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SOMETHING NEW

THERE is an attraction about something new. The 1962 Central Council meeting, held at Cardiff, was the first meeting to be held in the Principality of Wales. To most of the representatives it was a new experience; they returned to their homes with a new conception of the Capital of Wales, the friendliness of its people, the beauty of its bells and to some the singing of a Welsh choir amid its own surroundings. There was also Welsh hospitality to be remembered. The Llandaff and Monmouth Association were delightful hosts, and the City Council of Cardiff and the Bishop of Llandaff were equally co-operative. How 'Newport' Jones would have rejoiced to have seen this day! The stage was all set at the Council meeting in 1939 for a visit to Wales at Whitsun, 1940, but it was not to be. Long may the horizon be untroubled by war clouds.

Some might say that there was nothing of a special character in the business transacted in the City Hall of Cardiff to call for comment and that the proceedings were largely a matter of tidying up outstanding matters. But to those who watch the trend of events and study the reports there were significant pointers as to the state of the Exercise and ringing generally. The first was the amazing increase in the sales of Central Council publications—of no less than 25 per cent. above those of last year, and that constituted a record. It can be safely asserted that where there is good leadership in a belfry and also co-operation with the clergy, recruitment is good. The type of boy or girl attracted to ringing is now of a more studious nature; they are accustomed in life to a text book, and they turn naturally to ringing literature when once their enthusiasm is kindled. Wisely, the officers of the Council are endeavouring to meet this demand. Since last Whitsun printing bills amounting to £770 have been paid, of which over £500 has been incurred this year. This indicates a need of a liquidity of the resources of the Council.

Questions were asked, and rightly so, concerning the margin of profit on the Publications Account. A profit of £38 for a record year is inadequate, especially when it is remembered that the arduous job of seeing to the dispatch of thousands of copies is entirely honorary. Because of the high losses arising from books standing on the shelves, booksellers work on a gross profit of at least 33½ per cent. Library sales can only meet a part of the big printing bills. Fortunately the Council now has resources in another direction that it can usefully employ. The publications department must expand and be ready to meet the demand

of the age; there must be no hold-up in the reprinting of popular books, especially those catering for beginners. The Council have been most generously served by Mr. and Mrs. Speed, who have dealt with the heavy job of distribution.

Another satisfactory pointer as to the degree of enthusiasm of young entrants was that 591 people rang their first peal last year, and another 87 their first as conductor. A major hurdle has been surmounted when a first peal has been rung. It is to those who have rung peals or in some cases quarter peals that the Exercise looks for its proficiency or the maintenance of standards. These are the people that 'The Ringing World' Committee look to to ensure that the circulation of the journal is progressive—the losses by death and marriage made good. The ringer who confines his activities to Sunday ringing and an occasional practice, and has no desire to advance beyond Doubles or to go to meetings, cares nothing for the Central Council, 'The Ringing World,' or even his own Guild. It is to be regretted that each Association carries a percentage of such dead wood. 'The Ringing World' meets them at times; they are subscribers for a quarter and then drop the paper. Fortunately the majority of our readers find more than a casual interest in our columns, and are almost lifelong subscribers. To them the Exercise is real; they are the life blood of Guilds and Associations.

Back to Cardiff; the proceedings started on Sunday night with the showing of three films by Mr. A. J. M. Collins, of Vancouver. The film he had made, showing the training of a band of ringers from scratch, was very impressive. Films was a subject discussed at the Council meeting, and Mr. Collins' achievement as an amateur was indeed stimulating to those who dabble with cine-photography. Although the Rank Organisation film gave an insight into the casting of bells and tuning of handbells at the White-chapel Foundry, and also members of the College Youths ringing at St. Paul's, the general opinion was that Mr. Collins had produced a better vehicle for interesting beginners. He deserved the commendations showered upon him.

There is an element of uncertainty as to the venue of the next Council meeting. The majority favoured Great Yarmouth as against London. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was visibly pleased at the vote. He is, however, unable to confirm as the civic authorities at Great Yarmouth have not yet been consulted; another organisation might have secured the honours. There are other conference centres in Norfolk including Norwich, which has a record of organised ringing of over 300 years. Failing Norfolk, the meeting will be in London.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FIRST VISIT TO WALES

A WARM WELCOME TO CARDIFF FROM BISHOP AND LORD MAYOR — LIBRARY SALES UP 25 PER CENT. — GIFT OF RARE BOOK — 'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE REALLY HAPPY — LIVE OR RECORDED BROADCASTS? — 591 FIRST PEALERS LAST YEAR — FILMS ON RINGING

It was a memorable day for ringing in Wales when, on Whit Tuesday, the president of the Central Council, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, was escorted by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Ald. Dr. C. E. Bence) to the platform of the City Hall for the third session of the 24th Council. The procession was representative: there was the Lord Bishop of Llandaff (Dr. Glyn Simon), the Vicar of Cardiff (Canon W. E. C. Thomas) and leading officials of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association of Change Ringers—Mr. T. Stevens, the Ringing Master; Mr. F. J. Hannington, the hon. secretary; and the Rev. Ivor Richards, the hon. treasurer. And on the platform there were the Council's leading officers: Canon A. G. G. Thurlow (vice-president), Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. F. W. Perrens (hon. librarian) and Mrs. Barnett (assistant hon. secretary).

The proceedings opened with the Lord Mayor extending a warm welcome to Cardiff. 'For many of you,' he said, 'it is your first visit to Cardiff. You knew that its prosperity depended on coal, and I am sure many of you were surprised to find that it is a beautiful and clean city.'

He understood that bellringing was one of the oldest arts in the country. The Ancient Society of College Youths was founded in 1637 and had been going ever since. He was very pleased to learn that his own school had a team of bellringers; he felt sure that there was some pleasure in ringing apart from the hard work. The Lord Mayor concluded that he understood it was their first visit. In 1939 they decided to go to Cardiff, but the war intervened and the meeting was cancelled.

The Lord Bishop of Llandaff added his welcome on behalf of the Diocese of Llandaff and the Church in Wales. They had come to them in days of prosperity, and he hoped that the message of the bells would be one of peace, and that it would be more permanent than it seemed at times lately.

BISHOP'S SONS RINGERS

It was very encouraging to see the way bellringing was coming more and more to the fore, and more and more people, particularly the young, were taking to ringing. Both his sons—the elder 16—were ringers, and one a fanatical enthusiast. A handbell peal was rung at his house after church on Sunday. He looked in the room afterwards and there were four pairs of smiling eyes telling him that they had brought off the peal.

Of people unconnected with bellringing, some regarded the sound of bells as a call to church, but others regarded ringing as an unmitigated nuisance. He thought they had to exercise some consideration to the latter class as he knew of one town where ringing had ceased because of the objections of the residents to the harsh clashes going on.

The more they explained their art the more sympathy they would get because people were genuinely interested in any art that came from the past, and were prepared to support ringers when once the art was explained to them.

The Bishop concluded by saying how pleased he was to see so many of the Council at church that morning for the celebration of the Holy Communion. (There were 115 present.) He felt it would induce others to go to church if bellringers set them an example. 'A welcome to you all to Wales and a blessing on your work.'

Another welcome came from Mr. T. Stevens, of Ebbw Vale. He hoped they had enjoyed their ringing and Welsh hospitality. Some of them had heard one of their choirs sing, and he would remind them that Wales was a land of song. At the opening of the Eisteddfod the



THE PRESIDENT

(Mr. FREDERICK SHARPE),

whose wife is a Welsh lady, and he acknowledged the welcome in Welsh.

question was asked 'Is there peace?' and the answer was 'Yes.'

The president said he was particularly glad that during his term of office the Council had paid its first visit to Wales. He had a great liking for Wales, apart from the fact that he married a Welsh girl.

Bells were closely associated with the Celtic saints, and it was the custom to present every bishop with a handbell: in the 10th century they were supposed to be the means of performing miracles.

PERSONALITIES

The Llandaff and Monmouth Association was formed in 1893, largely through the efforts of Mr. Evan Davies. Great names came to his mind in connection with their Association. There was 'Newport' Jones, who was secretary for 46 years, and their present secretary, Mr. Hannington, had been in office for some 17 or 18 years, and the Association was well served with its officers, like the Rev. Ivor Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. King.

The year 1961 had been a memorable one for ringing. There had been attempts on the extent of Bob Major and the ringing of the record length of 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods. They had had many publications and there had been the jubilee issue of 'The Ringing World' and a tribute to their first editor, John Sparkes Goldsmith, with a pilgrimage to his grave, and the attendance afterwards at a service in Guildford Cathedral. He would particularly like to thank the Exercise for their excellent response to his appeal for a National Ringing Day to mark the enthronement of the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury.

The president concluded his speech in Welsh: 'Diolch yn fawr am eich croeso i Cymru, am eich croeso i Caerdydd.' (Thank you very much indeed for the appreciative welcome to Wales, and in particular to Cardiff.)

A MEMENTO

As a memento of the Council's visit to Wales the Bishop of Llandaff presented the Council, on behalf of the Association, with a visitors' book.

Thanking the Association, Mr. Sharpe said it was a very fitting gift, and the Council would have inscribed in the book the names of the visitors to their annual meetings. 'We shall always have memories of the City of Cardiff and the wonderful generosity of the people of Wales,' concluded the president.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES

The business meeting opened with the report of the hon. secretary as to representation of Societies and subscriptions.

Mr. Barnett said 59 Associations were affiliated to the Council with 162 members. The Council also had 24 honorary and 8 life members, making a total of 194. There were 5 honorary and 2 representative vacancies. All subscriptions had been paid.

PRESENT

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. S. Foskett and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. R. Elkins and J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls and A. Mould.

Devon Association: Messrs. B. Bartlett, T. Darch, H. Pidler and A. Tapper.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. T. G. Myers and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. T. Wingate and G. T. Cousins.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association: Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.
Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.
North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Mr. S. J. Ivin and Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and E. Nobles.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Messrs. R. Newton and H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell and D. H. Rooke.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher and D. Burnett.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley and L. W. G. Morris.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens and E. H. Lewis.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. A. Richardson, the Misses C. C. Marshall, N. G. Williams and R. J. Seabrook, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, G. W. Pipe, L. Stilwell, J. E. Chilcott, H. O. Baker, J. W. Clarke, N. Mallett, B. A. Sollis, E. J. Ladd, C. W. Denyer, G. J. Lewis, J. J. Webb, P. Crook, F. Dunkerley, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, J. Acres, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, J. R. Mayne, E. C. Birkett, E. H. Edge, D. H. B. Millward, F. N. Golden, D. J. Smith, C. S. Morris, E. St. C. Wilson, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and J. D. Clarke.

The hon. secretary reported that this was the first meeting Mrs. Fletcher had missed since her election in 1915, and her husband since 1930.



Mr. E. A. BARNETT
(who celebrated the 20th anniversary of his wedding at Cardiff).

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented: Mr. R. Warburton, St. David's Guild; Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Irish Association; Mr. G. T. Cousins, Hereford Diocesan Guild; Mr. E. Billings, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary stated that for the election of a life member a two-thirds majority was necessary. The Standing Committee at their meeting the previous night expressed the opinion that the list of life members should not be added to at the present time.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick nominated Mr. Shirley Burton as a life member, and mentioned his services in many directions towards the advancement of ringing, particularly in the field of composition.

The hon. secretary formally seconded.

The voting was 43 for and 42 against, and the motion was not carried.

HONORARY MEMBERS

On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes the following retiring honorary members were re-elected: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Messrs. Douglas Hughes and F. E. Haynes were elected trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 23rd, 1962, and circulated to members, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre.

Losses by Death include Noted Ringers

The Council stood while the list of those past and present members who had died since the last meeting was read, viz.: Messrs. R. D. Langford, F. C. Smale, A. F. Martin Stewart, Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. A. Walker, Rev. E. G. Benson, Messrs. H. Baxter, S. F. Palmer, Rev. R. P. Farrow, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. A. B. Peck, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. Alfred King and C. Wiltshire.

Tributes being invited, Mr. J. F. Smallwood spoke first with a reference to Mr. Albert Walker, 'the grand little man.' At Stoke-on-Trent last year they conferred on him the highest honour in their power of honorary life membership, and he was only sorry that Mr. Walker did not live long enough to enjoy it. He was a great man, who did more for ringing than most people know.

Mr. Douglas Hughes said Mr. Walker was a great help to him in regard to the Carter Ringing Machine. John Carter promised Albert Walker that he would have the opportunity of ringing the first peal on the machine. To his (Mr. Hughes') lasting regret it was not possible.

Mr. F. Haynes spoke of a 30 years' association with Mr. Walker, and that he valued his membership of the Central Council, having attended 14 meetings.

Mr. A. D. Barker paid tributes to Mr. Martin Stewart, who was very kind to the Council, Preb. E. V. Cox, whom he first met in 1920, and was very kind to him and his wife on their honeymoon; Mr. S. Palmer, Mr. Alfred Peck—a worthy successor to Mr. Cockerell, Mr. Alfred King and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Mr. W. F. Moreton, in a reference to Preb. E. G. Benson, mentioned his services to Cambridge University Guild, the Clerical Guild and the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a vice-president and secretary for 20 years.

Mr. P. I. Chapman referred to Mr. Geo. Jeffs' services to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and described him as a born organiser. His remarks were endorsed by Mr. S. Foskett, who also mentioned Mr. Harry Baxter, who called the first peal for the Peterborough Guild after its formation in 1934. Mr. E. A. Barnett described Mr. Jeffs as among the best of secretaries.

Mr. Shirley Burton spoke of the loss to the Exercise by the passing of Mr. Ernest Morris, as a practical ringer, author and valued contributor to 'The Ringing World.'

Speaking of Preb. Cox, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott said his influence for over 50 years on the Guild of Devonshire Ringers they were only just beginning to learn. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow mentioned Preb. Cox's work for the Guild of Clerical Ringers. Mr. B. Bartlett expressed the sympathy of the Devon Association and Mr. J. T. Barrett the Salisbury Diocesan Guild's.

Mr. W. G. Wilson called the Council's attention to the death of Mr. Albert Eldred and his work for 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. T. J. Lock said of Mr. S. Palmer: 'He was one of the gentlemen who gave me a very friendly welcome at my first Council meeting.' Mr. G. Benfield spoke of Mr. Palmer's thoroughness in everything he did for the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. N. Chaddock acknowledged his work for the Sheffield and District Society.

Mr. A. E. Rushton paid a tribute to Mr. Alfred King, who was 90 when he died.

Mr. A. R. Elkins paid a tribute to the Rev. J. Kingdon, of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

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Non-routine Items Reported by Hon. Secretary

Mr. E. A. Barnett reported.

Among the non-routine items dealt with during the year, the following are worthy of note:

Dr. Fisher. As agreed last year, a letter of good wishes was sent to Dr. Fisher on his retirement. In his reply the Archbishop added a manuscript note, 'In thanking you I thank your Council also.' A donation of five guineas was made to his Retirement Presentation Fund.

Swedish Visitor. The programme arranged for Mr. A. V. Jakobson, from Stockholm, at the request of the British Council, was carried out in July. It included attendance at a ringing meeting, service ringing, a handbell ringing demonstration and a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Gramophone Record of Spliced Surprise on Handbells. The remaining copies have now been disposed of, and I would like to record my thanks to Mr. C. W. Woolley for assistance in arranging for its re-issue. It will be seen from the accounts that despite all efforts it has not been possible to obtain payment for several records sent to Australia.

'Symbolic Treatment of False Course Heads' Agreement was reached with Mr. Maurice Hodgson on the terms on which the Council would undertake the sale of this mathematical treatise, which is now available.

Noise Abatement Act. Advice was given in response to one or two queries arising from this Act.

Bow Bells Re-opening. The Council was officially represented by the president at this ceremony. It will be recalled that five guineas was contributed to the fund.

For the tenth year Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves have typed and duplicated the report, and once again I record my gratitude to them.

Moving the adoption, Mr. E. A. Barnett said there was one rider he would like to add. He had to thank his wife for her help and his daughter who had helped with the typing. With regard to the gramophone records that had not been paid for, he had received a letter from Miss W. Nichols, of Sydney, stating that the money for two of the three records not paid for had been sent by banker's draft and the matter was being taken up with the banks concerned.

Mr. P. A. Corby, in seconding, wished the secretary and the assistant secretary a very happy day on Wednesday, which would be the 20th anniversary of their wedding day.

Mr. N. Chaddock said he would like to express the Council's grateful thanks to Mr. Wilson for arranging for the duplicating of the minutes. He had done the work for ten years and was willing to continue.

The report was then adopted.

Interest in Carter's Ringing Machine

The trustee, Mr. A. A. Hughes, reported that demonstrations were given to six parties of ringers during the year, totalling 103 visitors, the most in any year since demonstrations recommenced in 1954. In addition, the machine was given short runs for the benefit of visitors to a series of six lectures entitled 'Musical Boxes and Automation,' given at the Science Museum during the Christmas holiday. These audiences totalled 624.

At the beginning of the year the Museum authorities installed short wave radio to enable visitors, on payment of a deposit, to have the use of a small receiver to guide them round certain galleries and provide a running commentary upon the exhibits. This has been extended to the acoustics gallery and now includes the Carter Machine. After a brief description, the machine may be heard ringing Stedman Cinques.

Prior to the Christmas lectures referred to, the authorities asked whether their guide lec-

Sales of Publications show a 25 per cent. increase

The report of the hon. librarian stated that the sales of publications this year show an increase of 25 per cent. on last year's exceptionally high figure. The two new publications, 'Ringing for Service' and 'Compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques,' are partly responsible for this increase, but it is most gratifying to see a record number of 'On Conducting' sold during the year, and a marked increase in the sales of the 'Beginner's Handbook' and 'Change Ringing on Handbells.'

In addition to the two new publications there has been a reprint of the 'Doubles Methods,' which is still selling very well, and the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was in print at the end of the year and on sale in January, 1962. The revision of the 'Handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells' is now nearing completion, and the book will soon be printed.

The increased cost of postage this year is due to the increase in postal rates.

Our thanks are due to Mr. R. W. M. Clouston for a copy of 'The Church and Other Bells of Aberdeenshire' for the library, and to Mr. F. E. Dukes for copies of the 'Irish Bell News.'

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed have again had a very busy year with the sales section of the library, yet have also found time to check proofs. Our most hearty thanks are due to them for the valuable work they are doing for the Exercise.

FRANK W. PERRENS,
Hon. Librarian.

SALES AND STOCK OF PUBLICATIONS

	Copies sold	Stock
Methods Sheets—D.N.C.B.	20	818
Stedman	34	664
Preservation of Bells	77	67
Four-way Minor Table	69	111
Handbell Ringing	175	590
Major Compositions	57	118
Collection of Peals, Section III	13	168
Report of Conference, S.P.A.B.	6	59
Doubles Methods	173	1,928
Model Rules	39	605
Village Bells	128	350
Card of instruction—Care of Bells	40	420
Plain Major Methods	83	249
Methods Committee Report	16	51
On Conducting	327	598
Handbook	81	824
Electrical Switchgear Card	13	885
Grandsire Caters	11	10
Beginners' Handbook	1,972	1,251
Ringing for Service	422	578
Stedman Compositions	55	945
	3,811	11,289

The total value of stock at cost is £470 3s. 6d. Mr. F. W. Perrens moved the adoption and stated that Mr. Speed was not able to be present.

Seconding, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward said the Council would be pleased to know that by now Mr. Speed's wife had presented him with another Speed. He felt members should realise the amount of work involved in running the library. They all appreciated what Mr. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. Speed were doing.

Mr. Brian Warwick said under the will of the late Mr. Morris a number of books were bequeathed to the Council. Where should the books be sent?

The president: To the hon. librarian.

VALUABLE FIRST COPY

Mr. E. H. Lewis said it had been his intention that the Central Council should have the pick of any of his books that they wanted. He had brought four books along with him which he knew the Council did not possess.

The first and the most valuable, of which only three copies existed, was 'Tintinnologia,' by Richard Duckworth, printed in 1668. This was the first book in English on ringing. The author, in a preface, said he had recently read a book written by a Dutchman in Latin. Of the three books one was on loan to the British Museum and another on loan to Cambridge University Library, both by Mr. Pearson, of Henley. Mr. Lewis asked that this book should never be sent out on loan.

The second was a book from Melbourne, Australia, containing a number of compositions of peals, mainly of Grandsire Triples, dated 1938. The third was Mr. Trollope's account of the College Youths, written prior to his book. It was typed, and was sent and dedicated to him. The last was a copy of the proceedings of the Royal Philosophical Society, containing an article written by Dr. Allen about bell tones.

The president said there was a memorial to Richard Duckworth in the chancel of Steeple Aston Church, and there was in the parish Duckworth's Well. Duckworth was a close friend of Fabian Stedman. The Bodleian Library would very much like to get this copy. They had one of the 1671 edition. It was a very valuable gift, and he thanked Mr. Lewis most sincerely.

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson said he typed the manuscript of Trollope's 'College Youths.'

BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT WANTED

Miss M. Cross moved that the Committee responsible for the preparation of the Beginners' Handbook be reappointed and asked to consider whether on the next reprinting a supplement should be included dealing with methods of instruction.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in seconding, hoped that it would be done without increasing the price.

Mr. F. W. Perrens: I cannot say if this can be done without increasing the price. I think it would be best for the Committee to decide whether they want this particular item to be added.

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

The secretary remarked that only last week he paid £160 for the reprinting of the Handbook.

Miss Cross: Have we permission to co-opt if necessary?

The chairman: Yes.

Mr. F. W. Perrens urged the Committee that if they decided to add to the book to get on with the work at once, else it might be too late.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The hon. secretary reported that Mr. Harold Pitstow had intimated that he desired to resign the trusteeship of the Roll of Honour and that Mr. C. G. J. Watts, a member of the College Youths, who attended St. Paul's Cathedral each Sunday and turned over a page of the roll, be appointed. The Standing Committee endorsed this view, which was carried.

ENCOURAGING PROFIT ON 'THE RINGING WORLD'

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood reported.

Your Committee is happy to be able to report a successful year. Circulation has not only been maintained but slightly increased.

Despite a 10 per cent. increase in printing costs, and higher postal rates, there is an encouraging profit balance. Due to the steps taken in increasing the selling price to 8d. the extra printing costs had been provided for. The postal increase could not have been foreseen, but your Committee decided that it should not at present be passed on to postal subscribers.

The Golden Jubilee celebration took place at Guildford and was very well attended. A pilgrimage to the grave of our founder, John S. Goldsmith, was made by a large and representative company. A wreath was placed on the grave by Mrs. F. I. Hairs on behalf of your Committee, and handbells were rung. Even-song at the new Cathedral was attended by upwards of 200, and an enjoyable dinner and social was held in the evening. Your Committee is deeply indebted to Mr. C. W. Denyer for making the arrangements, and his help in carrying them out.

A special issue of 'The Ringing World' was well received, and great credit goes to the Editor, Mr. T. W. White, for a most excellent production.

During the year we have considerably increased the number of illustrations in the paper, and this seems to have been generally appreciated. We shall continue our efforts to make it more attractive and to give it a wider appeal.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Editor for his loyal and painstaking service; to his assistant; to Mr. J. E. Jeater, our accountant; to all who have contributed matter for publication; to Mr. H. L. Roper for compiling the index; and finally to those who sent donations towards the cost of producing the paper.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Balance Sheet, December 31st, 1961

Sundry Creditors £587 2s. 4d. (£637); Postal Subscriptions and other amounts in advance £1,424 0s. 9d. (£1,458); Provision for Income Tax £64 6s. 6d. (£56); Capital Account balance, January 1st, 1961, £5,870 7s. 11d.; Add profit for year £1,261 1s. 6d.=£7,131 9s. 5d. Total £9,206 19s. (£8,021).

Debtors £985 14s. 10d. (£1,034); Investments at Cost £800; 3½% Defence Bonds £800; £800 4% Defence Bonds £800; £1,000 4½% Defence Bonds £1,000; £2,000 5% Defence Bonds £2,000; £1,200 5% Defence Bonds £1,200=£5,800 (£4,800). Cash at Bankers £1,997 2s. 6d.; In hand 14s. 8d.=£1,997 17s. 2d. (£2,017). Amount due from Central Council £423 7s. (£170). Total £9,206 19s. (£8,021).

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE

Woodbridge Press—Printing £4,829 17s. 9d. (£4,543); Blocks £170 19s. 9d. (£161)=£5,000 17s. 6d.

Editorial Office Expenses—Editor's fees and expenses £538 11s. 5d. (£509); Clerical assistance £192 (£165); Postage and Sundries £21 18s. 5d. (£24)=£752 9s. 10d.

Postal Subscribers—Dispatch of Copies £1,042 1s. 5d. (£922); Addressing and wrappers £306 19s. 6d. (£283)=£1,349 0s. 11d.

Accounts Department—Clerical assistance and expenses £208 (£182); Postage £25 5s. 7d. (£20); Stationery and Sundries £37 4s. 7d. (£31)=£270 10s. 2d.

Miscellaneous Expenses £43 (£32). Audit and Accountancy Fees £36 15s. (£37). Income Tax £89 2s. 6d. (£71). Profit for year £1,261 1s. 6d. (£973). Total £8,802 17s. 5d. (£7,953).



Mr. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,
for the first time really happy as 'Ringing World' convener.

INCOME

Rolls Publishing Co. £2,826 9s. 2d. (£2,996).
Postal Subscribers £4,051 18s. 8d. (£3,199).
Donations £451 19s. 3d. (£426).
Advertisements £578 10s. 7d. (£522).
Notices and Peal Reports £605 1s. 7d. (£589).
Sundry Receipts £63 19s. 4d. (£39).
Interest on Investments £264 18s. 10d. (£182).
Total £8,802 17s. 5d. (£7,953).

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said it was the first time since his committee took responsibility that he could say they were really happy. Whether that happiness continued, was in their hands. He pointed out that a large proportion of the profit arose from the savings of past years in the form of interest on investment.

Mr. R. S. Anderson formally seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. F. I. Hairs both spoke supporting the report and the chairman's statement.

Presenting 'The Ringing World' accounts, the honorary treasurer said they would notice on the expenditure side some inevitable increases. Printing and blocks cost £300 extra. There were also increases in Mr. White's department, in despatch of copies and in Mr. Jeater's accounts department. The increase of ½d. in postage had been met in full. On the expenditure side there was a drop of £170 from magazines and publications (newsagents' sales). Postal subscriptions had increased by £850, arising from all paying the 8d. Donations showed a slight increase. They had invested a further £1,000 during the year. He moved the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. V. Bottomley said he had commented previously on the liquidity of 'The Ringing World' accounts; although it was difficult to pass judgment on the matter it did seem to him that there was a bit too much money in the bank. He criticised the continued investment in 5 per cent. Defence Bonds and pointed out that there were several building societies that would give them 4 per cent. tax free for three years. He did not know how long these 3½ per cent. Defence Bonds had to go for maturity. It might be worth while considering putting the money into building societies, which ought to produce an extra few pounds.

The honorary treasurer replied that it would not be worth while reinvesting the Defence Bonds. As regards liquidity, these figures were at the end of the year when postal subscriptions were coming in and they naturally had more money in hand.

Dr. D. N. Layton: Although the secretary has said the profit margin is not excessive in relation to all considerations, it seems to me to be a healthy profit in relation to the turnover and I wonder if the £452 as donations is really necessary. It always seemed to me to continue the matter of donations is not good business. We should be grateful to the committee for the work they are doing, but they should try and run 'The Ringing World' as a business proposition, and not depend on asking for donations to run the paper for a profit.

Mr. Fred Rogers asked whether the present arrangement of the paper, with peals at the end, was permanent.

Mr. Smallwood replied that the present arrangement was meeting with general approval. Peal ringers would find their peals wherever they appeared in the paper. A well known personality had commented that 'The Ringing World' was now set up at backstroke.

'NOT SO PRETTY NEXT YEAR'

Replying to Dr. Layton, Mr. Smallwood said when had the committee asked for donations? Donations were sent by ringers out of the goodness of their hearts, when they saw the committee was in trouble. They had been too proud to ask because people had said they were living on charity. Do not reject a good cause. It would not be such a pretty picture next year. There must be printing increases in wages and also increases in other directions.

Dr. Layton: I would not like to be misunderstood. I am not anti-'Ringing World' or anti-donations. What I am trying to say is that as a long term target they should try and make it a sound proposition. I heartily endorse people buying extra copies, rather than sending charitable donations.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked if he could be told the name of the author of a letter signed George Denzil. Brasted. The letter seemed to him to be a hoax.

The matter was referred to the committee. The Editor, replying to a question on circulation, said it varied from week to week. For example, the regretted death of Mr. Ernest Morris increased the sales by 30 or 40 copies. On the question of donations, there was no obligation to publish quarter peals. They were, however, published if accompanied by an order for extra copies or a donation. A newspaper was always searching for additional revenue in these days of increasing prices, and such donations was one method.

Mr. H. L. Roper suggested that a small charge should be made for quarter peals, which would meet the objections of those who did not like the idea of charitable donations.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said, on the question of running 'The Ringing World' as a business proposition, that had been the object of the

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Central Council Accounts

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31st

Sundry Creditors, £588 18s. 10d. (£711); Amounts received in advance, £1,424 10s. 9d. (£1,459); Clement Glenn Fund, £853 4s. 6d. (£830); Provision for Income Tax, £64 6s. 6d. (£56); Capital Accounts: 'The Ringing World,' £7,131 9s. 5d.; General Fund, £643 5s. 3d. = £7,774 14s. 8d. (£6,464). Total, £10,705 15s. 3d. (£9,520).

Library £10 (£10); Office and Library Equipment, £20 15s. 11d. (£27); Stock of Publications, £470 3s. 6d. (£420); Stock of Records, nil (£24); Debtors and Payments in Advance, £986 15s. 10d. (£1,035); Investments at Cost, £6,562 18s. 4d. (£5,563). Market Value, December 31st, £6,556. Cash at Bank and in hand, £2,655 1s. 8d. (£2,441). Total: £10,765 15s. 3d.

GENERAL FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenses.—Biography Committee, £8 0s. 3d.; Hon. Secretary, £10; Stationery and Printing, £17 9s. 2d.; Postage and Telephone, £11 2s. 2d.; Office and Library Equipment, written off, £6; Archbishop's Presentation, £5 5s.; Insurances, £1 16s.; Typing, £3 3s.; Binding 'The Ringing World,' £1 12s. 6d.; Cheque Book, 8s. 4d.; Sundry Expenses, £1 12s. 10d.; Bad debts—Gramophone Account, £3 1s. 6d.; Loss, Gramophone Account, 8s. 10d. Excess of Income over Expenditure, £49 6s. 9d. Total: £119 6s. 4d.

Affiliation Fees, £81; Profit, Publications Account, £38 6s. 4d. Total: £119 6s. 4d.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Creditors: 'The Ringing World,' £423 7s.; Biographies Committee, £1 16s. 6d. = £425 3s. 6d. (£244); Affiliation Fee in advance, 10s. (£4); Capital Account Balance, December 31st, 1960, £593 18s. 6d.; Add excess of income for year, £49 6s. 9d. = £643 5s. 3d. (£594). Total: £1,068 18s. 9d. (£839).

Library, £10 (£10); Stock of Publications, £470 3s. 6d.; Office and Library Equipment, £20 15s. 11d.; Payment Insurance in advance, £1 1s.; Cash at Bank, £347 4s. 8d.; Hon. Librarian, £217 3s. 8d.; Hon. Secretary, £2 10s. = £566 18s. 4d. (£357). Total: £1,068 18s. 9d. (£839).

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

Stock, January 1st, 1961, £419 18s. 4d.; Purchases: 1,000 'Ringing for Service,' £39 10s.; 2,000 'Doubles Methods,' £99 12s. 6d.; 1,000 'Stedman Compositions,' £70 = £209 2s. 6d.; Trade Discount, £2; Postage, £22 14s. 10d.; Stationery, £2 17s. 6d.; Advertisement, 'The Ringing World,' £20; Profit to General Fund, £38 6s. 4d. Total: £714 19s. 6d.

Sale of Publications, £256 10s. 1d., less discounts, £14 4s. = £242 6s. 1d.; Sundry Receipts, £2 9s. 11d. Stock, December 31st, 1961, £470 3s. 6d. Total: £714 19s. 6d.

Presenting the accounts, the hon. treasurer said the Publications Account showed that they had had an extremely good year. They had continued to issue and reprint publications. Since last Whitsun printing bills had amounted to £770, of which £500 would appear in next year's account. On the General Fund, which had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow, the excess of income over expenditure of £50 included £38 profit on the Publications Account. The Clement Glenn Bequest Account had added £23 of interest. In 1957, £400 British Electrics 4½% had been purchased for £365. These matured in 1967-69 and must be redeemed at par. On the General Fund Balance Sheet the £423 as a creditor to 'The Ringing World' was an internal transaction. The reserves to the General Fund were not sufficiently large to pay these large printing expenses, and it was necessary to borrow some of 'The Ringing World' money.

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if there were any conditions attached to the Clement Glenn bequest.

The hon. secretary: No, the money was bequeathed for such purposes as the Council may decide.

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BELLS AND RINGING POPULAR TOPICS



Mr. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD,
convener of the Literature and Press Committee,
who wants all references to bells and ringing
sent to him.

Report of the Literature and Press Committee:

We have persuaded the large amount of newspaper and other published references to bells and bell ringing and we are most grateful to those who, year after year, keep us supplied with this information.

The matter received during the year may be divided into three main sections—Informatory, Personal and Controversial—as well as some items of general interest.

In the Informative sphere, we find articles and notes published which endeavoured to give the general public some idea of what is involved in bell ringing. For instance, the G.E.C.'s publication 'Research Review' included an excellently written article by John Mayne under the heading 'Ring Out Wild Bells.' (This article has been reviewed in 'The Ringing World.') It is one of the best informed ever written and brings the reader from the first principles of bells and ringing, tells how they are rung and proceeds to change ringing. One can almost become a change ringer on reading this discourse without ever actually learning how to handle a bell. In 'The Croydon Advertiser' a whole page was devoted to the bells of Croydon Parish Church and its ringers, with prominence given to Frederick E. Collins and photographs of the bells and ringers. There is a lengthy explanation of how changes are rung, and altogether the article is very instructive. A

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Mr. Chaddock asked if the money could be used by the Sunday Service and Education Committee to sponsor a new publication or a film.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin seconded such usage.

On the chairman's suggestion it was decided to deal with the matter when the report of the Sunday Service Committee was received.

Mr. R. S. Anderson pointed out that there was a charge of £20 in the Publications Account for advertisements in 'The Ringing World.' This was included some years back on a resolution of the Council. 'The Ringing World' Committee now considered that the advertisements could be inserted free from January 1st, 1962. The Committee asked the librarian to make a close study of the selling prices of publications. They were entitled to make more than £38 profit on the turnover.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The amendment to make no charge for the advertisements was carried, but there was a substantial vote against.

The accounts were then adopted.

well illustrated article in 'The Daily Herald' explained the facts behind 'Ringing the Changes'. It described and showed how a bell is rung and the various positions of the rope as the bell swings. There were notes on change ringing and some sound advice about safety in the belfry. Another 'Advertiser' (Yorkshire) described the method of teaching a learner to handle a bell and then mentioned how changes are rung. The introduction to this article is about Rotherham Parish Church and its ten bells. Even 'The Times' considered an article, 'Beginner in a Bell Tower,' well worth inclusion, in which it tells of an elderly man in the West Country learning to ring. It talks of 'Grandsires' and 'Stedman,' otherwise it is excellently written. 'Ringing the Changes' by Christine Bradburn appeared in 'The Lady.' It described the arrangement of a bell tower and the mechanics of a bell and it said 'the only strength needed in ringing is strength of mind.' Unfortunately, a rather patchy article was written for 'She' entitled 'The Object of the Exercise.' It gave a large amount of general information about the Exercise and published at least two good photographs.

PERSONALITIES

'Personalities' who received publicity included Frederick E. Collins, in the South Eastern Gas Board's House journal, 'SEGAS.' The article covered his ringing career and his present association with Croydon Parish Church. A photograph was included showing the younger ringers there along with Mr. Collins. The 'milestone' reached by Ernest Morris in scoring his 2,000th peal resulted in a special commemorative pamphlet being produced. It gave an historical account of Ernest, a list of the books he had written and recorded his more spectacular peals. The event did not pass unnoticed in the U.S.A., where the American Bell Association published a brochure called 'The Bell Tower' and devoted two of its pages to his career as a ringer. It described him as the world's most prolific writer of articles about bells. Mr. James R. Lawson, of 'Overtones,' dedicated his Easter Carillon concert at the Riverside Church, New York, to Mr. Morris and this was referred to in 'Overtones' itself. 'The Dublin Evening Mail' devoted much space to the two oldest ringers at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin—Fred Scott and Billy Lynch—who have a total of over 110 years of ringing between them. 'Stroller' in 'The South Wales Echo' related the ringing and business career of one-armed Fred Hannington, secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouthshire Association. Brief references were also made to Mr. and Mrs. David King, as well as to other members of the Association, who gave some intelligent information in an interview on ringing.

GREAT SALKELD PHOTOGRAPHS

At the meeting in Stoke-on-Trent on last Whit Tuesday, we drew attention to the fact that private belfry 'rows' received publicity of an unsavoury nature in the public Press. A long discussion took place in regard to these unwanted reports in general, and to 'The Sunday Pictorial' photographs of ringing at Great Salkeld in particular. It was decided that the distasteful portrayal therein of the ringers might be brought to the notice of the Press Council. After careful consideration some correspondence with Mr. E. A. Barnett and, in view of the fact that numerous protests were made to the paper itself (some of which were published, the committee agreed that little real good would come of such a course. The publicity given in the Exercise and in the Council meeting will, we hope, prove to have been of value, if it reiterates and reinforces the need of great care in dealing with journalists and press photographers. We take the opportunity of recording the fact that the churchwarden of St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, wrote to us expressing his great concern that such grossly distorted aspects of bell ringing should have come from photographs taken in his church. The ringers, too, were very distressed.

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Literature Committee—Cont.

Whilst on this theme, it is disturbing to observe that the Press continues to make national capital out of local difficulties. The dispute at Chudleigh, Devon, received wide publicity in 'The Sunday Despatch' and 'The Evening Standard.' The sequel to this 'row' was the dissolution of the team of ringers, the banning of lady ringers from the tower and the re-formation of the team composed entirely of men, all because two women could not agree. 'The Daily Express' mentioned a protest to the Bishop by some 'cranks,' because it was alleged that carols were sung and the bells of Winslow Church, Bucks, were rung for the meeting of the fox hunt nearby. The Vicar, we are glad to note, said that the ringing was a coincidence and that in any case no one will stop them from ringing their bells when they want to.

A 'welcome' peal was rung for the new Vicar of St. Mary's, Walserton, Sussex, who showed his displeasure by prohibiting ringing and telling the conductor to stay away from the belfry, so relates 'The Sunday Despatch.' Warwickshire and Staffordshire have had their share of unpopularity. In 'The Birmingham Mail' a local resident protested in a letter about the ringing of the Cathedral bells on Thursdays. This was followed by an encouraging reply which made some complimentary remarks about this ring of bells. A happy solution was reached, according to 'The Birmingham Post' to some objections from several residents about the noise from the bells of Stretton Parish Church, Burton-on-Trent. The local Council was asked to take action under the Noise Abatement Act. The complaint was amicably solved by the fitting of baffles to the openings in the tower. Some letters of protest about the ringing at Knowle on Thursdays and Saturdays were published in 'The Solihull News.'

BOW BELLS AGAIN

On a wider plane in the general sense some intelligent and interesting articles appeared. 'The Guardian,' in its article on 'Ringing the Changes at Norbury,' refers to the variety of trades and professions to be found in the belfry. It was an intelligent piece of lay observation and it deprecated synthetic ringing. 'The Irish Times' magazine page included an essay called 'The Sound of Bow Bells' which dealt with Cockney London and the association of the famous bells with the City. The author concludes on an encouraging note—'Cockney has left its mark on the speech of the people who have no trace of true Cockney vigour, people who were born far outside the small orbit of the genuine, non-electronic bronze and clapper Bow Bells.' Bow Bells were mentioned, too, in an article on 'The Magic of Bells' which was published in 'The Safe Driver.' The author recalls his visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where he saw these bells.

The dedication and opening of Bow Bells were widely covered by the Press throughout these islands. 'Shell-B.P. News' had five pages, excellently coloured, all devoted to bells. They showed bells ringing, Big Ben and Westminster, clock and bells of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, Ernest Oliver with handbells in the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and ringers 'Standing-to' at Great Amwell, Herts. A whole page of 'The Cambridge Daily News'

was devoted to 'Bell Ringing.' It said: 'Bell ringing helps ringers to stay young and fit.' It dealt with the older ringers of the Ely Diocese and mentioned Stedman's association with Cambridge. The article went on to discuss bells in general and those of Cambridge in particular, and it was an outstanding account of local interest. 'The Drogheda Independent' in a reference to 'Ringing in the New Year' gave a lengthy account of the history of bells, with special mention of the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Brian Price's ringing machine received publicity in 'The Western Standard' under the title of 'Electronics reach the Belfry,' in which it was shown and described. It is very pleasing to note that the machine is not intended to supplant church bells, but is a device for personal pleasure. 'The Observer's' article 'Under the Sound of Bells' was cool and calculating. There was a reference to Walter Ayre.

THE DEVIL'S ROCK

Some references which ringers would regard as amusing had publicity. 'The Daily Express,' for example, mentioned an advertisement for bell ringers from a Rector, telling how to get the He-man look. We wonder what impressions prospective lady ringers would get on reading such matter! The same paper also contained a note to the effect that the Vicar of Shebbear, Devon, was concerned because there are only four ringers in the village. There is an ancient custom there of turning the Devil's Rock, which must be performed by six bell ringers. The ringers ring a discordant peal before the ceremony and a joyous one afterwards. On the amusing side we note that 'The Clanger,' a cartoon book of ringers for ringers by a ringer, was published during the year.

There does not appear to be any slackening in the mention of bells and bell ringing in the Press, and this is encouraging. If such publicity helps to create practical interest in ringing it must be all to the good; but we would urge those in belfries to keep their disputes out of the Press and to give, instead, more material that will engender goodwill towards our art and perhaps gain some who would otherwise not become bell ringers.

The following publications came to our notice during the year: 'Overtones,' 'The Belfry,' 'The Bellringer's Diary,' 'The Irish Bell News,' 'The Ringing Towers,' 'The Ringer's Magazine.'—Edgar C. Shepherd (convener), Fred E. Dukes.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded, and the report was adopted.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Russell Young and ten boys from Groton School, Mass. U.S.A. arrive in this country today (Friday). They will be attending the Oxford Guild Festival and are planning a week's ringing in the Winchester area from July 7th.

The eight bells at Groton are being recast into a ring of ten at the Whitechapel Foundry and the boys are hoping to see the recasting of the tenor. They will be staying near Hillingdon and Stoke Poges, and letters can be addressed to Mr. W. H. Coles, 92, Harlington Road, Hillingdon.

BIOGRAPHIES WANTED

The report of the Biographies Committee stated:

Our records show that throughout the 60 years of the Council's existence 797 persons have been elected to membership, of whom 416 are known to be deceased. Since we also know that 345 persons are still living these figures show that there are 36 persons of whom, for a variety of reasons (but not for want of trying on this committee's part), nothing is known except their names, the Association they represented and the years of their membership.

Some names have been circulated in earlier reports and another 'short list' is given below in the hope that some member now present may be able to give some details regarding them. All served the Council before the Biographies Committee was formed and all were in their day active in ringing circles and attended meetings of the Council: R. Binns, Leeds and District Association, 1897-1899; J. Norbury, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1909-1935 (intermittently); J. C. Pollard, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, 1932-1938; H. Parker, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1936-1938; Rev. R. L. Twells, Ely Diocesan Association, 1906-1908.

The report mentions the deaths of members—already reported to the Council—and continues.

A letter was posted in December, 1961, to Mr. Charles Willshire, who was then the oldest past member of the Council, offering him our best wishes both for Christmas and for his birthday, which occurred on January 8th. Mr. Willshire was born in 1866, so was 96 this year. Also sent to him were some items of interest concerning Guildford, where, with his family, he lived from 1895 till 1913 when they moved to Canada.

Photographs only are required for the completion of records of the following past members: T. G. Bartlett, E. W. Biffen, A. E. Coles, J. G. Buchanan, H. Dew, H. Fairclough, Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, F. Preecey, S. F. C. Saker, R. G. Knowles, W. Walmsley and J. Maddock. These photographs are believed to exist and present day members of Societies concerned are asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining them.

The report again acknowledges the help received from many, both of the Council and outside it, in the collection of information and in obtaining loans of photographs.—A. C. Hazelden (convener).

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who moved the adoption, said of 52 forms handed out in respect of new members who joined in 1960, only 18 had been returned with photographs.

Mr. John Willis, seconding, said this year they had not been able to write up all the forms submitted. A young man of the Kent Association was now helping with the work.

The honorary secretary: The Standing Committee recommend the adoption of the report and ask if any member has any communication to make relating to the committee to send it to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

Mr. Harry Poyner said he preferred to write his own biography than leave it to the committee.

The report was adopted.

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Greater Use of Bells Wanted in Church Broadcasts

The report of the Broadcasting and Television Committee stated:

From Northern Ireland we are able to report that during the year the bells from some of the towers were broadcast prior to services, but again the time allowed was all too short. In one case, due to some difficulty, the B.B.C., after asking the ringers to turn up, were unable to broadcast the bells. Lurgan ringers broke new ground this year by appearing on B.B.C. Television, the bells being rung as a prologue to a feature programme on the Borough of Lurgan. The camera shots were well taken and gave a good illustration of the ringing. St. Thomas, Belfast, also appeared on Ulster Television at New Year. Enniskillen represented Northern Ireland on Christmas Day and the general impression was of good striking. Unfortunately the district has lost a very good friend on the B.B.C. through the death of Robert Crossett, who was always trying to think of new ways and means to introduce bells into broadcasting.

Radio Eireann featured bells from the 'Free State' on a number of occasions, including Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, as part of the New Year celebrations, when 'All Dublin' assembled to welcome the New Year and hear the bells. St. Patrick's Cathedral bells were broadcast at the conclusion of the Nine Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve and St. George's, Dublin, were heard prior to a service in June. The catillon of Armagh Cathedral was broadcast as part of the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

ST. PETER'S, WOOLTON

In the North we have had the opportunity further to improve our relationship with the B.B.C., and some interesting correspondence has passed between us. We have raised a number of points regarding the possible wider use of church bells, not only prior to Sunday services, which occurs only occasionally, but in feature programmes and the like. We played our part in the choice of tower for the Christmas round-up and the resultant ringing from St. Peter's, Woolton, was of a good standard. It is to be regretted that subsequent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' from this tower was quite uncalled for and in extremely bad taste.

Little of interest has occurred in the Scottish region during the year and as chimes greatly outnumber rings in Scotland, it is felt to be not unreasonable that a chime was included in Christmas ringing this year.

Nothing of interest from the broadcasting point of view has occurred in the Midland Region with the exception of the Christmas ringing from Worcester Cathedral, which was of a very good standard and the band are to be congratulated on their performance.

In the West our relationship with the B.B.C. continues to flourish and a number of items other than Sunday services have featured various rings of bells. In June in the programme 'Round-up' there was good call change ringing from Shirwell and an interview between the B.B.C.'s Peggy Archer and Tom Darch, the chairman of the Devon Association, who led the four judges at the D.A. six-bell contest there. There was the usual 'dying art' argument, which was properly dealt with by Mr. Darch, who spoke so warmly and enthusiastically, and sounded so thoroughly nice with his rich, musical North Devon voice, that it is felt he did the Exercise a very good service.

BRISTOL FESTIVAL

The Bristol Ringing Guilds Festival was covered on Network Three, when the Cathedral bells were heard and Mr. A. V. Bennett was interviewed. T.W.W. also covered the event and featured Emmanuel bells, which were both seen and heard ringing and Mr. Frank Hansford discussed the festival in an interview.

The John Betjeman programme 'The A.B.C. of Churches' was rebroadcast and Aldbourne bells and ringers featured.

In November the B.B.C. television programme 'View Point' included an item entitled 'Ringing in the Quantocks' and there was some good ringing and close-ups of the ringers.



Mr. H. J. SANGER,

convener of the Broadcasting and Television Committee. In the West our relationship with the B.B.C. continues to flourish.

There was some excellent pre-service ringing during the year, culminating in the bells of Bath Abbey on Christmas morning. St. Mary Redcliffe bells were also heard in the Christmas morning round-up. The inclusion of these bells was particularly desired by the B.B.C.

In Wales, Cowbridge came over very well, and in 'Hook-up' on April 11th Mr. Arthur Hoare's handbell band gave an excellent performance which included Grandsire Caters and has a finale 'The Bells of St. Mary's'. During the programme Mr. Hoare gave an interesting talk on bells and ringing in general.

A 15 MINUTE FEATURE

In the London Region two famous London rings have featured in radio and television programmes. In 'Here and Now' on I.T.V. St. Paul's bells and ringers were featured for 15 minutes, during which time the bells were heard ringing rounds, whilst on the screen appeared shots of the ringers and of parts of the Cathedral. John Philips demonstrated chiming on the middle six, and John Chilcott, Philip Chalk and John Rook were interviewed. On B.B.C. a radio programme covered the opening of the new ring at St. Mary-le-Bow, but unfortunately little ringing was heard. On television there were some excellent shots of the bells turning over and of some of the ringers. Some excellent rounds were heard.

The tower recommended for the Christmas Broadcast from this region was used by the B.B.C. and the result was an excellent performance.

In general we could wish that bells were used more often before services in most regions. In the West we are very fairly dealt with and it would be a matter of interest to know how much ringers do toward getting their bells included when it is known a service is to be broadcast. Where a band is well organised and its services are appreciated by the incumbent as being part of the service for which the bells are rung, there should be no trouble in getting the bells included when a broadcast is to take place. Direct action by ringers could well improve the situation.

Complaints have been received regarding the use of the Bow Bells Interval Signal, and in correspondence with the B.B.C. we have been assured that snatches of it are often used to fill in odd moments. We can only hope

that our protest at the undesirable way in which it has been used of late will bring about an improvement.

12 BELLS AND MICROPHONES

The Christmas Broadcast was generally considered to be on a par with last year. The B.B.C. again asked our co-operation in the selection of towers in most regions, and we were very pleased to help. Owing to rather short notice we were unable to implement our desire to have a wider selection of towers, but we again hope this may be possible next time. A point we have to bear in mind is that the B.B.C. have expressly stated that they have a preference for bells from places of historical or architectural interest. The placing of microphones when recordings are being made in busy towns always presents a difficult problem for the engineers; both the 12-bell broadcasts this year suffered in this respect.

Our thanks are due to those who have given us assistance during the year, and to the one or two who have sent us information of broadcasts. We should appreciate more information from those concerned with feature broadcasts, giving full reports of those events. —H. J. Sanger (convener), N. Chaddock, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, H. N. Pitsoy, A. G. G. Thurlow, R. S. Wilson.

Mr. Harry Sanger moved the adoption of the report. He said during the year a number of things had happened and it was impossible to keep a strict check of everything. He asked those responsible for broadcasts to tell him about them.

Seconding, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody endorsed Mr. Sanger's plea.

The honorary secretary: The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and that Mr. D. Bayles be added to the committee, in place of Mr. N. Chaddock, who wished to retire.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead asked where information should be sent to. It was eventually agreed that the address of conveners should be published with the reports.

Mr. N. Chaddock also suggested 'The Ringer's Diary' a point Mr. W. H. Viggers promised to consider.

The Rev. John Scott said in the Western Region the name of the captain of ringers was published when bells were broadcast in connection with services, with the names of clergy and organist. He would like to see it in other region reports.

Mr. Sanger: That point has been the subject of correspondence.

The report was then adopted.

'Ringing World' Debate—Cont.

committee since it was formed. They were not like some people who could spend money before they received it. They had got a reserve by blood, sweat and toil over many years. They were trying to make the paper readable and attractive. So far as quarter peals were concerned they appreciated Mr. Roper's remarks. There was no obligation to publish them. If they wanted their sons' or daughters' engagement published they had to pay for it. That was what they were doing with quarter peals. They were not governed by any Government 2½ per cent guiding light. In the past they had cheap service, and now they were trying to give adequate reward for that service.

Mr. J. H. Crampion asked when last the Editor had a rise.

The honorary secretary: I think I am right in saying approximately 12 months ago.

Mr. Crampion: I would like to move £100.

The president: I think that is a matter of internal arrangement. Mr. White's salary is a matter for the committee.

Mr. D. Beresford: If the Editor's salary is a matter for the committee, surely the income of the paper is a matter for the committee and not the Council.

The final comment came from Mr. Smallwood that the Publications Committee should consider the selling price of their publications.

The report and accounts were then adopted.

Films on Ringing Wanted, but not by the Council

The report of the Education and Sunday Service Ringing Committee was sectionalised. Appended is the report dealing with ringing:

Thorough investigations have been made into the possibilities of making a film about bell ringers and various aspects have been considered. All suggestions put forward by those responding to the Convener's invitation in 'The Ringing World' have been followed up.

Three people made offers of personal assistance in producing a film. One offered services, aided by two ringing friends, in camera work and 16mm. photography, but said he was not sure how much time he would have to spare due to studies. Another offered help with 8 mm. film and a tape recorder, and a third offered the loan of 'still' pictures of ringers in action from a project she is doing in photo-journalism.

Careful consideration of all relevant factors and advice offered leads to the conclusion that the suggested film should be in colour and with sound track in either 16 or 35 mm. film. A 35 mm. film would have to be produced professionally and distributed commercially and the following are extracts of replies to inquiries made of two different reputable commercial film companies, one in London and the other in the Midlands.

(1) 'Professional production of a 20 minutes' film in colour, covering the sort of aspects you mention would be likely to cost about £4,000, of which £2,000 to £3,000 might be recovered over a period of years. A 16 mm. film would be a little cheaper, but would produce only a few hundred pounds from library fees.'

(2) 'Films produced by private sponsors rarely achieve cinema distribution, except where the sponsor pays the distributor for getting the film shown—a 20 minutes' sound film may cost anything from £300 to £4,000.'

The above obviously rules out this method of having a film produced so far as the Central Council is concerned, so efforts were made to interest the following bodies in the production or distribution of a film on bell ringing. Their responses are also indicated. When approaching them brief details were given of the various aspects from which they could select materials for such a film. It was also indicated that the Central Council could help in many ways.

The Central Office of Information, The Crown Film Unit and The Central Film Library. Inquiries to all three of these organisations with a view to getting them to include a film on bell ringing in their series 'Our Glorious Heritage' have failed to produce a reply, although a check has been made on the correctness of the addresses to which the Convener wrote and no letter has been returned to him as being incorrectly addressed.

A very courteous reply was received from Rank Film Industries, pointing out that their 'Looking at Life' series included a 10 minute film on 'Ringing the Changes' which received general showing about 18 months previously in their Weekly Magazine programme. A black and white 16 mm. version of this film, which covers many of the desired aspects, is available on loan for 10s. from the G.B. Film Library, 1, Aintree Road, Perivale, Middlesex. Its locations are Loughborough, Hastings, Whitechapel and St. Paul's Cathedral.

The producer of 'Ringing the Changes' doubts whether they would want to return to the subject, at least for a considerable time, in view of the specialised nature of the subject.

Granada T.V. Network and the B.B.C. T.V. Department have been approached and both have formally acknowledged receipt of the letter.

It is possible that the above inquiries may bear fruit at a later date, but for the time being no help appears to be forthcoming from these sources.

It is not recommended that the Council produce an 8 mm. film. There are many ringers with 8 mm. equipment capable of producing a useful 8 mm., or 8 mm. plus tape



Mr. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

convener of the Education and Sunday Service Ringing Committee, who investigated the making of films about ringing.

recorded sound, film on bell ringing. Such films could be loaned to ringing friends or publicised in 'The Ringing World.' The Council could be approached by anyone who had made a satisfactory film for help in getting copies made and in distributing such copies on loan. One correspondent referred to a nine minutes' 8 mm. film on bell ringing with sound recorded on tape made recently at Blackburn Cathedral.

This committee recommends that though individual efforts to produce a film on bell ringing are to be commended, it is not advisable that the Council or one of its committees should undertake this task.

An additional reason for this recommendation is that a 16 mm. sound film on bell ringing has just been produced in Canada by Mr. A. J. M. Collins, who will be present at the Council meeting at Whitsuntide. Arrangements are progressing for Council members to see this film at Whitsuntide and to consider how it might be made available for general circulation.

Moving the adoption of the section relating to films, Mr. Norman Chaddock said he had a lot of replies, but only three of concrete assistance. One was from a gentleman at Harrow Weald of 16 mm. colour. The other offers were for taking with 16 mm. silent film. The committee recommended that whilst they commend the efforts of any individual they did not think the Council should take on the task as it was very expensive. The film they saw on Sunday evening would cost about £300 for an amateur alone.

After the report had been seconded, Mr. Garner-Hayward thought the committee should set out an outline of the kind of film they wanted. He had no doubt that a number of people could produce it.

Mr. Philip Gray: It seems, reading through the report, that there is a considerable amount of confusion as to the kind of film wanted. There may be some purpose in making an instructional film by amateurs. The other sort of film is commercial—for presenting ringing to the public and that can only be made one way and that is a professional organisation producing a film for television or as a company film. I think that ringing, being a fascinating subject, would make a good film.

Mr. Chaddock said he had correspondence with two commercial companies—one in

Birmingham the other in London—and neither of these felt ringing would warrant them making a film. As to Mr. Hayward's question as to what was wanted, it included historical, making of a bell and the place of ringing in the community.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said on Sunday evening they saw an excellent film in the form of a narrative and of general instruction. What they wanted to know was, was it possible to have an instructional film? He thought that to spend the Clement Glenn bequest on a film was not the wisest move.

Mr. G. Dodds: The film by Mr. Collins was the best we have had so far.

The report was then adopted.

RESIDENTIAL COURSES

In 1961 the two courses with which members of this committee assisted were very successful, one at Knuston Hall, Northants, and one at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire. Both are being repeated this year and some 15 to 20 ringers who applied to go to Grantley Hall were disappointed to find all available places taken. The 1962 course at Grantley Hall is the third in succession. Its popularity is indicated by the fact that many of those who applied to go in 1962 had attended the previous bell ringing courses held there.

The Durham and Newcastle Association approached us about residential week-end courses and we have since learned that one is being held in their area this year.

This report was moved by Mr. Chaddock, and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and adopted without discussion.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

There is scope for much useful work and propaganda here, and the best results will probably come from personal contacts on the lines followed during the last year, when Mr. Lufkin twice visited St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, and gave talks on bell ringing, and visited Bishop's College, Cheshunt, Herts, and made arrangements to give talks during 1962. The students of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, also all visited the Cathedral for a practical demonstration. Mr. Lufkin was well received at both Colleges and presented each college library with a copy of:

- 1 The Central Council Handbook
- 2 Preservation of Bells
- 3 Ringing for Service
- 4 Elementary Change Ringing.

In each case these four books were bound together into one book to make a more attractive and permanent addition to the college libraries. Local Association officials were consulted first in each of these cases.

It is suggested that the Council authorise the presentation of the above four booklets where similar contact can be established. The cost would be about £1 for each set of books.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin moved the adoption of the report and said there was much work that could be done. They required help and somebody who knew the way in. He asked for authority to spend money on binding books. He felt that useful work could be done in teachers' training colleges. In St. Augustine's College there were only six ordinands out of 40 and those people were going all over the world.

Mr. H. S. Roper said the way in was by personal approach. Valuable work was done at Cuddesdon College, where Miss Cross takes these ordinands out on a Saturday afternoon and gets them inoculated with the ringing bug. Oxford University Society was also helping at Ripon Hall and St. Stephen's.

Mr. Walter Ayre said there were three or four colleges where there were very good ringers training as ordinands.

Miss Cross said they were constantly at Cuddesdon. Next term there would be one there who had been Master of a University Society.

This section was then adopted.

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591 Rang their First Peal in 1961

The report of the Peal Analysis Committee for 1961 shows a slight reduction in the number of peals rung as compared with that for 1960.

The grand total of peals accepted is 2,810, with 2,653 on tower bells and 157 on handbells, a drop on tower bells, but a jump on handbells, the latter mainly due to the efforts of the Derbyshire Association (27), the Leicester Diocesan Guild (61) and the Yorkshire Association (14).

On tower bells there is a fall on every number except Cinquses and Triples, while on handbells the main increases are in Major, Minor and Doubles. Handbell peals of Minimus have been excluded, while we are taking opinion about a 'so-called' peal of Treble Bob Minimus.

First pealers, as shown in 'The Ringing World,' amounted to 591, with 87 first as conductor—a most essential part of the report and one which we trust will continue to be maintained. Herewith is shown the breakdown of the analysis:

	Tower Bells			Handbells	
	1961	1960		1961	1960
Maximus	47	52	-5	2	+2
Cinquses	32	31	+1	2	1
Royal	165	174	-9	4	2
Caters	75	82	-7	3	8
Major	1,070	1,077	-7	49	18
Triples	215	196	-19	2	3
Minor	787	870	-83	47	34
Doubles	256	265	-9	48	21
Minimus	6	2	+4		
	2,653	2,749	-96	157	87

A study of the first pealers reveals some interesting facts, notably: first peal for the whole band (6) in a peal of Doubles, with a conductor aged 15; five firsts in a peal of Doubles; four firsts, with first as conductor (Doubles); four first pealers in a peal of Minor; while one young man, at his first attempt, called Stedman Triples; these, with other youngsters of 13-15 calling peals, show initiative and foresight, auguring well for the future. These are the sort of peals we should encourage.

How do the various Associations and Guilds stand in the 'race'? The Leicester D.G. is still on top, with 203 peals; the Oxford Guild coming second with 183—all tower bell peals—to honour their 80th year of existence.

The first seven positions are as follows:

Leicester D.G.	203
Oxford D.G.	183
Kent C.A.	163
Lincoln D.G.	151
Chester D.G.	150
Yorkshire A.	142
Essex A.	112

The increase in pay for the Police Force has not reflected itself in peal ringing! The Scottish Association and the St. David's Guild both failed to score, while some others just managed to creep into the table.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Now for the experts. The outstanding performances we think should receive special mention are as follows:

Chester D.G., 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods);
Essex A., 80, 63, 41 Minor methods;
Gloucester and Bristol A., 9 Spliced Surprise Maximus;
Lancashire A., 55 Plain Major methods and 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal;
Leicester D.G., 32,704 Plain Bob Major, and Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus on handbells;
Middlesex C.A., Minor on tower bells, double-handed by three ringers, and 12 Surprise Minor, in which the conductor rang 2-3;
North Staffs A., 5 Spliced Surprise Major—silent and non-conducted;
Salisbury D.G., 6 Spliced Surprise Major at Sherborne Abbey, and 10,080 Spliced Surprise Minor in 41 methods;
Winchester and Portsmouth D.G., Plain Bob Major, in which two rang double-handed on tower bells;
Yorkshire A., 125 Minor methods on tower bells, and 130 Minor methods on handbells,



Mr. WALTER AYRE,
convener of the Peals Analysis Committee.

QUESTIONS

Was the Superlative Minor, rung for the Surrey Association, really reverse Cambridge, as we understand there is no Superlative Minor? While fully appreciating and understanding the increasing number of methods being rung in peals of Surprise Minor, is it not a fact that there was an understood agreement among the experts in the past that there should be at least one plain lead of every method rung in these peals?

Perhaps the present Minor experts could enlighten us!

We thank all those who send in peal reports for their co-operation; trusting they will continue to give us all the essential information we require.

This year the convener was actually able to compile this information before the end of February—please continue the good work.—W. Ayre. K. W. F. Felstead (Rev.), H. L. Roper.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Walter Ayre said the report meant that Treble Bob Minimus was out, Superlative Surprise Minor was not Superlative, it was Reverse Cambridge, and there was general agreement that there should be one plain lead of every method rung in a peal of Surprise Minor.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded.

The honorary secretary: The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report, subject to the following: the omission of a peal of Treble Bob Minimus, on the basis that there was no true plain course; the inclusion of any peals of Minimus between January 1st and May 21st last year because they did not know the Council's decision; in regard to Spliced Surprise Minor they deprecated the ringing of any such peal that did not include a plain lead of every method.

Mr. P. A. Oram pointed out that in particular composition in the peal referred to one could not have a plain lead.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said the peal Mr. Oram had referred to had been in existence for 25 years. He first saw it in 1936, and at the time he did not approve of it and he did not approve of it now. People had rung it, but it had never been challenged in 'The Ringing World.' It was a question of good or bad taste and no amount of regulations

would alter that. In regard to the 1,440, he examined this 10 or 12 years ago and the first block did not come round at the end. It was the same touch that the Rev. E. Banks James used, therefore the 1,440 must be approved.

There were many and varied types of records and when claiming a record the grounds on which the claim was made should be stated.

The report was adopted, it being understood that peals of Minimus rung up to the last Council meeting be counted and not peals of Treble Bob Minimus.

Many New Methods

The Records Committee reported the following new methods and progressive lengths:—

- Jan. 2, 5,040 Xanthi S.R., Leicester;
12, 5,184 Sheffield S.M., Middlesex;
21, 5,120 Quornden S.M., Leicester;
21, 5,056 Crediton S.M., Hertford;
23, 5,040 Yelvertoft S.R., Leicester;
28, 5,040 Ulverscroft S.R., Midland;
Feb. 9, 5,184 Woking S.M., Middlesex;
13, 5,040 Zouche S.R., Leicester;
20, 5,040 Lubbethorpe S.R., Leicester;
25, 5,000 Feltham S.R., Middlesex;
25, 5,120 Harefield S.M., Hertford;
25, 5,120 Warminster Bob M., Salisbury;
27, 5,040 Morrison S.R., Leicester;
Mar. 6, 5,040 Knaptoft S.R., Leicester;
13, 5,040 Jacobstowe S.R., Leicester;
18, 5,024 Pytchley S.M., Hertford;
April 10, 5,040 Glenfield S.R., Leicester;
15, 5,024 Longney S.M., Gloucester;
19, 5,024 St. Alphege Imp. C.M.,
Norwich;
20, 5,024 Sussex S.M., Middlesex;
22, 5,040 Nottingham S.R., Lancashire;
22, 5,056 Carlton S.M., Hertford;
29, 5,088 Broadwater S.M., Hertford;
May 4, 5,120 Louthbury S.M., Middlesex;
8, 5,040 Ibstock S.R., Leicester;
15, 5,040 Foston S.R., Leicester;
18, 5,024 Pembroke S.M., Middlesex;
27, 5,056 Ullesthorpe S.M., Leicester;
June 1, 5,120 Bangor S.M., Middlesex;
3, 5,056 Blackdown Del. M.,
Bath & Wells;
5, 5,040 Elvesthorpe S.R., Leicester;
15, 5,024 Springvale S.M., Middlesex;
23, 5,040 Hemington S.R., Leicester;
24, 5,184 Spliced S. Max. (9 methods),
Gloucester;
30, 5,040 Asfordby S. Royal, Leicester;
July 1, 5,040 Spliced S. Royal (6 methods),
Lancashire;
3, 5,040 Diseworth S.R., Leicester;
10, 5,040 Horninghold S.R., Leicester;
15, 5,024 Biggleswade S.M., Lincoln;
Aug. 10, 5,024 Shropshire S.M., Middlesex;
19, 5,024 Wymondham S.M., Hertford;
23, 5,088 Cheltenham S.M., Middlesex;
Sept. 17, 5,040 Brigstow S. Max., Lancashire;
22, 5,056 Turramurra S.M., Leicester;
30, 5,024 Quedgeley S.M., Gloucester;
Oct. 5, 5,120 Salisbury S.M., Middlesex;
16, 5,040 Blaby S.R., Leicester;
26, 5,024 Brentfield S.M., Middlesex;
30, 5,040 Anstey S.R., Leicester;
Nov. 4, 5,000 Stroud S.R., Gloucester;
4, 5,040 Evesham S.R., Winchester;
4, 5,040 Pyrtton Lmp. Ct. M., Oxford;
Dec. 14, 5,120 Perivale S.M., Middlesex.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

- July 15, 32,704 Plain Bob M., Leicester Dio
(longest length of Major yet rung);
Dec. 23, 16,920 Yorkshire S.R., Lancashire
(longest length of Royal yet rung).

(Signed) Mrs. E. K. FLETCHER (convener),
F. T. BLAGROVE, Miss L. K. MARSHALL,
JOHN R. MAYNE.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded, and asked for the inclusion of 13,440 Surprise Major in six methods, rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild on last Whit Sunday, to be included in the list of progressive lengths.

This was agreed to and the report was adopted.

Miscellaneous Questions to Sunday Service Ringing Committee

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The convener has also dealt with the following inquiries: Requests for advice and syllabuses for evening school classes in bell ringing; for advice on establishing a school bell ringing society; for the loan of a film on bell ringing; for loan of instructional film strip or slides; suggestions for handbell groups; information on bell ringing in this country by the Editor of 'Overtones'; to act as local examiner for Boys Scouts' and Girl Guides' bell ringing badges; copies of belfry prayers.

Miscellaneous inquiries, such as these, seem to be increasing in number and often arise as a result of reading the Council's recent publication 'Ringing for Service.' It is recommended that this be advertised again in the Church Press since many of those to whom it will be most useful are out of touch with ringing circles, probably do not take 'The Ringing World' and are, therefore, unaware of the existence of the publication.—N. Chaddock (convener), W. F. Moreton, F. B. Lufkin, D. N. Layton, A. G. G. Thurlow (Rev.).

The Rev. John Scott called attention to the need of the right people being called to act as examiners for Scouts' and Guides' ringing badges.

Mr. E. H. Mastin said he had 20 young ringers at three different towers and three had asked if they could take the Guides' or Scouts' ringer's badge. They were expecting a lot for the badge.

Mrs. Rogers, who is a Guide captain, said they liked their badges to be given for a good standard. She did not think the standard

for the Guides' badge was too high or too hard. She had had one or two go through.

A member said he had to fail a girl because she could not splice a rope.

Mr. Chaddock: If you have an easy badge they get it and are not seen in the belfry any more.

Mrs. Rogers: There is a knotted's badge and some of the things they have to do is much harder than splicing a rope.

Mr. Denis Bayles thought that £25 might be spent from the Clement Glenn bequest on new books of instruction.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead moved that the matter of using the interest from the Clement Glenn bequest be referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded, and this amendment was carried.

The report was then adopted.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report stated that during the past year the collection of Stedman Cinques and Caters was completed and is now in print.

A start has been made on a second collection of compositions in Major methods, the first problem being to come to a decision as to which Surprise methods should have compositions included in the collection. This project, however, is expected to be completed during 1962.

(Signed) W. E. CRITCHLEY (convener), G. E. FEIRN, A. J. PITMAN, R. F. B. SPEED.

Moving the adoption, Mr. G. E. Feirn said they hoped to include one or two more compositions, including Lincolnshire. He thought conductors would welcome it.

The hon. secretary: The Standing Committee recommend that the report be adopted and that the Committee be thanked for their work in connection with the Collection of Stedman.

The report was then adopted.

FOUR MORE YORKSHIRE FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Aberford.—Situated six miles south-west of Tadcaster, close to the A.1, this church contains a ringable ring of four bells. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor. There is a local band here as their names appear on one of the walls. Access to the bells was not possible, but judging from the quarter chimes the tenor is around 8 cwt. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus is also fitted.

Bossall.—This church, ten miles east of York, has four bells hung for ringing in its east-central tower. At present, the bells are only chimed and do not appear to have been rung for quite some time, although the ropes in the ringing chamber above the transepts are still attached to the bells. The tenor here is about 8 cwt. and was recast by T. Mears in 1882. The treble's slider is lying on the floor of the bell chamber, otherwise the bells seem to have all the necessary fittings.

Elvington.—Seven miles south-east of York on the B.1228 is this unringable ring of four with a tenor of 6 cwt. (approx.). It seems that the tower will need a great deal of strengthening before the bells could be rung again. The cramped ringing chamber is above the porch. At present the bells are chimed only.

Spofforth.—This church is three miles north-west of Wetherby. In the massive west tower hangs a ringable ring of four bells with a tenor of between 12 and 15 cwt. The bells were rehung by Taylors in a metal frame in 1960. They are rung from an upstairs ringing chamber. A new local band rings them regularly for 20 minutes each Sunday morning and evening, and practices are held by arrangement, usually before a wedding or one of the church main festivals. There is room for two more bells. One of the bells here is reputed to have come from Fountains Abbey.

M. KING.

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The installation of the Revs. A. G. G. Thurlow and E. W. Blythe as honorary canons of Norwich Cathedral takes place on Wednesday, June 20th, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, expresses the hope that as many ringing friends as possible will be present at the service.

To stimulate the local band, which has just been started at Studham, near Dunstable, with the Vicar among the learners, the Luton District of the Beds Association is holding a meeting at this 4-bell tower. Great Gaddesden (6) bells are also available.

An attempt for a ladies' peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on Whit Monday, was not successful. Miss Joan Beresford was the conductor. The peal was lost after about half-an-hour's ringing; until then the ringing was very good.

At the Exeter Diocesan Conference on June 5th, a monthly diocesan newspaper was launched. Ringing was well featured in the pilot issue published at the meeting—call-change ringing by photographs of ringers round the font at Clovelly and by a group photo outside Ashwater Church of the Tamar Valley meeting, and scientific by a photograph, mostly of teenagers, taken in the belfry at Teignmouth.

Ringers from all over Lancashire and beyond will congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Birley Walshaw, of Manchester, on their golden wedding anniversary on June 12th. The Cathedral bells rang out a quarter peal in honour of the event. Birley has been ringing with the Cathedral company since 1933.

Mr. W. A. Yates, who claimed that the peal at Middleton Cheney on May 19th was the first of seven Surprise Minor methods on the bells, has been informed by Mr. Avery, of Rayleigh, Essex, that the Leytonstone band rang a similar peal there about 40 years ago, conducted by Mr. Ted Smith. In thanking Mr. Avery for the information, Mr. Yates tenders his apologies for making a false claim.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Under contemplation is a 'Great Adventure' to Australia in 1964. A number of people at the Central Council meeting at Cardiff expressed interest in the proposition. The proposal is to travel by air for a four or five weeks' holiday. Two well-known members of the Norwich Diocesan Association are thinking of spending a year in Australia and New Zealand.

There has been a change of officers of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Mr. W. Barrett is the new secretary and treasurer and Mr. F. C. Goodman Ringing Master.

Mr. M. J. Pryor, of 43, Downton Road, Cardiff, is the new hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. He succeeds Mr. F. J. Hannington.

Mrs. Shirley Harris, wife of Mr. Brian Harris, of Werrington, Peterborough, has been admitted to the John Collins Ward, Peterborough Memorial Hospital, and is likely to be there for several weeks. She would welcome letters from ringing friends.

Regarding the Rambling Ringers' peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major at Shepshed, Leics (see page 363), a correspondent sends the following corrections: The peal was rung on Saturday, May 19th, and not as printed; the time taken was 2 hours 53 minutes. We refrain from publishing his comments.

Those who rang in the peal at Putney on June 9th would like to associate the name of Alan Millidge with the performance. He was to have rung but was taken into hospital the previous Tuesday and operated on for appendicitis. He is progressing well and the band wish him a speedy return to the belfry.

A year after the event took place we hear that Spalding (92) beat Grantham (52) in the final of the Lincolnshire Ringers' cricket competition at Edenham. Tea at the village hall was followed by indifferent ringing at the local church as little-used muscles stiffened up. The player deputed to submit the report has fled to Gainsborough and the County Police Force, assuring himself of double immunity.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS 8
JAMES PHILLIPS 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 9
MAURICE J. THURMOTT 4	JOHN HILL 10
BRIAN R. WHITE 5	JOHN CHILCOTT 11
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 6	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung in remembrance of Ernest Morris.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 7
*MONICA M. MOORE 3	DENIS A. FRITH 8
A. JAMES POYNER 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal on ten bells, and of Yorkshire.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JANET PERCY Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 6
ALBERT W. BOND 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7
*PETER F. ROMNEY 3	*BERNARD G. NORTH 8
ANGELA GRAINGER 4	GEORGE E. THODAY 9
MRS. BETTY PERCY 5	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

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

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

DAVID J. ORLEDGE Treble	†WILLIAM L. EXTON 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	JOHN WALDEN 8
*J. DAVID CLARKE 4	ROGER BALDWIN 9
*KENNETH W. PRICE 5	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Johnson's variation.	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
ROGER HARRIS Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	PETER BORDER Tenor
PERCY STONE 4	

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung to mark the consecration this day of the new Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT C. SPENCER .. Treble	ROY TIFFEN 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
*BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.

* 200th peal.

Rung for Ascension Day; also for the 300th anniversary of the 1662 Prayer Book

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

H. GEORGE HART Treble	JOHN K. SMITH 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

MICHAEL R. ROSE Treble	DAVID A. H. BENNETT 5
*MICHAEL D. ATFIELD 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
JOHN E. CAMP 3	JOHN G. PUSEY 7
*BRUCE WAKEFIELD 4	DERMOT J. ROAF Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN G. PUSEY.

* First peal of Surprise. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*DAVID EAMES Treble	DAVID R. INGRAM 5
†NORMAN W. ATTAWAY 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 3	†DAVID W. BRUNNING 7
†FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of the Ilkeston variation. Rung as a compliment to Vivienne and Paul Rigby on the birth of a daughter this day.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

THOMAS O. PIERCEY .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 5
MURIEL REAY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
FREDERICK ROSS 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to mark the consecration on May 25th of the new Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

GWENDOLYN C. REEVES .. Treble	MICHAEL G. BARTLETT 5
*DONALD T. YOUNG 2	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY 6
JOHN S. RANK 3	E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 7
ERNEST E. GOSLING 4	DAVID G. ROWLANDS Tenor

Conducted by E. RUSSELL GOTHAM.

* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung for Ascensiontide; also to mark the ninth anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. the Queen, and the birthday of Justina M. Gotham.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*JUNE M. LAMBERT Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT 5
†TREVOR A. CROSS 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
†MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT .. 3	§BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	†MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal on eight. † First in the method. ‡ First 'inside.' § First in the method 'inside.' The ringer of the second has now rung 300 peals.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BERNARD C. MANN Treble	HARRY R. APPLETON 5
*NEIL V. AVIS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD 3	*PHILIP G. ERITH 7
ARTHUR HUBBLE 4	†JAMES L. TOWLER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 5
*HARRY V. SEAR 2	GEORGE GARDNER 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 3	*GEOFFREY R. CRISP 7
PERCY STONE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the consecration on May 25th of the new Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
*REGINALD ROWLEY 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
VERNON GREEN 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*RICHARD LINDSAY Treble	GEORGE S. LEE 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK 2	†STUART ARMESON 6
*ALEC HOLROYD 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
†NEIL DONOVAN 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID HOARE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band to mark the completion of restoration work on the fabric.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
NORMAN WATSON 2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 6
*ROBIN CHURCHILL 3	HARRY B. FULLER 7
†CLIVE R. CALTON 4	LEONARD J. MINNS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal. † First of Treble Bob.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William L. Duffield.

BRISTOL.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

PETER BRIDLE Treble	ROGER S. ALGATE 5
JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 6
IAN C. MAYCOCK 3	PETER C. WRIGHT 7
KENNETH J. RIDER 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

Rung as a compliment to Kenneth J. Rider on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Thurstans' Four-Part.	
SUSAN J. HOWES Treble	P. GERALD McILHON 5
HELEN J. BUTLER 2	ANDREW J. HOWES 6
ROGER A. HOWES 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
*J. ROBIN J. DYKE 4	DAVID H. SLADE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal. First of Stedman for all the band except the conductor.

Rung for Whitsun.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MICHAEL D. ATFIELD .. Treble	JOHN E. CAMP 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY 6
DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 3	F. JOHN NELSON 7
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 4	STEPHEN J. IVIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	PETER DALE 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 6
EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	NEIL BENNETT 7
IVOR JENKINS 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

MICHAEL J. UPHILL Treble	BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 5
CHARLES W. OTTLEY 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 6
BRIAN J. BULL 3	ANTHONY S. BISHOP 7
PAUL A. BRAND 4	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

First peal of Major as conductor.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

NORMAN ERRINGTON Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
EDWARD HUDSON 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 6
THOMAS M. COX 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
JOHN A. BROWN 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

First peal on the recently-restored bells.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ELSIE CHADDOCK Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 6
CHRISTINE RIMMER 3	GEORGE E. THODAY 7
DONALD F. MURFET 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYBI.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY POYNER Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
MARY C. POYNER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	IAN H. ORAM 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT E. DAY Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
CYNTHIA E. BIBBY 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
*DAVID J. ORLEDGE 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CECIL A. THOMPSON 5
CLIVE R. CALTON 2	NORMAN WATSON 6
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 3	LEONARD MINNS 7
*ROBIN CHURCHILL 4	HARRY B. FULLER Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

In memoriam William L. Duffield.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
JOHN E. TURLEY 3	STUART ARMERSON 7
IAN M. HOLLAND 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey; with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
GORDON BENFIELD 3	WILFRED F. MORETON .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD DUCKER Treble	DAVID JOHNSON 4
F. CHARLES HOBSON 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON 4
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
E. MARION KEY 3	WILLIAM WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung as an appreciation of the work in Swynnerton of Mr. Thomas Trybe, who has been a churchwarden, sidesman and Sunday School teacher, and is now leaving the district.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. FEIRN Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4
*LOUIS WILLIERS 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 5
*AMOS INGALL 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 100th peal together.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ingall on their 47th wedding anniversary.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SYLVIA M. PEARMAN .. Treble	JOHN H. GOULD 4
NEIL V. AVIS 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3	ADRIAN G. SEMKEN Tenor

Conducted by ADRIAN G. SEMKEN.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Neil McShane and Caroline Erith.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, (2) Single Court Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALEX SIMPSON Treble	MARTIN MAJOR 4
*RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	ALAN S. SMITH 5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

STONELEIGH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Grandsire and St. Simon's and 22 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK E. GRANT Treble	*KEN J. HANCOX 3
†GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON .. 2	*TREVOR J. GRAY 4
†PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. Tenor	

Conducted by PAUL WILLIAMSON.

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

Rung for the consecration of Coventry Cathedral by members of the Sunday service band.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 ELSTON DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

J. RICHARD HOUGH Treble	CLAIRE DILLAMORE 4
HILARY MUIRHEAD 2	*ANDREW S. HUDSON 5
DAVID J. MUNDY 3	LAWRENCE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

* 50th peal.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 LYTHAM MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

DAVID EAMES Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
JOHN K. SMITH 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON 5
ROLAND BENISTON 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. P. 14).

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Rossendale and Stamford, (3) Norfolk and Primrose, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; with 84 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	†RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
*MARY S. TAYLOR 2	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in 14 methods 'inside.' † First in 14 Surprise methods.

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GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., June 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.
 E. MARION KEY Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY 4
 *ANTHONY TALBOT 2 | IAN FRIEND 5
 LESLIE W. KEY 3 | JOHN W. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

A compliment to June, daughter of ringers of treble and fourth, 21 years old this day.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*PETER J. BROWN Treble | GEOFFREY WESTWOOD 4
 †YVONNE EDWARDS 2 | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 5
 ‡MARTIN D. FELLOWS 3 | JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Tessa P. Kemp and Paul W. Webb, who were married at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on June 9th.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Alnwick, (2) London, (3) Chester, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

JOE E. G. ROAST Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
 ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON 2 | GEORGE E. THODAY 5
 ANDREW S. HUDSON 3 | PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

A wedding compliment to Howard W. Egglestone and Margaret E. Panton, married this day in Chelmsford Cathedral.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS G. HENNEY Treble | JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
 GORDON H. LANE 2 | JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 5
 PATRICIA M. HARPER 3 | DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal of Minor in the method by all except the conductor.
 Rung for the Festival of the Holy Spirit.

TREDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MICHAEL C. HOMANS .. Treble | HUGH C. BURT 4
 PERCY A. ORAM 2 | JOHN W. PERKINS 5
 ARTHUR T. SHOREY 3 | WILLIAM H. MALE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

Rung by six Southern District church tower captains to commemorate the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael in Coventry on May 25th, 1962.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BRIAN SCHOFIELD Treble | FRANK R. MORTON 4
 *DOROTHY A. BARRETT 2 | ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
 F. GEORGE FORRESTER 3 | JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (Bath Branch.)

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 35 lb. in F sharp.

CAROL A. RITCHENS .. Treble | DAVID J. BARNETT 4
 DAVID A. BURT 2 | TERENCE J. MILSOM 5
 ALAN F. LEE 3 | PERCIVAL R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

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

Rung by the Sunday service ringers to welcome Jeremy Paul, son of the Rev. and Mrs. John Harper.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. Treble | ROGER G. HAZELL 4
 *DAVID G. ROWLANDS 2 | MICHAEL G. BARTLETT 5
 ANTHONY K. FORTIN 3 | DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Russell Gotham.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble | ROGER B. SANDERS 4
 ROGER D. BAILEY 2 | KEITH R. DAVEY 5
 FRANK TAYLOR 3 | ALAN G. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

TIMPERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
 AT 52, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBERT B. SMITH 1—2 | JOHN WORTH 5—6
 C. KENNETH LEWIS 3—4 | WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., May 25, 1962, in 1 Hour and 18 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Old, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, and seven of Grandsire.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | *B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4

*RUPERT A. CLARKE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* 25th peal together. 50th peal by the Society.

SALE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT 8, CARLYN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*GILES B. THOMPSON .. 1—2 | DEREK OGDEN 3—4
 †ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand.' † 50th 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., May 30, 1962, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,
 IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in three methods: (1) St. Clement's, Double and Plain Bob; (2 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARTYN L. J. JORDAN (Tr. Hall) 1—2 | HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 3—4
 ANDREW S. HUDSON (Clare) 5—6

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., June 1, 1962, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and three each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

RUPERT A. CLARKE 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE 3—4
 B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal of three methods 'in hand' by all.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
 AT 9, FIRST AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 4,656 Plain Bob, 276 Gainsborough Little Bob and 96 Little Bob; with 70 changes of method.

JOHN F. BRYANT 1—2 | ROBERT E. MOULDS 5—6
 J. HENRY FIELDEN 3—4 | GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 7—8

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

QUARTER PEALS

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Staniforth 1, A. Buck 2, K. Barnes 3, C. M. Orme 4, A. Simpson 5, M. Press (cond.) 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Verna Rix (first quarter) 1, M. Major 2, R. J. Fuller 3, M. D. Staniforth 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, K. Barnes 6. For the wedding of Sheila Daniels, a former ringer at this church, to Gavin Braybrooks.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: P. Bridle 1, M. J. Horseman 2, V. G. Roberts 3, D. G. Yeo 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of London Minor 4 and 6. For 'Oak Apple' Day.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 13th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Dear (first of T.B.) 1, J. I. Dear 2, P. Flack 3, M. Hopkins 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, J. S. Dear 8. For Evensong.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—On June 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Wignall 1, P. H. Bland 2, J. T. Parsons 3, H. McLeod (first of Plain Bob) 4, T. Wilkinson 5, B. A. Tomlinson 6, K. A. Earnshaw 7, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to mark the christening this day at the Cathedral of Joanne Elizabeth Halliwell, daughter of the conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On May 27th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: L. Coe 1, A. B. Cooper 2, M. J. Cooper 3, Carolyn Collier 4, H. Wagstaff 5, D. Cooper 6, A. Keller 7, K. Rutland (cond.) 8. For visit of Bishop of Honduras, in connection with the reconsecration of the restored Parish Church.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On May 26th, at the Cathedral, 1,440 Rochester Surprise Royal: P. A. Kirby 1, S. B. Schofield 2, J. E. Bottomley 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, R. M. Jowett 5, B. G. Schofield 6, R. Bettley-Cooke 7, L. W. G. Morris (cond.) 8, F. A. Munday 9, V. Bottomley 10. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor. By Sunday service band.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On June 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Stubbs (Bede) 1, C. Hopkins (Bede) 2, Sallie Buchanan (St. Hild's) 3, Mary Marshall (St. Hild's) 4, C. Rees (St. John's) 5, L. Pizze (St. John's) 6, P. Newing (St. John's) 7, B. Pattison (Bede, cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to C. Hopkins.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Usher 1, D. H. White (cond.) 2, C. Usher (first quarter) 3, W. G. Champion 4, B. Rich 5, D. Bishop 6. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 1 and 3, who are leaving the district.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church (city), on May 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. J. Ryder 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, J. R. Taylor 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, R. J. Bowden 6, P. Bride 7, D. C. Exell (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 1 and 7.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 27th, at St. Andrew's, 1,328 Spiced St. Clement's, Little Gainsborough, Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Major: I. M. Smith 1, J. R. Hough 2, Claire Dillamore 3, D. J. Mundy 4, J. W. McClenahan 5, L. R. H. Smith 6, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 7, M. L. J. Jordan 8. Also on May 31st, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs (R.C.), 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Hilary Muirhead 1, B. Clare Webster 2, A. S. Hudson 3, H. E. Bishop 4, D. J. Mundy 5, M. L. J. Jordan 6, J. R. Hough (cond.) 7, B. D. Threlfall 8. By members of the University Guild for Ascension.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Butler 1, H. Floyd 2, D. Floyd 3, H. Miles 4, A. Hicks 5, W. Jones (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of a son to Phyllis and Andy Pimm.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Hilary Martin 1, Pauline Fennell 2, Jillian Outhwaite 3, J. S. Barnes 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. W. Aitree, churchwarden.

CHITTERNE, WILTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Bull 1, L. Hawkins 2, N. Knece (cond.) 3, A. Bull 4, P. Roynon 5. For church centenary celebrations. First quarter since rehanging of bells.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 20th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, N. Errington (cond.) 6. Also on May 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Miss M. Pearson 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, M. Armstrong 4, R. B. Skelton 5, W. Tyson 6. Conducting shared between 4 and 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, J. G. Wall 3, R. B. Skelton 4, W. Tyson 5, M. Armstrong 6, R. Oliver 7, N. Errington (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransome 1, J. Oldfield 2, C. Goodyer 3, W. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, D. Papworth (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. Rivers 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, A. J. Rance 4, R. K. Rivers 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. B. Harrison, of Hurst House, a former churchwarden of St. Nicholas'.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila J. Gasson 1, H. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mephem 3, Louise G. Gallini 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. R. Norris 6, I. V. J. Smith 7, E. Gasson 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 7. For Confirmation service, at which Jean Gasson, daughter of the ringer of 8, was confirmed.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, F. S. Macey 3, T. Grice 4, T. Cross 5, B. Groves 6, F. Hogan 7, M. Howe 8, T. Cullingworth 9, W. R. Manser 10. For Commonwealth Youth service.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hollingworth 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, J. Bolton 3, H. Reynolds 4, R. Longden 5, G. Pye 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, H. Longden 8. Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Birley Walslow, of Manchester Cathedral.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Dean 1, R. Blackler 2, J. Young 3, E. Silvey 4, P. Dean 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, A. Boarder 8. Rung for Evensong on the eve of Ascension Day.

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): R. A. K. Glue 1, Angela J. Martin 2, Shirley B. Aston 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. A farewell to Peter Smart, who is leaving the parish on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Angela Martin on June 16th.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 20th, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Phillips 1, Miss S. Scott 2, Miss D. A. Yeates 3, M. Maughan 4, A. R. Patterson 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. For Mauns.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. McDonald (cond.) 1, Muriel Reay 2, J. A. Anderson 3, N. J. Goodman 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, H. H. Fearn 6, D. J. M. Purnell 7, G. E. Fearn 8. For Evensong.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): H. Smith 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. Blatch 6. First in seven methods 1 and 2.

PENN, STAFFS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Howell 1, H. Howell 2, Annette Frost 3, E. Stitch 4, C. Eyre 5, H. Griffiths 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, G. Hill 8. To commemorate the visit of H.M. the Queen to Wolverhampton this day.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. A. Shepherd 1, T. G. Myers 2, J. W. Perkins 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. R. Bould 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8, A. J. Davidson (Truro Cathedral) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: B. Goodliffe 1, Rosemary Smith 2, Peggy Dando 3, R. Smith 4, J. C. R. Fray 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor by all.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, P. A. Sadler 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, G. A. Bacon 4, J. Belcham 5, J. E. Burles 6, B. C. Sadler 7, P. Skoman 8. In memory of Mary Hatch.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Hatch 1, A. House 2, W. Ward 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, G. Sandwell 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. J. Paul 1, A. A. Paul 2, M. R. Harvey (cond.) 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. C. Paul 5. First quarter in the method for all the band.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.—On June 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Brown 1, J. Lunham 2, T. Eason 3, John Dilworth 4, James Dilworth 5, D. Jones 6, C. Byard (cond.) 7, E. Garner 8, J. Ellison 9, H. Robson 10.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Christina R. Folkes 1, G. H. Foster 2, G. T. Ridgway 3, B. B. Hullah (cond., Plain Bob) 4, A. T. Hawkins (cond., Grandsire) 5, Barbara M. Goodspeed 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On May 31st, 1,440 Delight Minor (Edinburgh and Pembroke): Dorothy Page 1, Christine Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, B. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For evening Communion on Ascension Day.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton (first quarter) 1, Stella Allen 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, Mrs. R. S. Taylor (first quarter) 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. Rung to celebrate the birth on June 4th of Julie Suzanne Neal, first grandchild of the treble and tenor ringers.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 6th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Carol I. V. Corton 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, D. W. Stenson 3, B. M. Smith 4, M. G. Wood 5, Carol L. Norman 6. First including Stedman for 1 and 3. For Evensong. Also on May 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. M. Smith 6, M. G. Wood 7, K. H. Mildred 8. For Evensong. Also on May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Carol L. Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, M. G. Wood 4, K. H. Mildred 5. First in as many methods 1 and 2. For Evensong. Also on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. R. May 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, Carol L. Norman 8. For Evensong.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,296 Mixed Minimus (Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob): N. Tumbler (first of Minimus) 1, H. Hunter 2, G. K. Dodd 3, A. R. Carter 4. Conducting shared 2, 3 and 4. For Ascensiontide.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, C. Hale 3, A. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung on Ascension Day for Rivers Group Evensong.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Grandsire): R. Parker (first quarter) 1, F. E. Grant 2, T. J. Gray 3, Miss S. Rench 4, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 5.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Watts (15) 1, J. D. Cox 2, P. G. Holmes 3, G. D. Weston (15) 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss I. E. Down 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, Mrs. D. J. Howcutt 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, H. P. Sparks 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 6. For the 70th birthday of Mr. F. J. Hazzard, and the 86th birthday of Mr. T. J. Pound, ringers at Templecombe.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Farley 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, A. S. Atyeo (cond.) 3, E. G. Atyeo 4, J. Davis 5. To mark the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

TROTTON, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,272 Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: Susan Ellenor 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, K. Waller 3, D. Hughes 4. First of Minimus for all.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On May 27th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Linda Woodcock (first quarter) 1, D. Moore (cond.) 2, H. Thomas (first 'inside') 3, R. Clarke 4, M. Brown 5, J. Higginson 6. Rung for the birthdays of A. Lander, W. Smalley, H. Thomas, local ringers.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Faulks 1, R. I. Martin 2, W. H. Male 3, R. H. M. Smallwood 4, G. W. Randall 5, A. W. Gibbs (first of Minor) 6.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): G. T. Cousins 1, F. Reed (cond.) 2, Audrey Gladwell 3, T. E. Wood 4, A. T. Wingate 5, L. Quartermaine 6. For the induction service for the Rev. Mr. Jones, as Vicar.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Miller 1, A. T. Bailey 2, W. L. Ratcliffe 3, R. W. Winstanley 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, G. Butler 6. Rung for evening prayer, and in celebration of the birth of Stephen Peter Taylor.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. M. Fitzhugh (first on treble) 1, D. R. Fuller 2, T. M. Barlow 3, Valerie Mephem (100th quarter) 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, Jill Linham 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On June 3rd, at 121, Lillington Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): R. A. Yeates 1—2, M. P. Moreton 3—4, C. D. Emery (first quarter as cond.) 5—6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Read (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Heighes 2, H. Vaughan 3, R. Bullen 4, A. Lewry (cond.) 5, R. Watson 6. For Rogation Day.

WITNEY, OXON.—On March 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Coggins 1, F. Soden 2, P. Pearce 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, P. Beedie 5, B. W. Hall 6, D. J. Smith 7, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 8. Rung to greet Jonathan, infant son of David and Jean Smith.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

120 FOR CALL CHANGE RINGERS

After studying a call-change card at Alveley, Mr. Harry Poyner, secretary of the Shropshire Association, has sent the following letter to Mr. Arnold, captain of the Alveley band.

'There is a fairly simple system behind the sequence you use at Alveley which would enable one, with practice, to call the changes without the use of a card. It depends on watching carefully where the second bell falls as the treble strikes beneath the tenor and as it leads. You know of this, I expect.

'There is a card in the belfry at Uppington, near to Shrewsbury, which uses a similar system to yours. Whether it gives the whole 120 or not I cannot remember, but I may be able to find out for you if you are interested. At Atcham they also ring call-changes by moving the treble a place at a time towards the "back," swopping over two bells somewhere below it while it is there, then moving it towards the lead and again changing the order of two bells above it while it leads. In the belfry at Baschurch, a 4-bell tower ten miles from here, the 24 changes are written out. I will put these down later—they may be useful to you if ever you should meet short.

'As I shan't be seeing anyone from Devon to have a talk with them until Whitsuntide, I have been playing around with the figures and have put a few 120's together, which are enclosed, complete with calling instructions.

'To economise on space I have written down only the changes while the treble is at lead and behind—that is, just before the tenor. For instance, when I put down

12345
23451

these changes are the first and last of a group of five produced like this:—

12345
21345
23145
23415
23451

'Here you will notice the treble moving step by step towards the tenor (which always strikes last, so I haven't bothered to put in the "6" every time).

'Similarly,

25431
12543

occurs elsewhere in the 120 and means:—

25431
25413
25143
21543
12543

'In this group the treble works towards the lead.

'The four 120's enclosed are different from each other in the sense that the changes are produced in different sequence—that is, although you get the same music, it comes at different times. If you look at them carefully, though, you will see that they are all variations of each other.

'The 24 is an example of what "scientific" ringers call a "double" method because the path of each bell through the other bells is the same from front to back as it is from back to front. For the second this path is, for example, three changes at lead; two changes next after lead ("in second's place"); two changes in "third's place"; three changes "behind"; two in thirds; three behind; two in thirds; two in seconds; three at lead; two in seconds. The other bells (except the treble, which moves regularly up and down) have the same path but start at different points on it.

'There is a newspaper called "The Ringing World" which comes out every week. It does not often have articles of interest to call-change ringers, so I am going to send them a copy of this letter in the hope that if it is published it may provoke some correspondence.

A call-change 120:—

12345	14235	13425
23451	42351	34251

24351	43251	32451
12435	14325	13245

12453	14352	13254
24531	43521	32541

25431	45321	35241
12543	14532	13524

15243	15432	15324
52431	54321	53241

54231	53421	52341
15423	15342	15234

14523	13542	12534
45231	35421	25341

42531	34521	23541
14253	13452	12354

(14235) (13425) (12345)

The 24 changes in full:—

1234	1342	1423
2134	3142	4123
2314	3412	4213
2341	3421	4231
3241	4321	2431
3214	4312	2413
3124	4132	2143
1324	1432	1243

(1342) (1423) (1234)

'OLD PALS' REUNION'

Dear Sir,—Unlike Mr. Scott, I see no harm in the fact that the occasion of the annual Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday provides an opportunity for ringers from all over Britain and Ireland to gather together in various ringing activities on the few days prior to the Council meeting.

Amongst the officers, committee members and conveners of the Council are to be found many who devote countless hours, talents and expense in work beneficial and constructive which goes on throughout the year. Some of these, in a matter of a year or two, deal with hundreds of inquiries involving hundreds of hours of work quite voluntarily and, moreover, bear the cost of postage on all this correspondence. Many receive no contribution from their Associations towards their expenses involved in attending the Council meeting. As the Editor indicates, Mr. Scott's opinion might change if he took the trouble to attend a Council session and really get to know what the Council is doing.

Moreover, the Council is ever in need of men with Mr. Scott's zeal for doing something constructive and beneficial. Should he be sent as a representative he will find ample scope for exercising these good intentions. Since I would perhaps be regarded as grinding a personal axe, I sign myself Yours, etc.,

'ONE OF THE OLD PALS.'

Dear Sir,—Re 'Old Pals' Reunion,' Mr. Scott thinks it time that the Central Council got down to some work 'constructive and beneficial.'

A meeting is held every Whitsun Tuesday for just that. Quite a number of 'old pals' go to some trouble and expense to attend for the day. What the more leisured and affluent 'old pals' do during the week-end is surely their business. —Yours truly,

(your old pal)

RICHARD G. BELL.

Watford.

BOWELL'S FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—Very little information seems to be available regarding Mr. Alfred Bowell's bell-founding business in Ipswich, and one wonders whether bells happened to be a sideline among other activities. His bells were mostly light castings, and the following items give some idea of his work some little distance from Ipswich.

Elstow, Beds.—New treble in 1908.
Maldon, Essex.—Recast the back six in 1922.
Little Baddow, Essex.—Recast two bells and added a new one in 1925.

Bucklebury, Berks.—Two new trebles and one recast in 1915; also one recast in 1926.

I have no knowledge of any complete list.—Yours sincerely,
WM. SHEPHERD.
Aldstone.

MY DEAR WATSON!

Dear Sir,—My colleague and I have been reading a letter in your excellent journal by a certain F. Scott, and in the course of our deliberations were privileged to see the reports of the various committees of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

It is quite obvious to us that this work must go on throughout the year, and that the meeting held on Whit Tuesday must mainly be to receive and adopt those reports, also to consider such other items as are considered necessary.

This little boy Scott has much to learn although he has approached 40 tower-grabs in one day, over 50 peals with his shadow, as well as some 'bramble jelly,' but he appears to be a new member of the tower that he quotes, and has apparently fallen for the wiles of someone who did not wish to grasp the nettle himself.—Sincerely yours,

S. HOLMES.

Baker Street.

London, N.W.

[Name and address supplied.]

RINGING TO 'TIME'

Dear Sir,—I still stand to be corrected, but I am again claiming that the tenor bell is the best one to set the 'time,' and not the second as suggested by Mr. Buswell in 'The Ringing World' of June 15th.

Except in freak circumstances, I think I can safely say that the tenor can be picked out much better than the second by the rest of the band whilst ringing changes, and I suggest that if it is found necessary to alter the speed of ringing during a touch or a peal rather than the speed of the original ringing round, then it is much better to let this alteration be dictated by the tenor than the second.

Furthermore, if the speed of the ringing was dictated by the second and that ringer set a slow pace, we may find the tenor ringer on a heavy ring of bells with rather strained wrists due to holding the weight, but if a too rapid pace was set then the tenor ringer may be unable to turn in the bell at that pace.

I have a recollection of reading in the Obituary column an appreciation of a certain ringer describing what a wonderful 'time' he used to set when ringing handbells with the tenors, so I would assume that this principle of the tenor setting the time also applies to handbell ringing.

I also would like to see further comments and advice on this aspect of ringing, but I would not like it to be tied down to the experts as it may be difficult to define who are the experts, although we have in our midst a 'Professor' who resides, to the best of my knowledge, in an area where near-perfect striking can be heard, even if it is 6-bell cartwheeling, condemned, certainly not by me, but by experts and not so expert who have never even tried it; but it would be interesting to know who dictates their 'time' in this near-perfect ringing.—Yours faithfully,

F. AITCH.

LONDON ROYAL AT BEDDINGTON

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out that the footnote claiming the peal of London Surprise Royal (No. 3 version) rung at Beddington, Surrey, on May 19th last, and reported in 'The Ringing World' on page 393 as the first in this version by the Ancient Society of College Youths is incorrect, a peal in this version having been rung at Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, for the A.S.C.Y. on June 6th, 1953, conducted by J. E. Bibby. A record of this will be found on page 426 of 'The Ringing World' of July 3rd, 1953, correctly described.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

BRISTOL CUPID EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your mentioning me in last week's issue, I have to admit that, flying at 20,000 feet a little while ago, I lost my way, and due to difficult weather conditions had to make a forced landing in Manchester.—Yours faithfully,

CUPID V.

University of Bristol.

OBITUARY

MR. CALEB FENN AN APPRECIATION

By the death of Caleb Fenn, another interesting and talented character has passed on, for indeed Caleb was all of these—interesting, talented and a character.

A native of Barking, he served his church in many ways, but his main interest was his beloved bells and belfry. For many years he was a member of a very able and talented company in the days when Surprise methods were becoming popular, and was a member of the band who first rang London double-handed. The peal boards in the ringing chamber at St. Margaret's, Barking, give ample proof of his practical skill.

A person of pronounced views, a 'stickler' for good striking, and an able and competent conductor, it was regrettable that an operation curtailed his ringing activities some years ago; but Caleb still 'listened to 'em' all the time.

An impression of Caleb I shall never forget was when on a practice night, at the age of 70, he was still able to chase some cheeky boys out of the churchyard at Barking—his speed down the churchyard path had to be seen to be believed.

In a very sincere tribute at his funeral the Vicar referred to Caleb's ability to give colourful accounts of past events in the history of Barking. I would reiterate those words and say that in the passing of Caleb Fenn the Exercise has lost a lovable and colourful character. F. V. G.

MR. ROBERT LEONARD SCARTH

Captain of the Pickering, Yorks, ringers, Mr. Len Scarth died on May 13th after a short illness, aged 60. A native of Pickering, he took an active part in the life of the parish church, being a member of the choir as well as a ringer. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1933, and apart from a short interlude at Scarborough had been connected with the ringing at Pickering since that date.

Of a pleasant disposition, with always a cheery word, Len will be sorely missed at Pickering. B. S.

MR. WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD

By the passing of Mr. William L. Duffield, the Norwich Diocesan Association has lost its oldest member. He had been a member for over 70 years, a vice-president since 1948 and chairman of the Southern Branch from 1931 to 1952, where his quiet counsel and sound advice in the early days did much to ensure its successful future.

His achievements were many, including a peal of Plain Bob Minor at St. Mary's, Long Stratton, with five of his sons, on December 27th, 1957.

One could not fail to be struck by his great knowledge of bells, not only in his native county but also of some of the famous rings throughout the country.

Besides being a ringer, he served his church in many ways, being a former churchwarden at Tasburgh, where he took a leading part in the restoring and adding of a new treble to the four bells. I had the privilege of visiting him a few days before his death when, as always, he wanted to hear of all that was happening in the district.

His passing means the loss of a fine Christian gentleman and a good man, whose simple faith impressed all who knew him. C. F. W. P.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Margaret Lewis 1, Cherry White 2, Susan Rawlings 3, S. C. Walters 4, K. Newman 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Wilkins, mother of a Kingston ringer, who died suddenly this day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): Miss B. Mainstone 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Manning 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss F. E. Bowcott and Mr. C. H. Popham.

MR. RICHARD W. STANNARD

It is with regret that the death of Dick Stannard is recorded. Dick passed on at The Willows, St. George's Hospital, Hornchurch, on June 4th, at the grand old age of 92 years.

He was a Suffolk man through and through, and commenced his ringing career at Leiston in 1883. He was a member of the original band there in 1884, and scored his first three peals there in 1886, the third one being a peal of 6,024 Oxford-Treble Bob Major, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff, the first peal the conductor called under that name. In 1884 he also rang in the 10,304 of Bob Major at Leiston. His first quarter as conductor was called at 5 a.m. for Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

From Leiston he moved to Ipswich and soon joined up with the famous band at St. Mary-le-Tower. His one regret here was that a peal of Double Norwich Maximus eluded him as his work took him on to Colchester, and he was denied the opportunity of a fourth attempt.

At Colchester he was Master of the St. Peter's band for 40 years, hon. secretary of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association for 12 years and Master for four years.

He was especially proud of his membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and would stand with great pride at the annual banquet as the toast to members of long standing was honoured.

On his retirement he moved to Upminster, but this was marred by the early death of his wife, and subsequently he moved to Barking and lived with his daughter and son-in-law.

His life then developed into a somewhat strict pattern—early service at his local church and then Barking and Leytonstone alternately for Mattins, with St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Hornchurch in the evenings.

Failing eyesight handicapped him towards the end of his life, but he maintained his interest and was always full of ringing anecdotes with the odd anniversary of some ringing landmark.

He was buried at Hornchurch on June 8th. Unfortunately, owing to lack of information and some confusion as to timing, it was impossible for the Exercise to be adequately represented; but the memory of Dick Stannard will last a long, long time.

APPRECIATIONS

Dick Stannard was a countryman at heart, and was very proud of his Suffolk connections. He was a tailor by trade, and his appearance and general carriage bespoke his trade.

Dick was a jolly man, full of anecdotes and laughter. Fond of his cricket, he followed keenly the fortunes of the Essex C.C. and attended regularly the home matches until his eyesight made it impossible to follow the ball.

There was always the odd sweet in his pocket and on joining our outings there were always ice creams for the ladies.

Possessing a pleasing voice in his early years, he was prominent as a local entertainer, and even in later years did not need much encouragement to don suitable head- and neckwear to do a song and patter in local dialect.

A very devout man, Dick loathed coarseness and vulgarity in any way, and many times I have heard him rebuke his friends over a game of cribbage in the Old People's Club.

When I inquired at The Willows, the nursing attendant there looked at me and said: 'Yes, Dick is gone, and if there is a heaven he's there all right.' I'm sure he is too, and may he rest there in peace. F. V. G.

Mr. E. G. Fenn, in an appreciation, mentions that Dick was very pleased of the fact that he introduced the Bailey brothers to the belfry at Leiston. His membership of the College Youths dated from 1890, the year he moved to Ipswich. He was very proud of taking part in an octogenarian peal at Deptford. As the result of being knocked down by a motor-cycle, he had to give up ringing; but right up to the last he continued to take a great interest in the Exercise.

A PEAL FOR TOM

Inspired by hearing a peal attempt in memory of the Rev. Thomas Beer, Vicar of Goosnargh, who did much to encourage ringing in the Preston Branch.

As I came over Goosnargh fields,

Thinking of days gone by—

I shivered in the cold March wind

That shook the country sky

And asked: 'Oh, why should it be so.

The best-loved are the first to go?'

But as I stood there pondering

The sense of it, the pain—

I heard the bells beginning from

The old church down the lane.

Not sad, as on the funeral day,

But loud and proud and glad and gay!

And knew they rang in thanksgiving

Across the wakening land

For all his good and kindly deeds.

His ever-ready hand—

At one—without a single word—

The friends who rang, the friends who heard

And all at once I ceased to doubt.

God's Will, not ours, be done—

For other bells, the Bells of Heaven

Were ringing, every one.

Through Goosnargh fields so clearly then

For Tom—who loved, his fellow-men.

JOAN POMFRET.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.', June 14th, 1912.

An interesting event took place at Penwortham, Lancs. on Saturday, when the 200th anniversary of the bells was celebrated. It was a commemoration in which the village, as well as the ringers throughout the Preston district, joined. What a pity it is that anniversaries of this kind are not more generally celebrated; it would help the public to a greater appreciation of the value of their church bells. We hope that one result of the Penwortham festivities may be a permanent memorial of the event in the shape of two additional bells to complete the octave. The Squire talked about it, so perhaps the County Palatine may have one more peal of eight before long.

A unique performance was put up on Saturday, when a peal on tower bells was rung by a band all associated with the well-known Whitechapel Foundry.

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PLAYING WITH FIGURES

Dear Sir,—There have been recent articles in 'The Ringing World' by people who play with figures, mostly in methods of their own invention, but I find fascination in playing with figures in known methods—even in Grandsire. How many conductors and bob callers know of a touch of Triples that comes round at hand with a call, i.e. calling the 5th out of the hunt with a bob or single, it does not matter which? I know it is false, but what does that matter as long as it is decent ringing. And another thing, how many ringers can repeat the 97 of Grandsire Triples, so as to give a touch of 194? It is unusual; it is something different; it is false—so what?

But out of all my experimenting I have never been able to find a quarter peal of Triples that comes round 'at hand'—can anybody help?—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant.

A Selection of Outings

SLOUGH, BUCKS

Accompanied by many friends. St. Mary's, Slough, ringers spent an enjoyable day in Gloucestershire on May 19th. Some good ringing, up to Grandsire Cinques, was enjoyed at Cheltenham. A pleasant spot was found for a picnic lunch, and at 1.15 we were admiring Gloucester Cathedral, where the local ringers let us ring for a wedding. Alas! the ringing was only fair.

Mid-afternoon found us at Painswick, where, on the glorious 12, a half course of Cambridge Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire were all well struck. At Stroud we enjoyed some good ringing in anticipation of tea, to which we eventually did justice. The last tower was Watermoor, Cirencester (a splendid eight), where a pleasant hour was spent, ringing ranging from rounds to five spliced. Sincere thanks to incumbents, local ringers and our skipper, Mr. W. Birmingham, who so ably organised a grand outing. A. D. R.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET

For a country tower the outing was quite ambitious—four towers in Bristol. It all started because George Goringe (captain of the Cattistock ringers) has a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Grant, at Kingsdown, Bristol.

Mrs. Grant volunteered to find lunch, and Mr. Grant not only guided us through the centre at the mid-day rush hour but welcomed us to his own tower at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8, 22 cwt.).

After lunch Mr. Grant led us round Bristol to visit St. Mary Magdalene's, Stoke Bishop (6, 11 cwt.), St. James' Central (10, 28 cwt.) and St. Michael-on-the-Mount (6, 14½ cwt.), bringing us safely to Fairfax House for tea. Our rounds were not too bad, our Doubles not very good, but the achievement of the day, to my thinking, was rounds on the ten at St. James' Central.

We visited Holy Cross, Babcar (6, 12 cwt.), on our way out and All Saints', Castle Cary (8, 15 cwt.), on our way home. Queen Camel was missed by a quarter-of-an-hour, it being too late to raise and lower.

We all join in thanking our host and hostess (for a lovely 'spread' and being a helpful guide), the incumbents, captains and tower-keepers and, of course, George, for all the prior arrangements. C. E. C. B.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA

A half-day 'snatch' of three towers by ringers of St. Mary's, Portsea, and friends from Portsmouth Cathedral, Fareham and Chichester on June 2nd, was of great value to the less experienced and a success generally. Towers visited were Farnham; St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and St. Mary's, Overton. Methods rung included Cambridge, Yorkshire, Double Norwich C.B., Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Thanks are accorded to incumbents and those who met the party. L. D. D.

BURTON-ON-TRENT

On May 26th, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, ringers and their friends made a tour of Shropshire and Lancashire for their annual outing.

The itinerary included Lymm (8) and Leigh (10) in the morning, Leyland (10) and Ormskirk (8) in the afternoon, with St. Helens (10) and Great Budworth (8) in the evening.

A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day, and methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Royal, with rounds and call-changes for the youngsters.

An excellent lunch was provided at Leyland, and a most satisfying tea at St. Helens.

We thank our hosts who contributed to a most successful outing, and our special thanks go to Mr. Geo. Roobottom for his part in making the arrangements. W. J. L.



Mr. Arthur Garbett, of Hampstead, sends us this novel picture of a clockmaker's and jeweller's shop in Bonn, West Germany, close by the house where Beethoven, the famous composer, was born. The bells make an impressive sign—probably suggesting hour bells.

WILLINGDON, EASTBOURNE

Fairwarp, in the heart of Ashdown Forest, was the first tower visited by Willingdon ringers and their friends on their second annual outing on May 19th. Good use was made of this octave, and although most of the party were 6-bell ringers they handled the bells well. In the 700-year-old church at Hever (6), with the staircase to the belfry made of triangular wooden blocks, the ringers were more at home.

Edenbridge (8) was reached after passing fields of apple blossom, and later hop fields as the route was through narrow country lanes to Chiddingstone (8). At St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Mr. Collison was waiting to welcome the party. An evening meal at the Castle Hotel rounded off a very pleasant day. Of the 30 ringers, more than half were under the age of 16, and no doubt the experience gained will hold them in good stead in the future.

R. W. R. P.

ST. MARY'S, DOVER

For their first outing on May 26th, ringers and friends from St. Mary's, Dover, visited some of the most beautiful parts of Kent. A thrill was provided by picturesque Chilham and ringing enjoyed on the fine eight. Charing (6) bells were more difficult to handle, but the view from the top of the tower was much admired. Before tea, ringing at Throwley (8), a 'miles from anywhere' village, where the church belfry is lit by oil lamps, gave much pleasure.

Rain necessitated a picnic tea in the coach; handbells were rung on the way to Faversham (8), a popular tower. Our thanks to incumbents.

G. G.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A small but successful meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Winterton on May 26th. The newly inducted Vicar, the Rev. A. Burton, welcomed the ringers and conducted the service.

Dates for future meetings were announced: Burton-on-Stather (light 8), July 28th; Louth (heavy 8), September 8th; Waltham (6), October 20th.

Ringing in standard methods took place under Mr. G. Moody, Branch Ringing Master.

C. A. H.

EVEN MORE RINGING IN THE COTSWOLDS

Wimbledon ringers and a few friends had a new venture when they spent a weekend in the Cotswolds, starting April 13th, with headquarters at the Wheatheaf, Northleach.

Saturday's ringing started with a course of Rutland at Barnwood. For several of the younger members it was their first ring away from their home tower, and they managed very creditably on this light ring. The journey was through beautiful Cotswold country to Cranham, where it seemed as if the church was on the edge of a tea cup, looking down on the village below. Ringing on the easy-going six included eight spliced.

At Painswick courses of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Yorkshire Major were all successfully accomplished. On the way to lunch we passed between some of the 99 yew trees in the churchyard. The first ringing in the afternoon was on the four bells at Randwick, where four of the youngest members asked to have the belfry to themselves for a few minutes. We, who were listening outside, heard: 'Go, Bob Minimus,' and awaited the confusion. Instead came, 'Bob—That's all!'

At Stroud ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters, the difficulty of hearing the trebles detracted from the ringing, and many were tired at Northleach and did not do justice to the bells. A good dinner in the hotel was followed by an evening in the lounge. The 14-year-olds were carried to bed at 11 p.m., and when the rest of the company retired an hour later they found them still ringing handbells.

At the Vicar's request we rang for the 9.30 a.m. service on Sunday, when the striking was better than the night before. Service ringing at Bourton-on-the-Water included a touch of four Spliced Surprise Major and after a quick look round the model village we made for Oxford. After lunch we rang at Cuddesdon and Milton, and joined the local band for evening service ringing at Henley-on-Thames. Here the bells had been half-muffled for Holy Week and a good touch of Double Norwich brought out their excellent tone. A touch of Stedman and a good lower in peal added the final touch to a successful weekend venture.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers who made us so welcome.

S. J. R., K. N.

NORWICH DIOCESAN Eastern Branch

The handy eight at Lowestoft were thoroughly tested by the 40-odd members attending the Eastern Branch meeting at Lowestoft. The Rector, the Rev. W. Westwood, in his address at the service said that very often the sound of bells was the only reminder to the outside world that the Church existed, and therefore in the performance of their art they were serving a useful function.

Sister Riley and her staff provided an excellent tea at Harleston House, the Church Army Old People's Home. Mr. E. R. Goate, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting and Mr. Nolan Golden, the Association's president, spoke of the welcome ringing and the instruction of learners had recently received in the local press. The rededication of Blofield bells, recently restored by Mears and Stainbank, had also been covered by Anglia Television.

He and Mr. Ben Thompson also paid tribute to the memory of Mr. W. L. Duffield, for 20 years chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, who died two days previously.

A short handbell recital, given to the residents of the Home, was much appreciated.

Next meeting: September 22nd, Blofield.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Four bands competed for the Society's silver cup at Thrybergh on June 2nd. The judges—Messrs. H. Chant and J. Thorley—announced their decision following an excellent tea prepared by local ladies. The results, in order of ringing, were: Handsworth 144 faults, Warsop 67, Old Whittington 169, Rotherham 150. The cup was presented by the Vicar of Thrybergh to Mr. H. Rooke, captain of the Warsop company. Ringing was then resumed until 8 p.m.

BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

DURING the war many church bells on the Continent were taken down and melted for 'munitions,' many were broken and destroyed in the 'blitz' and, in some cases, others taken away as 'spoils of war' and used elsewhere. Thus many bells that have made history were lost.

'The Ringing World' of November 20th, 1942 (p. 47), gave the following notice, which illustrates such an event:

'GENOA'

'Genoa has lately been much in the news through the air raids of the Royal Air Force. The only time when the town was attacked in previous wars by British forces was in the early days of the last century, when it was occupied for some time. There was a very old tradition that when a place was captured by an army, all the church bells were the perquisite of the officer commanding the artillery, who could carry them away unless they were redeemed by a money payment. Something of the sort seems to have been done at Genoa, for one of the bells at Liversedge in Yorkshire has this inscription: "These eight bells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with brass ordnance taken at Genoa." It does not say they were cast from looted church bells, but it is pretty certain it was so; any broken bells would be called "brass ordnance." On Tower Wharf are two bronze cannons and on the carriage of each is an inscription: "This gun was made at Woolwich from ordnance taken at Cherbourg, 1758." There is evidence that six church bells at Cherbourg were looted and brought to the Tower, where they remained for some time.

At the end of the Napoleonic wars a Colonel Lemoine, who had been in command of the artillery in the attack on Genoa, was reminded of the custom which had existed for years in the artillery that the bells of a captured town became the property of the commanding officer of artillery on the spot. He went back to Genoa, and, making inquiries, found that there were upwards of ninety churches in the town, each with an average of five bells, which, according to the price given by the man who had charge of most of them, were worth thirty thousand livres Genoese, or seven thousand pounds sterling. It was a fortune worth trying for, and so partly to uphold an established privilege, but mainly as he admitted on his own account, he thought he would try to secure it. He wrote to a man named R. H. Crewe, who evidently was a person well informed in such matters, for his advice. Crewe made extensive inquiries, and thought that on the whole the claim could not be sustained. So the matter dropped. Lemoine evidently hoped to get the money from the English Treasury as prize-money, for, of course, after peace was signed there would have been no chance of actually taking possession of the bells, even if his claim had been allowed. The correspondence on the matter is in the archives of the War Office.

Of the bells of Liversedge (quoted above) the contract was placed on September 29th, 1814, with William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, for eight bells of a total weight of 63 cwt., the tenor weighing 15 cwt. These were made of brass ordnance, captured by two British heroes—Lord Exmouth and Lord W. Bentinck—at Genoa in 1814, and they were finally installed and the first peal rung on them on July 12th, 1815. The 7th bears the apt inscription: 'These eight bells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with brass ordnance taken at Genoa.'

Many notable peals were rung here in the 19th century, and in methods seldom heard of these days, among which might be quoted:

Dec. 21st, 1852, 5.024 London Treble Bob.

Jan. 12th, 1857, 5.024 Rose of England.

April 15th, 1859, 5.120 Prince Albert.

Oct. 26th, 1867, 6.420 Cumberland Exercise.

June 2nd, 1888, 5.056 Violet.

An early 'non-conducted' peal is recorded here: October 3rd, 1863, 5.184 Kent Treble Bob. 'This was accomplished without the bobs being called, and according to the record, is looked upon as the greatest feat in the art

of conducting ever performed by any part of ringers upon eight bells.'

FROM BELL TO CANNON

We have already quoted the great bell of Cologne, which was, originally cast from French cannon, captured during the Franco-German War, and other instances could be given. Thus in the 1914-18 war the Austrian Government resigned to the melting pot the great bell of St. Stephen's Church, Vienna. This bell had been cast in 1710 at the command of the Emperor Joseph I, from the metal of 180 cannon captured from the Turks, and weighed 17 tons 17½ cwt.

When Louis XIV captured Mons in 1691, a formal treaty was concluded between the Council on the one part and Marshal d'Humières on the other, for the ransom of the carillon. Thus the bells were saved at that time; but during the French invasion of 1793 all were taken but one. This was in accordance with a decree of the National Convention at Paris on July 23rd, 1793: 'That there shall be left only one bell in each parish church; that all the others shall be placed at the disposition of the Executive Council, which shall provide for taking them to the nearest foundry, that they may be made into cannon.' Many Belgian carillons were melted down during the French Revolution period.

Another episode of the Great War (1914-18) was when the Germans removed many bells from the churches of South Jutland, and to replace these in 1925 an order was given for 44 bells to be cast from the metal of 60 old brass cannon, supplied by the Copenhagen Arsenal. Eight of these bells were hung in different churches in various parts of the town of Hadersley, and were so admirably cast that although distributed over a wide area they ring in perfect harmony with one another.

At Roverto, Italy, is a bell known as the 'Death Bell' and this was made from the guns of 19 nations who participated in the war, as a memorial to the fallen of all countries. It was cast at Verona in 1925, and afterwards ceremonially blessed and given the name of 'Marie Dolens.' It is 16½ tons in weight and nearly 10 feet in height, and its exterior is distinguished by some very fine decorations, the work of the sculptor Stephano Zuech.

As early as 997 we read that during the occupation of Spain by the Moors, the bells of the Cathedral of St. James of Compostella at Santiago were conveyed to Cordova on the shoulders of Christian captives. They were suspended by silver chains in an inverted position in the Mosque of the Great Mazquita, being filled with aromatic oil and used as lamps. However, in 1235/6 they were restored by Ferdinand II, being sent back on the shoulders of Moorish prisoners.

A PERQUISITE FOR ARTILLERY

In the British Museum there is an old MS. dating from about the year 1600, headed 'These be the Authorities and Powers that the Provoste Marshall and his Lieftenant have in the Jurisdiction of the Artillerie.' Among the items are the following:

'As a towne is wonne (whether) it is by assault, per force, subtil practice or by anie other manner given up, be it towne, castell, pyle, church, or bastille, or fortresse, the chief master of the artillerie or his lieftenant shall ordayne that the master gunners and their companie shall have the best bell within that place so wonne or the Churchwardens shall appoynt or compound with the great master of the Artillerie and his counsell. And that to be reported by the Provoste of the Artillerie and given knowledge to the Lords and Rulers of that place soe wonne with the comons of the same what that the Master of the Artillerie his counsell and mr. gunners and their companie have determined and ordeyned by a convenable and reasonable estimation to see and knowe if the lordes and comons will hold the ordinance and appoyntment made.'

Much the same thing in a later history of the French Army: 'Le grand maitre a encore une privilege. C'est que quand une ville ou fortresse a laisse tirer le canon, les cloches des eglises,' etc.

In addition to the two instances I have mentioned, there are several cases where this

rather curious claim was made. At Tong, in Shropshire, there is an entry in the parish accounts for the year 1644 during the Civil War: 'Paid to the cananere (cannoner) for redeeming of the little bell, 6-0.'

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Another instance is at Carlisle. When the Highland Army, under Prince Charles Edward Stuart, retreated to Scotland after its unsuccessful invasion of England in 1745, a small garrison was left at Carlisle which surrendered in December to the Royal Army, under command of the Duke of Cumberland. The city was treated as if it was an enemy town, the chief citizens being arrested and the Cathedral was used as a prison for containing rebels, and a demand was made by a Major Balfour in the Duke's name for the bells as a 'perquisite to the train of artillery,' a demand which was strongly contested.

A similar incident happened during the Civil War in 1643, when Bristol was captured by the Royal Army under Prince Rupert and—as at Carlisle—a demand was sent to the town authorities for the church bells. A letter of protest was sent, and so far as can be ascertained the demand was not carried through.

In 1758 an English army captured Cherbourg, and among the booty brought back were six bells taken from churches of that town; five were serviceable and one broken. They were placed in the Tower of London, and Colonel Desagulier, who commanded the artillery during the attack on Cherbourg, having made frequent applications to be paid their value as his personal right, William Pitt, then Secretary of State, directed that the Board of Ordnance should inquire into the matter, but whether the Colonel was paid is not known.

When Quebec was captured from the French, a Colonel Williamson took the bells from the Cathedral and sent them home to a lady named Jane Williamson (possibly his wife), who offered them for sale to an important unnamed person. What became of these bells is not known, but the lady's letter is among the Chatham papers.

Colonel Paterson was said to have received £300 in lieu of the bells of Guadalupe, when the island was captured from the French, but when it was captured a second time the application for a similar payment made by Colonel Burton was refused.

A number of bells were taken by the British Fleet during the Crimean War. The bells of Bomarsund—in the Aland Islands—taken in 1854, was kept in the Tower of London, but returned in 1925. Another bell, taken from the fortified monastery of Solavetski, eventually found its way to a Portsmouth church. It was restored to the monks of Solavetski in 1913.

CHARLESTON, U.S.A.

The bells of St. Michael's, Charleston, U.S.A., originally cast in 1764, have twice suffered the calamities of war. During the War of Independence the ring was seized and sent to England. It was eventually redeemed by an American merchant and returned to Charleston. During the War of Secession these same bells were removed for safety to Columbia, S.C., but fate again intervened and they were involved in the burning of that city. The metal recovered from the second disaster was sent in 1865 to England and at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry formed part of a new ring being cast there.

In 1893 six bells cast from copper cannon, captured by the Russians in the Caucasus, were sent to Petrovsk and hung in the churches of the Orthodox Faith.

Historic allusions are often to be found on church bells commemorating victories won by armies in war. One of the most famous instances of this was that of the eight bells of St. Helen's, Worcester, cast in 1706, which commemorated in verse the victories of Marlborough in Flanders and Germany. Each bell bore the name of a battle and an appropriate couplet. The ring of eight bells at Brightling in Sussex, dated 1818, similarly bear couplets celebrating eight of Wellington's victories in the Peninsular and Waterloo. At Sibley, Leicestershire, a bell rejoices over the victory at Culloden in 1745, and at Ashover, Derbyshire, a bell says: 'The old bell rung the downfall of Bvonaparte and broke, April, 1814.' A similar fate befell three bells of Great Packington, Warwickshire, one of which was broken in 1805, when ringing for the victory of Trafalgar.

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The address of Mr. Brian J. Wyld is now c/o Golden Ball Hotel, Bridgwater, Somerset. 412

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'... Fear God, and keep His Commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.' (Ecclesiastes xii, 13.)

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WANTED.—Someone to stand in for incapacitated ringer on tour in Norfolk and Suffolk. July 16th to 22nd; preferably from North and with car to take one passenger to rendezvous. Tour by Minibus; hotel accommodation booked. Box 446, 'The Ringing World.'

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LEYTONSTONE.—St. John's.—There will be no practice meeting on Monday, June 25th. 436

TEIGNMOUTH, S. Devon.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's, on the sea front, at 8.15 p.m. for the 9 p.m. holidaymakers' service during the summer, in addition to the usual ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 420

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter. June 23rd. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral 1.30-3 and 6-8, Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, St. Thomas' 7-8 p.m. 344

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Ripley (8), NOT Belper, on Saturday, June 23rd, commencing 3 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec., 67, Park Grove, Derby. 428

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough on Saturday, June 23rd. Specially arranged for the 95th birthday of Mr. E. S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Rita Gower, 131, Osborne Road, Willesborough, Ashford.—C. T. H. 334

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SOUTH WALES NOMADS' ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Llangybi, on Saturday, June 23rd, from 3 to 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.—S. E. Williams. 411

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Saturday, June 23rd, outing to Staines and district, starting St. Mary's, Hampton (8), at 12 o'clock. Sandwich lunch provided at The 'Bell,' and supper at 29, Lyne Grove Avenue, Ashford, Middlesex. Names, please, to N. D. Robinson or to a Society officer. 396

DEVON.—Westleigh, near Bideford.—Friday, June 29th. Reopening of bells. Ringing 6 p.m. Service 7.30. Supper 8.30 p.m. Supper tickets (2s. 6d.) must be ordered by Wednesday, June 27th, from Vicar, Westleigh Vicarage, Bideford. 405

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Knutsford, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—C. Kenneth Lewis. 439

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Morgan-Jones, The Rectory, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Sec. 418

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Burbage, Buxton, Saturday, June 30th, 3 till 9 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 442

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 30th, Christ Church, Consett. Names to M. Armstrong, The Vicarage, Consett. 408

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thornbury (8), Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Important discussion.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 432

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whittlebury on June 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. Linnell, Whittlebury, near Towcester. 402

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Wednesday, July 4th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. A plaque in memory of the late Tom Greenacre will be dedicated at 7.45 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. Tovell. 445

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Wormingford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. A. E. Leggett, The Dell, Wormingford, Colchester. 443

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton (5), Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Shenfield (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th to J. J. Walllett, Tregonnick, Hall Green Lane, Hutton. 437

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Stoke D'Abernion and Cobham, Saturday, July 7th. Both towers open at 3 p.m. Service at Stoke D'Abernion 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea by July 4th to Mr. C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernion, Cobham, Surrey.—C. W. Munday, Dist. Sec. 431

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Knebworth, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by July 4th to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth. 415

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 430

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Darlington, Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Service 4.30., St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15, followed by general meeting, St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by July 4th to Mrs. R. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. Towers available: Richmond (8) and Heighington (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Darlington, St. John's (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Holy Trinity (6) 2 to 3.30; St. Cuthbert's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. 434

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 7th. Aughton, Christ Church. Bells (8) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Wednesday, July 4th, Mr. D. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton.—F. Pearson, Sec. 401

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Heydon (6), Saturday, July 7th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bird, 27, Warwick Street, Norwich. NOR 48 F. 438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 7th. Arrangements as follows: 9.45 a.m. Corporate Communion in St. Aldate's Church; 11 a.m. festival service in Christ Church Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting in the Chapter House; 1.30 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets (6s. 6d. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge', Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 26th. Ringing arrangements as on Agenda.—M. R. Cross.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Northfield, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 447

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 7th, Urchfont (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 268

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cattistock, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 419

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 7th, North Collingham. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing at South Searle. Names for tea (at Collingham) by previous Tuesday to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark. 441

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting, Ingham (5), Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Do come and ring on these harmonious bells. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mrs. E. Timms, The Street, Ingham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 440

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 7th. Winchester. Bells: Owslebury, 10.30 to 11.15 a.m.; Twyford, 11.15 a.m. to 12 noon; Winchester College, 12 to 12.45 p.m.; Winchester Cathedral, 12.45 to 2.15 and 7 to 8.30. General meeting, St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.45. Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in St. Maurice Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me no later than Saturday, June 30th. Notification is essential.—R. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 422

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Advance notice.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 14th, St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells afterwards. 435

SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS.—The date of the reopening of the ring of 12 bells at Saffron Walden has been fixed for Saturday, October 20th, at 11 a.m. Lunch and tea provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 17th.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 392

Newquay Plan To Have A Ring Of 12

St. Michael's Church, Newquay, authorities are planning to have a ring of 12 bells, with a tenor of about 25 cwt. Thirteen bells are to be provided.

The design of the tower is on display at the church. A Building Committee has been formed and it has appointed the architect, Mr. Sebastian Cooper.

According to the parish magazine, preliminary work is to be put in hand at once with a view to construction of the foundations before the end of the year. It is improbable that the actual building will begin before the early part of next year, owing to technical reasons.

The order is also to be given for the 13 bells. Two years will be needed to supply them.

REMINISCENCES OF E.V.R.

MAJOR E. R. TREVOR CORBETT

A ringer of some note locally, with whom I rang prior to World War I and subsequently was Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett (afterwards 'Major'), whose father owned a large estate at Longnor, some eight miles south of Shrewsbury. He was a tall gentleman and the only ringer I have seen at meetings wearing spats, as he sometimes did.

The little church at Longnor having only two bells, he came to take up ringing in the following manner. George J. Taylor, one of George Byolin's band at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, and a conductor of several peals, was suffering from tuberculosis and lived for a time in a chalet on Lyth Hill. When there he used to go down to Condover to instruct the ringers and managed to teach them to ring Grandsire from the call changes to which they had been used, and I heard it said that if it had not been for George Taylor they would never have had a method band there.

One evening Mr. Corbett happened to be in the neighbourhood of the church and looked in to watch the ringers (it was a ground floor belfry). He became interested and expressed a wish to learn and was taught by George Taylor. Later on he used to motor-cycle to St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, for the practices and on Sunday evenings, and learnt to ring Stedman Triples. For his first peal of Stedman Triples he travelled to Birmingham—I suppose he thought there was nothing like making as sure of it as possible—and he rang the fourth in the last peal (Stedman) on the bells at St. Alkmund's, called by C. R. Lilley.

BROUGHT LILLEY TO SHREWSBURY

It was through Mr. Corbett that Lilley came to Shrewsbury as instructor. He (Lilley) was out of a job at the time and advertised in the ringing press. He was a joiner and cabinet maker (an excellent tradesman as I saw from some of his work. He made himself a fine roll-top desk and when the old bells were pulled out of St. Chad's he made pipe racks for the churchwardens out of some of the old oak). Mr. Corbett was able to get him taken on as estate carpenter on the Longnor Estate and the work he did for ringing in the area is, I think, too well known for me to relate here.

On the outbreak of hostilities Mr. Corbett got a clerical job in Shrewsbury connected with the military (in the K.S.L.I.) and attained the rank of major. He continued his ringing at St. Chad's and rang the 3rd in the first peal on the recast bells. This was Bob Major on the back eight, rung half-muffled for Lord Roberts, conducted, of course, by C. R. L. from the tenor and claimed to be the heaviest eight rung to a peal of Major in the Midlands, which it was, the tenor weighing a few pounds short of two tons.

Major Corbett rang some 20 peals in the four standard methods, mostly for the Salop Guild. I only rang one peal with him, that being Grandsire Triples at Condover on

January 9th, 1915, half-muffled for George Taylor. I well remember it rained heavily that afternoon and I got very wet cycling the nine miles from Church Stretton. On approaching this old world village, I met Major Corbett walking, with a long stick or staff, at least five feet long. Lilley called Holt's Ten Part, which he knew from A to Z. Some time later he told me he had called this composition 'more times than any man living or dead' and had 'circled it eight times'. I rang the tenor to this peal. Tom Stedman, a local smallholder, rang the 7th; he was a tall gaunt man with rather big feet. An old countryman with a dry sense of humour once vexed him by telling him his toes were a long way from the ground when he was lying on his back. Of those who rang that day, I think there are only three of us left. George Jones retired from the railway some years ago and went to live near Leebotwood and I have not seen him for a long time; E. Maurice Atkins was a lieutenant in the R.E., stationed at Shrewsbury, and is now secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

This may have been the last peal Major Corbett rang, as I cannot recall that he rang any more, though he came to the meetings from time to time. For one thing he was a very busy man. His father having died he had the estate to supervise, and he was also on a large number of public bodies, was interested in the Shropshire and West Midland Agricultural Show and the Shrewsbury Flower Show. He was a magistrate, and also, I believe, a county councillor.

When the Guild was re-formed on a county basis in 1926 he was elected Master and took the chair at the annual meetings, and any other meeting he would occasionally attend.

The last time I saw him was on a meeting day, sitting in a wheel chair outside St. Chad's Church, completely crippled with arthritis and his hands like chalk. It was not so very long after that he died.

One who took part in the first peal on the augmented bells of Newton Nottage will remember it. Although there seemed to be no great interest on the part of the local P.C.C., he succeeded in persuading them to sponsor the augmentation and rehanging of the bells, he organised the appeal for the cost and filled in the application for the faculty. Afterwards he worked with the bell hanger on the job. Now he has rung the first peal on a bell with his name on it.

LATE NOTICES

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN'S bells will be rededicated on Sunday, June 24th at the 11 o'clock service by Bishop Lang. 450

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing 6 p.m. All ringers invited. 448

Quarter Peals

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Scott 1, Miss D. A. Yeates 2, Miss G. Douglas (first quarter) 3, A. C. Bolton 4, W. G. Hedley 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also the 300th anniversary of the passing of the Act of Uniformity.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 3rd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. H. Humphries 2, K. Taber (first 'inside') 3, N. Brown 4, R. G. Abbott 5, R. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, P. G. Humphries 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Leigh 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, S. Jenner (cond.) 3, Ann George 4, J. E. Warner 5, D. E. Leigh 6, E. J. Jenner 7, W. A. Leigh 8. For Confirmation service.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Stopp (first on eight) 1, W. Henley 2, J. Young 3, G. Riglar 4, L. J. Young 5, P. R. Dean 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, R. F. Currey (first on eight) 8. For Confirmation service at St. George's, Britwell.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, Nina Thomas 2, Ann Smallbone 3, M. Amy Coburn 4, L. G. Coburn 5, K. J. Darvill 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, R. Flanagan 8. First of Triples 2, 3 and 8. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Woolford 2, B. Thompson 3, M. Lock 4, F. Wills 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, N. Mallett 8. For Evensong. Also on May 31st, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, F. Wills 2, J. Wooders 3, M. Lock 4, C. Yates 5, G. Skinner 6, J. Woolford 7, F. Wreford 8. Rung on Ascension Day. Also a compliment to the conductor and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

HEREFORD.—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Jarrett 1, Audrey Gladwell 2, G. T. Cousins 3, G. Benfield 4, T. E. Wood 5, W. F. Moreton 6, A. T. Wingate 7, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 8. A farewell to Sgt. Frank Reed (R.A.F., Hereford), a member of the Sunday service band, posted abroad this week.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): C. Froggatt 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and F. Bradley 4, A. Larkin 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, M. W. Harrison 3, A. Larkin 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

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