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CENTRAL COUNCIL, LONDON, 1948

THE growing interest of the Exercise in the work of the Central Council was again clearly demonstrated at the 51st annual meeting when, in spite of great difficulties in finding hotel (and other) accommodation, a record number of members attended.

Thanks to the influence of Mr. A. A. Hughes (who is a Liveryman of the Skinners Company), and the kind permission of the Master, Rev. Canon Adam Fox, D.D., the Council were privileged to meet in the beautiful hall of the Skinners Company, and, large though this hall is, extra seats had to be brought in to accommodate the number present.

The proceedings commenced on a happy note when the Master of the Skinners Company welcomed the assembly in warm but dignified tones. He was followed by Dr. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's, who, after paying a high tribute to the work of ringers in the Church, led the meeting in prayer.

Thanks having been expressed by the president, the Council settled down to a formidable agenda. Due to the skill and efficiency of the president, this was completed by 5.30 p.m., and will be fully reported elsewhere.

The Ancient Society of College Youths, who were having their monthly practice at St. Paul's, generously gave way to those visitors who desired to try their skill on this noble ring, and many were thrilled to have this opportunity. A friendly hour or so was afterwards spent at the Old Bell in Holborn.

These gatherings of enthusiasts from all parts of the country (and Ireland) leave happy impressions on the mind. It was very nice to see 'old timers' like George Williams, Henry R. Newton (that prince of heavy bell ringers), W. H. Barber, Albert Walker, J. W. Jones and many others, eager and alert as always, keeping a fatherly eye on the proceedings. Then there was the Rev. A. G. Thurlow, breezy and with an eye to business. (What a splendid commercial traveller he would make!) It was not so easy to see the 'sombre but dignified personages' this time, as they were not raised up from the floor as at Exeter. One missed Canon Coleridge, that great servant of the Council, and 'Tom Bowling' (now Marshall), also Hilda Snowden.

It was a unique experience to see the Masters of the Ancient Society and the Cumberlands teaming up to ring St. Paul's tenor and making a good job of it, too—a happy augury! Once again we had the pleasure of listening to the lovely Irish 'burr' of F. E. Dukes, and we were, as usual, impressed by the sturdy enunciation of that Cockney Yorkshireman, P. J. Johnson. Feasts of theory were provided by H. G. Cashmore and Chris Woolley—much better than the 'dog fights' which characterised the discussions in the past. Finally, everyone present was impressed by the efficiency of the secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, and his wife (a perfect team). May they long continue to serve the Council.

J. F. S.

ROYAL SILVER WEDDING PEALS

SECOND INSTALMENT

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	*STANLEY SLANEY ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	*PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	FRED A. ADAMS ... 8
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	*HAROLD KENT ... 9
*WILLIAM E. COURT ... 5	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

* First peal of Kent Royal.

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

LONDON, W.C.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	*D. W. R. WINTERTON ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 8
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4	BENJAMIN BAKER ... 9
PETER BOND ... 5	THOMAS BEVAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. T. DALTRY.

* First peal on ten bells.

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Tenor 30 cwt.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 20 cwt.
PETER BERESFORD ... Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5
*JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 2	WALTER J. COPE ... 6
MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
†FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... 4	MARK N. CULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.

* First 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
WALTER J. LEMON ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
FRANK E. WALKER ... 4	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
ROBERT G. FISHER ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK C. CASE ... Treble	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 5
FRANK J. GREEN ... 2	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 6
*ERNEST LINES ... 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 7
*CECIL HINTON ... 4	WILLIAM YATES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILFRED EDWARDS ... Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
*ALBERT BRIDGES ... 4	WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... Treble	MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
†REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	HARRY MILES ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 4	CYRIL E. LANXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
*MISS NORMA HOWES ... Treble	†BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ... 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	†ERIC J. STERLAND ... 6
†MISS D. JEAN DUNN ... 3	EDWIN HOPKINSON ... 7
†E. GLYN HOLDGATE ... 4	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*MISS IVY M. JORDAN ... Treble	WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 4
HORACE O. OVER ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
ROLAND BENISTONE ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*CHARLES G. J. FORD ... Treble	W. HAROLD TOMS ... 4
*WALTER G. TREVETT ... 2	HENRY J. FORD ... 5
JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 3	*ALGERIA W. C. ELLERY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.	
CHARLES G. JONES ... Treble	REGINALD I. BREWER ... 4
*RAYMOND A. BREWER ... 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 5
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 3	JOHN J. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

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

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.	
Being 42 extents each called differently.	
JOHN WARD ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL ... 4
ARTHUR CATTELL ... 2	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 5
*MISS E. FAULKNALL ... 3	†TERRY THORNER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.	
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
EDWARD BARKER ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Treble	RICHARD REECE 4
RICHARD HINDE 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 3	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Bourne, York, Beverley, London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDFOOT ... 4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 2	†HERBERT GATES 5
*TERENCE G. MORTON ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in seven Surprise methods.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman and ten each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandshire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2½ lb

*TREVOR PAYNE ... Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY 4
EDWARD E. FISHER ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	REGINALD A. DARE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal. First peal in five methods by all the band.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS PAMELA KEMP ... Treble	†MISS PREMA FERNANDO ... 4
HENRY T. WILSON 2	PATRICK CROSS 5
NISSANKA FERNANDO ... 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD G. CLARKE ... Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 5
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... 3	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29).

*PHILIP J. DELMON ... Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER ... 4
LEONARD E. TUBB 2	PHILIP BLAKE 5
FREDERICK A. BARKER ... 3	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

*NORMAN ROWLEY ... Treble	GEORGE GOULDER 4
HARRY CLARIDGE 2	JOSEPH GREGORY 5
ERIC CLARIDGE 3	WILFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

* First peal.

OTHER PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN 2	*ARTHUR D. COOK 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5	LEONARD TREVOR 11
FRANK E. PERVIN 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by HY. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Maximus.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

H. E. C. GOODENOUGH Treble	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 7
*CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	†ALFRED J. HATTEN ... 8
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 3	†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ... 9
†DONALD C. PRICE ... 4	HAROLD BURTON 10
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 11
†ARTHUR DAY 6	†BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. † First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR D. COOK 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN 8
HENRY H. FEARN 4	LEONARD TREVOR 9
JOHN PINFOLD 5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*IVOR GOULTER ... Treble	*PETER BAKER 6
†JOHN THOMAS 2	*TREVOR NEWBURY 7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 3	FREDERICK HAWKES 8
*FREDERICK NURDEN ... 4	*LESLIE ASTON 9
*MICHAEL CLIFFORD ... 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 7
FRANK E. DAREY 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

MANCHESTER.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

EX-P.C. J. MULLINER ... Treble	*P.C. SID. HOUGH, JUN. 6
EX-SUPT. F. R. WILLIAMS 2	P.S. EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
EX-P.C. DONALD BROWN 3	EX-P.S. PETER CROOK 8
INSP. HARRY ANDERTON 4	P.S. ALBERT FORD ... 9
EX-P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 5	P.C. RICHARD BENSON TROOK

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by EX-P.S. PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method. To celebrate the retirement of ex-P.C. Pye from the Manchester City Police.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BERTIE O. SODEN ... Treble	ERIC NOBLES 5
*RONALD C. NOON ... 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 6
WILLIAM J. DOVE ... 3	PHILIP JONES 7
†REGINALD FINCH ... 4	GEORGE CARE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. 99). Conducted by R. C. NOON.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Major. A wedding compliment to John Soden (son of the ringer of the treble) and Miss Vera Howard, Lydiard Millicent, Wilts. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
HAROLD DRAKE ... Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 5
HORACE MORLEY ... 2	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... 6
JACK WAUD ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
LEONARD DRAKE ... 4	GEORGE WAUD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

To celebrate the centenary of the church and also the birth of a son to the tenor ringer.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY COLLEY ... Treble	JACK MUNDAY 5
WILLIAM BEESON ... 2	HENRY WEAVER 6
ERNEST TRAGUS ... 3	HAROLD WOOD 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 24 cwt.
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 6
*PAMELA MARTIN ... 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... Treble	FRED TERRY 5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	*CHARLES THORLEY ... 6
*JAMES THORLEY ... 3	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
*ERNEST THORLEY ... 4	*J. ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
A. PATRICK CANNON ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.	
*JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
*BETTY SPICE ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 6
HAROLD BURTON ... 3	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

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

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Norwich; (2) Ipswich; (3) Surfleet; (4) Beverley; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Cambridge.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	HAROLD BURTON 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Single and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob* and Kent Treble Bob.	
THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	PHYLLIS BOOTH 4
SYDNEY FLINT ... 2	*DENNIS BOOTH 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 3	WM. H. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

* First peal of Minor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.
*ERNEST E. GOSLING ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
†DAVID H. PEARCE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.
*CYRIL COUSINS ... Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
EDWARD BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal, aged 15.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Single Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble, three 720's of Plain Bob.	Tenor 16 cwt.
JOHN SHATFORD ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 5
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First of Minor in four methods.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 different callings.	
*DENIS HOWARD ... Treble	†T. MARK WHITE 4
†MRS. F. A. MUNDAY ... 2	†ERIC T. LEE 5
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 3	*BASIL R. MESSENGER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the Bishop of Guildford. Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
DAVID H. PEARCE ... Treble	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal other than Plain Bob.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 28 of Grandsire. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

*GEORGE RUSCOE	Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ...	4
FREDERICK LEECH	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	5
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	HARRY VICKERS	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, viz., two of Oxford Double Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

RONALD HOUGH	Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	4
NORMAN HOUGH	2	JOHN WORTH	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ...	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal 'in hand.'

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ...	1-2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	5-6
FRANK L. FISHER	3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

An 89th birthday compliment to Mrs. Hannah Spall, sister of G. and W. Wightman.

LEICESTER.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS MARGARET BEAMISH ...	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 2, 1948, in 5 Hours and 58 Minutes,

IN THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY BOWLING CLUB PAVILION,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 10800 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN A. ACRES	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	7-8

GEOFFREY DODDS 9-10

Adapted from BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

Umpires: ROGER LEIGH, ERNEST G. HIBBINS, T. REG. DENNIS.

The longest length of Bob Royal and of Royal upon handbells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., May 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT 34, ASTON LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*GEORGE F. SWANN... ..	1-2	RICHARD C. INGRAM... ..	5-6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3-4	ALLAN SHORT	7-8

†MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* 200th handbell peal. † 250th peal of Stedman.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

Describing the journey from London to Buckfast Abbey for the recent peal, a correspondent writes: 'It was not long before one well-known member of the little party produced a wad of figures relative to peals, course-ends, quarter-peals and what-have-you of every method under the sun. No matter what subject came up for discussion, like the character in the radio show, it was "all down in his little book" (and he had not left it at home on the harmonium!).' This information ought to have been before the Central Council in the selection of the Methods Committee!

Mr. Sidney Hough, sen., has 'circled' Knutsford, Cheshire, tower.

Leicester Diocesan Guild has increased from 1949 its annual subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville left England by air on May 24th for Brazil, where he has accepted an appointment as schoolmaster-chaplain to the British Colony.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts rang his 100th peal in a commemoration of their Majesties' silver wedding. He believes he is the first Cornish ringer to reach a century.

A novelty at the meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild meeting at Cheadle was the ringing of half courses of Cambridge Surprise Major starting from 13245678 and running round at the treble's snap lead at the beginning of the fifth lead.

A new treble in memory of two former bell-ringers—the late Mr. F. Barber and Mr. B. Partridge—was dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at Wilby, Northants. After the service many visitors assisted the local ringers in various touches and spoke in high praise of the musical tone of this ring of six, which are a little tricky to handle.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'In me are cast the voices of all European bells desecrated by the enemy for munitions, 1939-1945,' is the inscription on the seventh of the new ring of eight at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, which was dedicated on May 1st. The words are by Mr. C. W. Lawton. These bells are due to the initiative of Mr. F. Horsfield, who raised the £1,700 for bells and clock chimes in 27 months and trained a local team of boys with an average age of 15 to ring at the dedication by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. The official weight of the tenor is 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Mr. Harry Colley rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich at Billingshurst for his 70th birthday.

Husband and wife as Guild officers are to be found in the Sussex Association in Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs. The former was appointed Master in 1944 and Mrs. Hairs peal secretary and hon. secretary of the Southern Division.

When the Wigan Branch met at Christ Church, Southport, on May 1st, the Vicar, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said he hoped before long to have a scheme going for the recasting of his bells.

At the Mid-Devon Branch meeting at Buckfastleigh a letter was read from the B.B.C. of Bristol asking to be furnished with information about bells and bellringing in the West Country. This was left to the secretary.

Lewisham District of the K.C.A. are introducing a social meeting in addition to the usual quarterly meetings. At the meeting at Chislehurst on May 1st nine practising and two non-resident members were elected.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association have a standing order that a person shall be Master for one year only and shall serve only once. As exception was made in the case of Mr. J. W. Jones, who was Master in 1898 and was recently elected to that post.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL IN LONDON

RINGING A FOLK ART RECORD ATTENDANCE HONORARY MEMBERS' BALLOT A SURPRISE
EIGHT BELL COMPOSITIONS BOOK ... RECORD LENGTHS 'DECISIONS'

RICH in memories of London of the days of Christopher Wren was the first session of the twentieth Council (51st annual meeting), held at the Skinners' Hall, London, on Whit Tuesday. There was a record attendance of 137 members.

Canon Adam Fox, the Master of the Skinners' Company, and Dean Matthews, of St. Paul's, attended to receive the Council. With the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) were the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian).

The Master of the Skinners' Company, in his words of welcome, said that his company had a bell in the hall which was the gift of Mr. Hughes and was rung in Corpus Christi Day. Someone had said the sound of bells was the last enchantment of the Middle Ages. As ringers they were survivors of a great art handed down from the Middle Ages, and he hoped that as the result of their deliberations their bells would ring more sweetly.

Dean Matthews, as the representative of the Church in the City of London, also extended a welcome. By a curious coincidence, he said, he had been connected with the two heaviest rings of bells in the country. He was Dean of Exeter before coming to St. Paul's. He remembered one occasion at Exeter when the bells seemed to be ringing all day and all night, and as his deanery was underneath the belfry, he was keener for bellringers at the start than at the finish (laughter). As a result of that long athletic exercise, a tablet was erected in the belfry. Only the other day his verger informed him that the bells of St. Paul's were to be rung for 3½ hours. Whether they broke down or not he did not know, but the fact was that they only rang for 2½ hours and they had all his blessing when they left off.

A FOLK ART

He believed he was right in saying that the ringing of peals on bells was an art confined to this country; it was only in this country that reason and imagination had been brought in to make the art of bellringing. Another thing that was very interesting in bellringing was that it had come right out of the people. It is not something that had been put into action by a lot of highbrows who had enlisted people to carry out their ideals. It was something to be thankful for that this folk art had been developed under the inspiration of the Church.

The note of bells was a note like no other. In no other way could the joy and sorrow of a community be so well expressed. 'When you ring your bells you are speaking to people's hearts and what more can the greatest poet do?'

Dean Matthews then said the opening prayers.

The President, in acknowledging the greeting, said the Master made a remark which was very dear to him when he said that he hoped that their bells would be rung more sweetly as the result of the Council meeting. He would say that for years he had been emphasising the importance of striking, and the object of good striking was to see that the bells were rung more sweetly. He presented the Master with a copy of Mr. Trollope's book, 'College Youths.' The Master, in accepting the gift, promised to have it placed in the College Library.

ROYAL GREETINGS.

The President said a ringer in Wales had suggested that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh should be invited to open the proceedings of the Central Council in London. He wrote to the Princess making the suggestion and sent her copies of 'The Ringing World' containing the peals rung for her coming-of-age and also her marriage. He had since received a letter from the Private Secre-

tary to the Princess, who was much interested in the contents and the journals. Her Royal Highness, however, regretted that she would have to decline the invitation owing to the number of engagements.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The Hon. Secretary reported as to the representation of societies. On the roll there were 146 members from 53 associations as follows:—

24 Associations, 4 members 96
4 Associations, 3 members 12
13 Associations, 2 members 26
12 Associations, 1 member 12

Total 146

Honorary members numbered 17, making in all 163.

The number of associations had increased by one by the reaffiliation of the North Wales Association. The Truro Diocesan Guild had increased from one to four representatives, and the Barnsley and District Guild, the Derby and District Association and the Midland Counties Guild from one to two representatives. The only association that had not paid its affiliation fee was the Scottish.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—G. W. Cecil, E. G. Fenn, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan.—J. T. Dyke, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. Williams.
Bedfordshire Association.—H. Harding, A. C. Sinfield.
Cambridge University.—E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.
Chester Diocesan.—J. E. Bibby, J. W. Clarke, C. W. Lawton, C. K. Lewis.
Coventry Diocesan.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, F. W. Perrens.
Derby and District.—G. C. Briggs.
Devon Guild.—A. L. Bennett, F. C. Smale.
Dudley and District.—F. Colclough.
Durham and Newcastle.—W. H. Barber, W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District.—A. Relfe.
Ely Diocesan.—C. W. Cook, E. H. Mastin.
Essex Association.—F. V. Gant, F. B. Lufkin, H. J. Mansfield.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.—W. B. Kynaston, S. T. Price, F. Skidmore, W. Williams.
Guildford Diocesan.—G. L. Grover, A. Harman, A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling.
Hereford Diocesan.—G. E. Oliver, G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton.
Hertford County.—W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley.
Irish Association.—F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County.—Dr. E. St. J. Hatcher, F. M. Mitchell, T. E. Sone, G. H. Spice.
Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.
Lancashire Association.—P. Crook, W. H. Shaker, A. Tomlinson.
Leicester Diocesan.—A. Ballard, J. P. Fidler, H. J. Poole, A. E. Bowley.
Lincoln Diocesan.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan.—J. W. Jones, E. Stitch.

London County Association.—H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender.
Middlesex County Association.—J. E. L. Cockey, A. W. Coles, T. J. Lock, W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton, B. G. Key.
North Staffordshire Association.—R. S. Anderson.
North Wales Association.—A. J. Hughes.
Norwich Diocesan.—W. C. Duffield, F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
Oxford Diocesan.—A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, F. D. Boreham, A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Miss B. Spice.
Peterborough Diocesan.—G. W. Jeffs, W. Rose, G. S. Valentine, E. E. Whitmore.
St. David's Diocesan.—A. Hoare.
St. Martin's Guild.—A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, G. Harding, W. C. West.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, F. C. M. Knight, G. W. Steere.
Stafford Archdeaconry.—H. Knight, C. Wallater.
Suffolk Guild.—C. W. Pipe, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds.
Surrey Association.—F. E. Collins, D. Cooper.
Sussex County.—R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, F. I. Hairs, O. Sippetts.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan.—D. H. Bennett.

Truro Diocesan.—H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts, F. D. Teague.
Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan.—Rev. W. H. K. Felstead, W. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers, G. Williams.
Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, S. T. Holt.
Yorkshire Association.—Rev. C. O. Ellison, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, S. F. Palmer.
Honorary members.—C. Dean, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, sen., W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. H. Kirwin, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborne, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Mrs. C. C. Marshall (hon. member), F. Ainsley (Durham and Newcastle), Miss H. G. Snowden (Essex), C. F. Johnston (hon. member), W. C. Wakley (Devon Guild), J. D. Johnson (Worcester and Districts), G. R. Newton (Lancashire), Mrs. O. Rogers (London County), E. A. Young (hon. member), Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), F. Preecey (Salisbury Guild).

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were presented to the President:—

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody (Irish), Mr. G. W. Cecil (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Miles and Mr. F. D. Teague (Truro Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. J. Hughes (North Wales), Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. S. T. Price and Mr. W. Williams (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. Geo. Oliver (Hereford Diocesan), Mr. W. H. Park (Durham and Newcastle), Miss Betty Spice (Oxford University), Dr. Hatcher (Kent County), Messrs. F. C. M. Knight and T. H. Francis (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), Messrs. R. G. Bell and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. A. W. Coles (Middlesex), Mr. F. V. Gant (Essex), Mr. E. H. Mastin (Ely), Messrs. J. E. Bibby, C. W. Lawton and C. K. Lewis (Chester Diocesan), Mr. R. S. Anderson (North Staffordshire), Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. D. Boreham (Oxford Diocesan), Mr. G. E. Symonds (Suffolk), Rev. C. O. Ellison (Yorkshire), Mr. B. G. Key (Midland Counties), Mr. E. E. Whitmore (Peterborough), Mr. G. C. Briggs (Derby and District), and Mr. W. Osborne (hon. member).

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, said they would all agree that he had presided over their gatherings with tact, conspicuous ability and never-failing courtesy. 'I do not think we could better him and I can say while he never stifles debates, he makes speakers keep to the point and to the agenda.'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in seconding, said: 'I consider the Central Council are extremely favoured by fortune in having one with the qualities of Mr. Lewis to preside over the proceedings.'

The resolution was carried with applause. Mr. Lewis, in thanking the members for 'this renewal of confidence,' said he would endeavour to do his best for the Council, but age was creeping on and he thought they should be looking round for a possible successor.

THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Subject to his election as a member later in the meeting, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was elected secretary on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

The President said there was some doubt about the interpretation of the rules. An honorary member, when elected, did not take his seat until after the end of the meeting at which he was elected. That was not quite clear in regard to officers of the Council. To keep things in order—he did not want anyone to say, if they utilised Mr. Fletcher's services that day, that the proceedings were null and void—he would like to move from the chair that Mr. Fletcher act as secretary of the Council.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the resolution was carried.

HON. LIBRARIAN.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected hon. Librarian on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary announced that 14 honorary members were due to retire.

The President said the Standing Committee discussed the question the previous evening and they recommended four names, viz., Canon Coleridge, who had ceased to be a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whom they thought they should retain as long as possible; Mr. G. W. Fletcher; Mr. W. Viggers, of Aldershot, who had done valuable work for the Biographies Committee; Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was a member of the Council and was a member of the Peal Collection Committee. If all the retiring members stood it would mean that there would be 18 names for 17 places.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. F. Hairs seconded that these four names be added to the list.

Mr. Walter Ayre, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Miss M. Cross were elected tellers.

Later in the day the result of the ballot was announced as follows:—

Elected: Mr. C. Dean 133, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton 133, Canon Coleridge 133, Mr. E. H. Lewis 132, Mr. G. W. Fletcher 132, Mr. A. Walker 132, Mr. A. A. Hughes 131, Mr. G. E. Debenham 131, Mr. F. Sharpe 130, Mr. J. F. Smallwood 127, Mr. E. A. Barnett 126, Mr. W. Viggers 125, Mr. C. F. Johnston 124, Mr. E. Alex. Young 123, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. 116, the Earl of Shaftesbury 112, Mrs. C. C. Marshall 111.

Not elected: Mr. E. C. S. Turner 101.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The President said that at the Standing Committee attention was drawn to the fact that in the minutes which were circulated no reference to the royal telegrams to Princess Elizabeth and Queen Mary was recorded. This matter had been rectified in the minute book. He moved that the minutes as published, with this addition, be taken as read and approved.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded.—Agreed.

MATTERS ARISING.

The Hon. Secretary stated that at the meeting last year the Standing Committee were asked to appoint a small committee to deal with the Roll of Honour and Revision of Rules. Obviously there was no time in the third session to complete the work—in fact there was little time to start it. It was thought fit that the members engaged on that work should wait until the result of the elections that day.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

Members stood while the list of those who had died since the last meeting was read as follows:—

J. A. Trollope, Norwich Diocesan 1897-1899, hon. member 1900-1947, attended 35 meetings; Keith Hart, Sussex County 1912-1914; E. Denison Taylor, Midland Counties 1930-1933, at-

tended nine meetings; Rev. E. S. Powell, Devon Guild 1914-1935, Peterborough 1936; attended 16 meetings; R. Matthews, Worcester and Districts 1924-1926; Rev. H. Drake, Salisbury Diocesan 1903-1908; Norwich Diocesan 1918-1921, Suffolk 1922-1947, attended 27 meetings; J. J. Jutson, Peterborough 1924-1926; G. Chester, North Lincolnshire 1897-1899, North Lincoln Diocesan 1900-1939, attended 16 meetings; F. B. Tompkins, Sussex County 1906-1914, attended seven meetings; E. H. Lindup, Sussex County 1915-1918.

A tribute to the memory of Mr. J. A. Trollope was paid by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who said he was a most lovable man and it was a great sorrow to him when the end of his career came at Norwich.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The report of Mr. Hooton stated: During the year very few library books had been lent, but various searches had been made in the volumes of ringing papers and in MSS. for information required about peal compositions and records. Mr. F. J. Hill, of the British Museum, was given an opportunity of consulting the library in connection with his supplementary bibliography of bell literature.

The following gifts to the library were gratefully acknowledged: Papers of the late Henry Dains from Mr. Dew; 'Ringing Worlds' (two volumes), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher; 'Radnorshire Bells,' remaining parts title and foreword, from Mr. F. Sharpe; MS. proof of 'Treble Bob Major' from Mr. G. L. Joyce; 'Directory of Church Bell Ringers,' fourth edition, and 'Cambridge Surprise' (W. A. Cave), also 'Method Splicing,' by J. P. Fidler, 1915, all from Mr. A. C. Godfrey; 'Belfries and Ringers' (Canon Ellacombe), from Mr. C. T. Coles, per Mr. E. C. S. Turner; 'Analysis of bells from the pre-Reformation foundry at Bury St. Edmunds,' from the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, per hon. secretary of Cambridge University Guild.

The number of copies sold had increased since last year, but the return was less owing to the exhaustion of higher priced books. The supply of 'Hints' ran out and 2,000 had been printed to sell at 4d. There was still a steady demand for Triples Methods and for the Card of Instructions. The 300 'Mysteries Unveiled' made available last June had been reduced to 101. Requests for the following out of print books continued to come in: Doubles and Minor, and Major and Cater Methods. There had been enquiries, too, for figures of Doubles Methods, and for a book containing a large selection, and it was possible that such a publication was really needed.

Sales amounted to £25 11s. 7d.

Mr. Hooton, in moving the adoption of the report, said the Doubles and Minor book was being reprinted and there would be 750 copies available to be sold at 3s. 3d. He thought that a book on Doubles Methods was also necessary.

Mr. George Cross seconded.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner said if it was not too late he would like to see the Doubles section strengthened. If anybody had any Doubles methods he would see that they were in the book.

Mr. Hooton said the Doubles Methods contained a large number which were known as illegitimate. There were nearly 200 such peals.

Mr. O. H. Kippin: If these are published and rung, is it a fact that the Council will not recognise them? (laughter).

The President said what was proposed was that certain methods, which were not in accordance with the Central Council's decisions and recommendations and should not be encouraged, were to be published in order to keep up interest among five-bell ringers. He thought these Doubles should be in a separate book, but that could be thrashed out by the Methods Committee.

The report was adopted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The statement of accounts showed affiliation fees £33 15s., subscriptions honorary members £21 5s. 6d.,

which, with £324 9s. 1d. carried forward, made a total of £380 9s. 7d. The year concluded with a balance of £226 12s. 2d., the main items being sums voted at 1947 meeting £22 11s. Libraries and Publications £36 1s. 9d., Biographies Committee £6 15s. 5d., expenses of Exeter meeting £3 6s.

The Secretary said the accounts were prepared the previous Wednesday, and after that day four affiliation fees had been received. He asked all representatives to ask their treasurers to pay promptly. The final balance was somewhat less than they started with. It was never intended to accumulate a big balance; they would prefer to see it in publications. He proposed the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

In reply to questions, the Hon. Secretary said the accounts were closed as near to Whitsun as possible. Mr. A. C. Hazelden suggested that the accounts should close on March 25th.

The Secretary replied that any alteration of date would have to be considered by the small committee dealing with revision of rules.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report of the trustees stated that Mr. Young and Mr. Sharman (demonstrator) examined the machine about 10 months ago. In Mr. Sharman's opinion, a good deal of overhaul would be necessary before the machine could be satisfactorily demonstrated. Many of the working parts were rather gummed up and a number showed wear. This would mean taking almost all of it to pieces for thorough cleaning and perhaps the renewal of a few parts. This would be rather costly, and as Mr. Sharman was not in good health at present it was difficult to say when such work could be undertaken. It would be an advantage to find someone sufficiently interested and with good mechanical knowledge to spend some time going over the machine with Mr. Sharman and so become properly acquainted with the principles of its operation.

Mr. A. A. Hughes moved the adoption of the report and said that Mr. Young resigned his trusteeship at Exeter.

Mr. Smallwood seconded the adoption of the report and also moved that Mr. A. Walker be appointed a trustee. This was agreed to.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead said Mr. Brian Price was much interested in ringing machines and he would probably help to put it right.

The President suggested that the trustees get in touch with him.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

The following were elected:—

Mr. C. Dean, proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. Smallwood.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, proposed by Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Hooton.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Standing Committee had considered the agenda and had made certain recommendations which would be placed before the Council. As requested at the last meeting the following committees had been appointed:—

(1) To consider and report on the rules.

(2) To examine all decisions of the Council and report thereon (with power to co-opt from outside the Standing Committee).

(3) To consider the preparation of a Roll of Honour.

The President moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report stated: The work of compiling the Collection of eight-bell compositions is now finished, but the typing is not yet complete. It is hoped that this will be finished in the near future.

In view of the fact that Snowdon's 'Stedman' has recently been brought up to date and the 'Grandsire' book in the same series is shortly to be revised, your committee has decided to omit these two methods from the present Collection and devote it entirely to Major methods.

The Collection contains a selection of compositions in all the Standard and a few near-Standard Major methods, plus a number of compositions of Spiced Surprise Major.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore moved and Mr. C. W. Woolley seconded its adoption.

The Secretary said the second paragraph rather ran counter to the report adopted by the Council in 1934, which stated that the committee should collect peals in these methods.

Mr. Cashmore replied that he did not know anything about the terms of reference in 1934. The list was presented in 1939, and in the intervening years he had heard a lot of criticism about that collection. It was not a good collection, so when the Council met in 1945 at Birmingham Mr. Newton and he were reappointed and he obtained the typescript from Mrs. Fletcher and found it was really a hotchpotch. It was not properly arranged and, moreover, it was being used extensively to flog the compositions of one individual. If it was the wish of the Council to insert Stedman and Grandsire they could do so, but they thought it would be a waste of time to include them as there were two publications devoted to these compositions.

Mr. Harold Poole supported the committee. The Rev. Felstead: Does it not depend on what is in the new Grandsire book? The old one had hardly anything on peals.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought if the Council included Grandsire and Stedman it would increase the size and delay publication.

Mr. Hooton said the book on odd bell methods was now exhausted.

The President said the original idea in 1934 was that this should be a small handbook for young conductors to give them a selection of all the different methods. Times had changed and it was for the Council to decide whether the publication took a slightly different form.

Mr. F. Hairs proposed that the committee's recommendation be adhered to and this was agreed.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Poole, seconded by Mr. Walker, the committee was elected as follows: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore (convener), G. R. Newton, C. W. Woolley and E. A. Barnett.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report submitted by Mr. Turner paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Trollope on this committee, with which he was associated for nearly 50 years. Two works were urgently needed by the Exercise—the collection of Plain Major Methods and a collection of Surprise Methods. During 1947 he recommended the printing without any amendment of the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.

Mr. Turner, in moving the report, said it would be the last one he would be concerned with. The work had given him much pleasure and he hoped that others more qualified would be able to carry on the work.

The Rev. Felstead expressed the hope that some means would be found of retaining Mr. Turner's services.

Mr. George Cross thought the Council ought to thank Mr. Turner for his work. The Council should have done better than it did that day.

Mr. N. Golden said he would like to second the adoption of the report. Everyone knew the brilliance of Mr. Turner in the field of composition, and it seemed a pity that his services could not be retained. They had been speaking about these books for 14 years.

Mr. Sedgley: In losing Mr. Turner we are losing one of our best young men, and I think some means should be found of retaining his services.

The report was adopted. The committee was elected as follows: The Rev. Felstead (convener), Messrs. C. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore and Nolan Golden.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The committee represent a summary of the new methods and progressive lengths rung during 1947.

THE EXTREME IN RINGING

Miss Margaret Beamish and her mother,



stone. Margaret's father was this year elected Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

who is the hon. secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Margaret, who is now 12, has added to her long list of attainments the ringing of an 'inside pair' to a peal of Stedman. It was her first attempt for a peal 'in hand.' The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss M. V. Godderidge, of Folke-

Mr. R. W. Stannard completed 62 years of peal ringing by a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Hornchurch for the royal silver wedding. This was rung on the 60th anniversary of 10,304 Bob Major he rang at Leiston, Suffolk, on April 21st, 1888.

Thirty-five years ago Mr. H. J. Halford became a ringer and chorister at Wadhurst Parish Church, near Tunbridge Wells. Fourteen years later he was appointed clerk and sexton and captain of the ringers. After ringing out the old year on his 80th birthday he retired from choir and belfry. As a mark of appreciation the parishioners on May 18th presented him with a cheque for £168. Ringing honours were 1,260 Bob Doubles (first quarter by a local band for 50 years) by C. Pilbeam 1, Mrs. C. A. Bassett 2, J. Newick 3, Miss M. Pilbeam 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. Palmer 6. It was the first quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

NEW METHODS.

Tower bells.—Jan. 17th, 5,056 Oswald Delight Major, Chester Diocesan; Jan. 24th, 5,024 Eardley Surprise Major, Kent County; March 15th, 5,120 Spiced Surprise Major in 16 methods, Lincoln Diocesan; March 17th, 5,056 Double Mancroft Bob Major, Chester Diocesan; April 12th, 5,024 Cobham Surprise Major, Guildford Diocesan; June 7th, 5,184 Maidstone Bob Major, Oxford University; Oct. 2nd, 5,056 Eastcote Surprise Major, Middlesex County; Oct. 24th, 5,024 Liverpool Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan; Nov. 15th, 5,040 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal, Yorkshire; Nov. 15th, 5,024 Barnet Surprise Major, Hertford County; Nov. 29th, 5,024 Rotherfield Surprise Major, Sussex County; Dec. 6th, 5,040 Albanian Surprise Royal, Hertford County; Dec. 8th, 5,024 Wildesden Surprise Major, Middlesex County; Dec. 19th, 5,120 Hethersett Imperial Court Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan.

Handbells.—Feb. 2nd, 5,184, Winchester Bob Major, Oxford University; March 30th, 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan; June 8th, 5,152 Marlborough Bob Major, Oxford University; July 9th, 5,120 Felstead Surprise Major, Hertford County; Sept. 28th, 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan; Nov. 18th, 5,184 Jersey Surprise Major, Hertford County.

Progressive lengths.—April 7th, 9,000 Plain Bob Royal, Essex; July 12th, 5,152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan; Oct. 4th, 14,144 London Surprise Major, Lincoln Diocesan.

Minor and Doubles.—On handbells peals of Minor were rung in 69, 91 and 105 methods by the Lincoln Diocesan; on tower bells Doubles in 22 and 25 methods, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In checking the composition of the record length of Stedman Caters, 21,363 changes, rung at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, it has been discovered that the figures published in 'The Ringing World' and repeated in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' are incorrect. In turning course B, although the figures of the course-end are given correctly, a bob at 5 is omitted. It is proposed that for future reference the composition shall be reprinted in 'The Ringing World' in its correct form.

The committee desire direction as to whether the handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,664 changes, rung at Bushev, Feb. 29th, conforms to the requirements of a record peal, in view of the fact that the conditions relating to a record attempt were not complied with.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said regarding the 13,664 Double Norwich no one who knew the gentle-

men who rang the peal would question that they rang the peal. As soon as one started ringing records they must be rung in a public place where people could hear and check the ringing. Going back to 1912, he could have rung his peal in a comfortable room, but the late Mr. Goldsmith informed him that as soon as one attempted a record it must be rung where people could hear it and check it. The record length of Bob Royal was at his suggestion rung in a public place.

The Secretary read the Decisions of the Council regarding peals rung to surpass a previous peal as follows:—

(1) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the Ringing Press, stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(2) That similar notice shall be sent to the conductor, or, if he cannot be traced, to some member of the band who rang in the peal which it is proposed to surpass; and to the secretary of the guild or association under whose title the said peal was rung.

(3) That a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal, which figures shall be strictly adhered to, be lodged previous to the attempt with the secretary or other responsible officer of the guild or association under whose title the band is to ring. . . .

(4) That, if possible, a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

Mr. Harold Poole: I can quite understand why so few records are attempted. I think it is quite time we abided by these decisions.

Mr. Woolley: May I suggest that it does not apply to handbell peals.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved that the peal be accepted.

Mr. Hairs seconded and the Council agreed to this course.

Questions were then raised as to the absence of an umpire, and Mr. Cashmore said if they were going to insist on umpires they must have them capable. Once a peal had been rung it was an accomplished fact whether there was an umpire or not.

Mr. Johnson replied that these were regulations made by the Council, and it was their duty to administer them and abide by them. This was not the decision of the Standing Committee, but of the Council. When it was said that it was desirable it was never contemplated that people would go and deliberately flout them.

The President: We have settled the matter and the report was adopted. To this committee were appointed Mrs. Fletcher (convener) and Mrs. Marshall.

(To be continued)

10,800 Plain Bob Royal Peal

RECORD RUNG AT CAMBRIDGE,
MAY 2nd, 1948.

Although comparisons are invidious, it must be emphasised from the start that the new record, in contrast to most, was rung entirely by 'non-experts' without any of the really first-class handbell conductors or of those who have rung several hundred peals. It was conceived, and rung, as an attempt by ordinary ringers, with no experience of long peals, to achieve a record length and it is hoped that its success will encourage others to do likewise.

Even before the Prittlewell peal last year there had been talk in Cambridge of an attempt for 10,000 Bob Royal, but the idea was shelved and it was not until after a peal at Newmarket in February that it was finally decided to make the attempt. After some negotiation a band was obtained and May 2nd chosen as the date for the attempt, when, by the kindness of Mr. Dennis, permission was obtained for the use of the Cambridge and County Bowling Club Pavilion and the stage was set.

The band arrived at 10.30 a.m. and it was decided, from the two sets brought by members, to make the attempt on Mr. Austin's set of handbells, cast by Shaw's, of Bradford (tenor size 16 in B flat). At 10.46 a start was made and the band steadily settled down to a regular pace of six minutes per course, which was maintained throughout. Everybody rose to the occasion and remarkably few trips were made, none of which ever looked like developing into anything serious.

The bells rolled round at 4.44 p.m. and I am glad to say that within an hour all five were ringing for evening service at their respective churches. Perhaps I may add that, in a memorable day, I shall never forget the expressions on two of the band's faces when they saw, just as they were beginning to feel a bit 'peckish,' one of the umpires unpack his picnic lunch! The other is the longing, and perhaps thirsty, look I observed on another's face when in the last part he noticed, hanging above my head, the tariff for the club bar. E.J.L.

THE COMPANY.

John A. ACRES.—Age 26. Rung 18, conducted 3. Has yet to ring his first tower bell peal. One of the Newmarket band, he started ringing just before the war and rang his first peal in 1939. A great enthusiast, he rang his first peal of Royal last November and displays great promise as a conductor.

Richard F. B. SPEED. Age 21. Rung 85, conducted 25. Commenced ringing since the ban as a pupil of Miss M. Cross, he has rung and called peals in a variety of methods, and as such is probably the most experienced conductor in the band. Now at an O.C.T.U. at Catterick, he is a member of the College Youths and was formerly Master of the University Guild.

Edwin J. LINDLEY. Age 20. Rung 79 (34 'in hand'), conducted 22 (17 'in hand'). Commenced ringing three years ago in Cambridge and was secretary of the Guild during the last year. He rang his first peal two years ago and since then has become interested in composing and conducting. He called his first handbell peal last July and his first of Royal in November.

Albert E. AUSTIN. Age 59. Rung 175, conducted 17. Between the wars he rang a large number of peals in a variety of methods, but during the past few years has confined his peal ringing activities to handbell ringing. As the most experienced member of the band, his handling of 7-8 contributed very largely to the success of the venture.

Geoffrey DODDS. Age 22. Rung 59, conducted 1. A member of the Guild and the Cumberlands, has rung peals in a variety of methods, including several of Surprise Royal. He started ringing just over ten years ago at Isleworth, but has only during the past year started ringing handbell peals.

LETTERS

HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Paice's argument in favour of ringing on the Saturday in Holy Week, published in your issue of May 14th, is ingenious, but will not bear investigation for the following reasons:—

(a) Saturday in Holy Week is one of the forty days of Lent, and the Lenten Fast does not end until midnight on that day.

(b) Easter is the one great festival which has no eve in the sense that the other four have. In the case of each of the latter the Collect for the Festival is ordered to be used at Evensong on the eve, but in the case of Easter it is definitely laid down as follows: 'At Evensong, Collect for Easter Even only.' This in itself is proof that the Church does not consider the evening of Saturday to be part of the Easter Festival.

(c) Some clergy make Evensong on Easter Even a 'First Evensong of Easter' or a 'Festal Evensong,' but such a service is not authorised by the Church, and is quite out of order. Dearmer says, 'There should be no Solemn Evensong on Easter Eve.'

Two wrongs do not make a right, and therefore to ring for a service which has no liturgical significance does not make the ringing any more correct. My previous contention that the bells should be silent in Holy Week stands unaltered.—Yours faithfully,

Goring-on-Thames. A. R. POYNTZ.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. W. J. Paice, is wrong in likening Easter Eve to Christmas Eve, for evensong on that day is not the first evensong of Easter. The Easter Collect is not used until Easter morning, Easter Even, or Holy Saturday, being provided with one of its own. It is undoubtedly in keeping with the character of the day that bells should not be rung in peal until daybreak on Easter Day, although a bell should be tolled for evensong. After Maundy Thursday morning, throughout Good Friday and on Holy Saturday morning all bells used to be completely silent, and this is surely a time when silence is as eloquent as sound.—Yours truly,

J. H. B. ANDREWS (Rev.).

Chittlehampton, Devon.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters that have appeared in your recent columns regarding the above, I think all ringers should ponder over the words of Capt. A. R. Poyntz, which are of kindness and deep meaning. In my opinion, no better ringer could give us guidance on this subject. My memory goes back when he was at Dover Harbour and England then stood in wonderment as to what was going to happen across the Channel. The story of his adventures probably will never be known. But we may be assured that he was a part of that great force that stood solid for the peace and goodwill of all men with success. Therefore, let us take to heart his words. The Kent County Association, to which I belong, thoughtfully printed on the outside cover of the annual report for many years the Association's prayer, thus giving the ringer an opportunity of aiming at the highest ideals. Happily, only one peal was rung in Kent during the week. Dover. CHARLES TURNER.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL TENOR

Dear Sir,—Re expanding tenors, I note with interest that this week Canterbury Cathedral tenor has grown to 34 cwt. (approx.)! I have always understood this bell to weigh just over 30 cwt., a few pounds less than that at All Saints', Maidstone, which is the heaviest bell in Kent, weight 31 cwt. (approx.) in C. May I suggest that conductors check weights of tenors before sending in peal reports? At the same time I should like to congratulate Mr. Cullingworth on turning in Canterbury tenor to a peal of Royal, for as far as I remember she is quite a handful to ring behind, let alone turn in!—Yours faithfully,

Orpington. PETER N. BOND.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Pitman 1, A. Hannington 2, R. E. Coles 3, E. Stitch 4, G. I. Lewis 5, H. Boyce 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, A. Hoare 8.

BARRINGTON, CAMBS.—On April 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor (two-different 720's): A. S. Watt 1, Miss G. Anderson-Smith 2, J. B. Rowsell 3, R. I. Harker 4, M. R. D. Harford (first as cond.) 5, B. D. Threlfall 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hughes 1, Miss K. M. Ruffell 2, L. G. Pitman 3, J. R. Wilson 4, George Wilson 5, V. Child 6, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 7, L. J. Evans 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dumbrell 1, W. Humphreys 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, F. J. Sanders 4, Rev. A. H. W. Sanders (Vicar) 5, J. W. Crouch 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Bob Major: I. R. Davison 1, S. Wiltshire 2, Miss B. Cleveland 3, R. E. Manton (first of Major) 4, D. J. Cox 5, A. Rogers 6, E. A. Dench 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, quarter-peal of Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): B. Bover 1, W. J. Barrett 2, Miss E. Mance 3, A. G. Bartholomew 4, P. J. Eves (cond.) 5, H. Meadowcroft 6. First in two methods by all the band.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawksley (first quarter) 1, E. T. Chapman (first in method) 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, A. Jones 4, W. T. Ellis 5, D. R. Judd 6, K. L. Brown (cond.) 7, E. C. S. Turner 8.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On May 1st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wareham 1, J. Topp 2, P. Bray 3, W. Mill's 4, K. Moon 5, W. Flower 6, D. Flower (first as cond.) 7, H. Brown 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8.

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MARRIAGE

MERRITT—HUTT.—On Saturday, May 15th, 1948, at St. Giles', West Bridgford, by the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Inst. Lieut. Joseph Merritt, R.N. (H.M.S. 'Excellent') to Mary Hutt. Present address: 7, Blake Road, West Bridgford, Notts. 3552

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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PFAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave May 29th, 4.14 p.m. at Pyrford Church. Old Woking bells in the evening. Coach (limited to 20 seats and one journey) from Old Woking at 4 p.m. and return. 3506
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Thirsk (8 bells), Saturday, May 29th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 3551

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Meeting, Stoke-by-Nay and (6), Saturday, May 29th. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec., 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk. 3532
LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Old Woking, May 29th. Service 3.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15. Bells available between service and tea and after meeting. All ringers invited. (20-seater coach available for one journey from Old Woking to Pyrford and back in connection with visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave.) 3505
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Mereworth (6), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Nettlestead (5) bells 2.15. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3527
STOTFOLD, BEDS.—Augmented ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. on Saturday, May 29th, at 3 p.m.—R. T. Newman. 3541
LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Bottesford (8), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bus from Melton 2.45.—J. H. Cook. 3575
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted (6), June 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than May 29th to Mr. F. Budgen, Court Lodge, Brasted, Sevenoaks. 3520
LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Twyford, Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not any later than Saturday, May 29th. Please be prompt with bookings for tea owing to catering difficulties.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 3408
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Market Deeping on June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Blue Bird Cafe for those who notify me by Monday, May 31st.—B. H. Dalton, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3542
LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Acton, Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by June 2nd, without fail, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 3539
CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Meeting, Shenfield (6), June 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea at Shenfield. Brentwood (8) 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Rounds upwards.—F. V. Gant. 3544
SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly, Cuckfield (8), June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by June 2nd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3555
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, Saturday, June 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3565
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Light refreshment provided. Names by June 1st.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 3568
SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 5th, 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names to W. Thornley, jun., 12, Peatfield Road, Stapleford, Nottingham, by Wednesday, June 2nd. 3547
OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 31st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchlev. 3548

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Highbere, June 5th, 2.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5. Names by June 2nd to Rev. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke. 3559
SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Buses from Bridport every hour. Please notify for tea by May 29th.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 3561
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and THE LINCOLN LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies Guild, Bigby, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business and bells after tea. Bring own sandwiches. Tea provided. Numbers for tea by June 2nd to Rev. H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs.—H. I. Mingay, Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 3558
OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Twyford, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Notify for tea by June 2nd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winners, Wokingham. 3556
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Staindrop, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 3rd.—J. T. Titt, Hcn. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3569
GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting, June 5th, Emmanuel's, Clifton. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please book teas.—C. H. Wood, Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Bristol 2. 3571
ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chalsteris (6), Saturday, June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3574
CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly business meeting will be held at Bridelkirk, near Cocker-mouth, June 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Secretary, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven, before May 31st. 3576
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyt's on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Harris, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyt's, by June 3rd.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 3579
NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, June 5th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3554
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. A. Jenkins, 76, Brent Lane, Dartford, Kent, not later than Wednesday, June 2nd. Trains from Chatham 1.54 p.m. and 3.54 p.m. Bus No. 489 from Gravesend 7 minutes past every hour.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3553
DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Upton Pyne (6), June 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Reply by June 2nd. Brampford Speke (6) open.—C. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 3578
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bletsoe bells available after tea.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3540
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fvldre Branch.—Meeting at Singleton, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea for those who send their names to Mr. W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, near Blackpool.—J. H. Foster. 3581



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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Eaton Socan on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3583

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Harwell, Saturday, June 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Tuesday, June 8th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3515

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Congregational Church Hall. Numbers for tea by June 8th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 3572

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw, June 12th. Usual arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Notifications by 9th D. Sleet, Fuchsia, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.—P. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3577

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and **THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Eckington, June 12th. Tea for a limited number who notify G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 8th. 3563

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Reedham, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Burgess, Elm House, Reedham, by June 9th, very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Daventry, Saturday, June 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 8th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, Rugby. 3567

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea by June 5th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 3564

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Carmarthen (8), June 12th. Bells 1.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4. Names by June 5th to C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly. 3557

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by June 7th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3580

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day, Saturday, June 26th. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 3573

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 2nd, quarter-peal Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Cherry 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, D. C. Mears 5, W. E. Symonds 6, L. Fidler 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. First quarter Cambridge 1, 4 and 8.

MESSINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ellerton 1, F. G. Nash 2, J. W. Toyne 3, G. Toyne (first quarter) 4, R. Triviss (cond.) 5, H. Parkin 6. In memoriam A. E. Peart.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first quarter) 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, J. Berry 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, T. Townsend 5, J. Daniell 6, H. Bishop 7, W. Bullock 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Messenger 1, Miss A. Bailey (cond.) 2, Miss M. Burrows 3, Miss J. Burrows 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. E. Johnson 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 6.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Ling 1, Mrs. E. Ovens 2, V. Ovens 3, S. Freeman (first quarter) 4, R. Lingwood 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6.

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