me, I will give him an adequate answer.

If the Hertford County Association is content to arrange nothing more than haphazard monthly meetings on a 'first-come, first-served' basis, when anyone can ring precisely what he likes, then my previous letter was in very bad taste and I apologise to all concerned. But is this the sole function of a ringing Society? I certainly do not think so.

The points raised in the letters referred to above are three—the interpretation of the words GUILD and ASSOCIATION; the rules or aims of a particular Association; and the fact that I have not paid any subscription as a resident ringing member.

Firstly, it was pointed out that I used the word Guild when I should have used Association, in reference to the Hertford County Association. This was done deliberately, because I understand the word Association to mean a group of people combined together with a common aim, whereas I understand the word Guild to mean a fellowship of people with express desires to create and maintain certain religious and secular beliefs. In this respect the word Guild is much more suited for describing groups of ringers gathered together, whether or not it is the official title of the organisation referred to.

Secondly, that I misrepresented Object II of the Association by quoting in part only. To enlarge on the fourth paragraph of my previous letter, I maintain that a Guild or 'Association' visits different towers to enable the local ringers to gain marked benefits from the touches arranged. For two consecutive years our own ringers rang nothing more than rounds, and therefore they lost what interest they had in the Association concerned. Strong criticism was also made because we had abandoned Grandsire as a useful method, but when Plain Bob Triples or Caters were requested, this was denied.

Thirdly, that I have not paid a resident ringer's subscription. When I first came to the county and found that relationships between local ringers and the Association were non-existent, I decided to wait until someone took sufficient interest in us before consenting to annual subscription. As Mr. Frost has now become interested in us, this fault will be rectified.

I shall have no grievances to put forward at the Association annual meeting, but rather suggestions which I think will improve relationships.

We have been criticised for taking more out of ringing than we put in. This I deny. We arranged during 1959 a full programme of events, which culminated in a dinner in January. Other than our own ringers, one person only from the Hertford County Association was present, although we have good support from other ringing fraternities. During 1960 we are going to arrange even more attractions, including a tower open day, a trip to the Whitechapel Foundry and various social gatherings. Is anyone from the Association going to be interested this time?—Yours faithfully,

M. HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held on February 20th at All Saints' Church, Leicester. All the Guild officers were re-elected, Miss I. B. Thompson once again being the vice-president for the ensuing year. About 30 members and friends were present, and the bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening. One new member was elected. The next meeting will be held at Melton on April 30th.

OBITUARY

MR. C. W. R. GRIMWOOD
AN APPRECIATION

So dear old Bob has gone, and it was with deep regret that my wife and I read of his death on February 8th. Bob joined the Kingston-upon-Thames company during the time I was secretary of that tower, and he remained a staunch and regular member of the band until I left to return to Norfolk. In spite of his long journey from Hersham, he seldom failed to attend for Sunday service ringing or on practice nights. He was equally at home with the proficient or the most raw recruit and always gave of his best. He was delighted when invited to call a 'touch,' but above all was a first-rate tower member.

I spent many happy hours in his company, and many times he related to me his experiences and the 'dodges' he got up to so that he could ring with W. Pye and company, in London, when he should have been at work.

I shall remember always with gratitude his help to the Kingston company and myself, and as has already been said, he was a good and faithful ringer and friend. May he rest in peace.

H. W. BARRETT.

Ringing Master,
Norwich Diocesan Association.

MR. KEN SHERMAN

Mr. Ken Sherman, for 35 years a member of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and of the Brightwalton tower, died suddenly on February 25th. Ken was known to a wide circle of friends, as he often drove coaches for Oxfordshire ringers' outings.

The funeral service was at Brightwalton on February 29th, and in the evening five members of his tower, with Mr. C. J. Hibbert, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled. The band was: P. J. Sayers 1, Cyril J. Hibbert 2, Gordon Hedges 3, John Bracey 4, Arthur Sayers (conductor) 5, W. J. Sayers 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-three ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset branch at Burton Bradstock on February 20th. The fifteenth century church was much admired. The Guild service was conducted by Canon C. C. Cox, and Canon A. R. Dittmer, the Rector, gave the address. The organ was played by Mrs. Pope, one of the visiting ringers.

Mr. C. W. Powell, the branch vice-chairman, presided at the business meeting. Canon Cox gave a brief account of the formation and running of the Guild Library. The secretary announced that the Guild Festival would be held at Wimborne on May 14th. It was decided to run a coach and to make it a branch outing. The next quarterly meeting is to be at Whitchurch Canonorum on April 23rd and the method Double Norwich.

In the absence of Mr. D. Bishop, who was indisposed, Mr. H. Keeley was in charge of the ringing, which included London Minor. A warm welcome was extended to the visitors from the North Dorset and Wimborne branches, with a special word for Mr. W. Shute.

NEW TOWER AT HIBALDSTOW

There can be few parishes of comparable size able to match the recent achievements of the Lincolnshire village of Hibaldstow.

Under the energetic leadership of the present Vicar (Rev. F. Insull), a new tower has been added to the church, at a cost of over £4,000, replacing one which fell down in 1875. Fortunately, the three bells survived undamaged and these have now been installed in the new tower, with space for a further three bells. It is hoped to complete the ring of six in the not too distant future.

Although the official opening and dedication of the new tower does not take place until March 26th, the bells were rung for the first time on Sunday, February 7th, by a team of ringers from Brigg. A few days before this, when the last of the bells was being rehung, a film of the ceremony was made by the B.B.C. and shown on the Northern news T.V. programme.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—There will be no practice on Friday, March 11th, owing to a dramatic performance in church. 5899

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 19th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford.—M. R. Cross. 5800

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WOULD any ringers with the Christian name of Geoffrey, interested in a name peal attempt, probably in the Midlands, please write to Geoff. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley, Leics.

MONDAY, the 14th, is the second Monday in the month, so come to ASH for Surprise Minor practice, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods. Beverley. Bourne, London, Norwich, Surfleet, York. 5927

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough. Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. B. Cooper. 5902

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge district.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5913

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tendring. Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Followed by tea and business meeting. 5853

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Saturday, March 12th at Guildford. Ringing: Holy Trinity 2.30 to 4.30, St. Mary's 2.30 to 4.15, Stoke 2.30 to 4. Service Holy Trinity 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) Harvey's Restaurant 5.20 p.m. Evening ringing announced at business meeting. 5881

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting Bromyard, 3 p.m. March 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. 5888

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, on Saturday, March 12th, combined with the Ladies' Guild. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 5911

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 12th, St. Mary's, Ealing, 3.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business and further ringing 6.30 p.m., at Christ Church, Ealing.—M. Powell. 5911

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Prees (6). Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 o'clock. Further ringing 6.15 p.m. onwards.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5890

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Crawley (8). Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Meeting and election of officers 6.30, followed by ringing until 8 p.m. 5866

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton (6). Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. 5872

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Portbury (6). Saturday, March 19th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5605

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrington, Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—T. J. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 5916

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halse, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5923

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea (about 2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. No name, no tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5912

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5930

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Saltburn, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 16th, to P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5931

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bulkington, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please note: Draw for television set will be made at this meeting. All counterfoils, unsold tickets and cash should be sent in not later than Wednesday, March 16th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 5913

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5898

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Winlaton St. Paul, 3 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Bullerwell, South Farm, Barlow, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 5896

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by business. Names essential to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 5921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Black Notley. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley. Baintree bells (8) also available from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. only. 5860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4914

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Grittleton (6). Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 5920

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Windrush, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No name, no tea. Sherborne (if available) 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester, Glos. 5907

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6). Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea.—B. Cooper, 14, Coombe Road, Wotton. 5892

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ulverston, Saturday, March 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. 5928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch, Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—J. Porter. 5906

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, March 19th, at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells (13) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 5935

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Medbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Horse and Trumpet.—L. A. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 5915

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulbeck (6), Saturday, March 19th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5885

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, March 19th. Arrangements: Ringing at St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Further ringing at All Hallows', 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 15th to Mrs. J. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whithon, Middx.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 5933

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Maud Institute. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. E. Sharrett, 13, Lowther Place, Leek. Please note: New Association badges will be on sale at Leek.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5884

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th. Collingbourne Kingston. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5924

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5909

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Alrewas, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, 5, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. 5887

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th. Winthorpe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Wing, Winthorpe, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5861

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5893

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing continues till 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. Clark, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 5878

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday, March 15th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5903

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 19th. St. Paul's, Hounslow Heath (8), 1.45 to 2.45; St. Mary's, Ealing (8), 3.30 to 4.30; St. Stephen's, West Ealing (8) 5 to 6 p.m. 5901

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Fawley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Hall. Names for tea by March 17th, please, to Mr. L. V. Smith, Trevelyn, Springfield Grove, Fawley. 5910

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Idle, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, near Bradford.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5864

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester and North Forest Branches.—Joint meeting, Barnwood (8), Saturday, March 26th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea by March 23rd from either Branch to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5932

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Rothersthorpe, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5900

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Helmdon, Saturday, March 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 5922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Bell Hotel (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications, and nominations for Central Council representatives, 1960-3, by April 12th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 5905

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be at Swindon on Saturday, April 23rd, at 2.15 p.m.; details later. Nominations for Master by March 25th to Charles Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Churchdown, Glos. 5925

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QUARTER PEALS

KELLY, DEVON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Judith Whitford 1, J. Boucher (first 'inside') 2, D. R. Bould (cond.) 3, J. H. Bony 4, W. C. Boucher 5, L. Cundy 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Irene Bradshaw (first quarter) 1, Judy Moir (first of Major) 2, R. Dennison 3, D. Lawson (first of Major) 4, J. Dickenson 5, T. Metcalfe 6, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, Miss D. A. Deverell 4, C. M. Meyer 5, F. A. Ranson 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. McPhail 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. Brown 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, O. H. Taysom 3, M. J. Jefferies (first as cond.) 4, W. Ritchings 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, E. Cooksley 8. A wedding compliment to Colin Beakes, local ringier.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Dorothy Nelson 1, G. Braithwaite 2, W. Gerrard 3, T. Metcalfe 4, P. Handley 5, Dorothy Eccles 6, Anne Batty (first quarter) 7, R. F. Eccles (cond.) 8.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret E. Sim (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, James Scott (first in method) 3, R. Turner 4, E. White (first in method) 5, S. Hewitt 6, Jack Scott (cond.) 7, Matthew B. Livesley 8. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret E. Sim (first in method) 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, R. Turner 3, J. Scott 4, E. White 5, S. Hewitt 6, J. Scott (cond.) 7, M. B. Livesley 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. J. Pointer 1, Miss A. Knight 2, C. M. White 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, R. C. B. Smallman 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Anne Legg (first quarter) 1, Anne Stephens 2, M. J. Cook 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, R. J. Smith 5, R. Wakefield (first quarter) 6, Rung half muffled in memoriam Capt. J. E. Fenton, a churchwarden.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, R. I. Ford 3, E. J. Ford (cond.) 4, W. Webber 5, J. J. Ford 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Reed (cond.) 1, I. G. Hughes (first of Major 'inside') 2, B. M. W. Dobbie (first of Major) 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, C. Tarr 5, D. T. North 6, H. V. Young 7, H. G. Sparks 8.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

Members of St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild at the annual meeting on February 17th elected the assistant curate, in the absence of the Vicar, as acting president. Mr. A. G. Bason and Mr. F. N. Golden were re-elected ringing and deputy ringing master respectively. Mr. C. Bird secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. W. Mayers and W. Barber steeple-keepers. The balance sheet had a balance of £30 16s. 3d. The acting president expressed his concern about the shortage of ringers in Norwich and said he would like to see more young people take an interest in the art of ringing. Mr. S. Gaul was elected a member. The society was pleased to learn that Mr. Golden had left hospital and all wished him a speedy return to ringing.

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QUARTER PEALS

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Rev. J. S. Arthur (first quarter) 1, E. P. Bailey 2, T. Gunning 3, A. Winters 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, E. A. Pannell 6, W. C. Poole 7, A. Meech 8. A compliment to E. P. Bailey who has been a ringer for 51 years, people's warden for 34 years, and until his retirement this year was for 41 years secretary and treasurer of the Ringers' Guild.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. J. C. Dale 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney (first quarter) 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, For Evensong.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Fowler 1, S. Elliott 2, T. Wooding 3, H. Wooding (cond.) 4, Allan Jones 5. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mr. Chamberlain, churchwarden for 27 years.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cox, R.A.F. (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lewis 2, H. L. Cooke 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, P. J. Lewis 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 7, M. J. Cook (first on eight) 8. For evening service.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, A. V. Pearson 7, A. Nurse 8. Rung half muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. G. Jones, father of Mr. C. Jones, of the local band.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Brinkworth 1, P. Cahill 2, W. Gardiner 3, J. Chambers 4, C. Chambers 5, E. Bishop (first of Bob Minor as cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor by all the hand and probably first quarter on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Abbs 1, G. Howlett 2, A. Crowe 3, M. Solley 4, A. Coleman 5, R. Brown (first quarter) 6, M. Parker (first quarter) 7, P. Kindred (cond.) 8.

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