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THE REALITY OF TRADITION ⁵¹

SITTING at the 312th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths last Saturday, the thought that was uppermost in one's mind was the reality of tradition. The Youths assembled had travelled far to be present. From Cornwall and from the North of England they were there to honour a great institution. But it was not a gathering of the aged; there was a substantial sprinkling of youth—men who had made their mark as ringers since the war, and some just fledglings with the wide compass of ringing ahead of them.

This year's Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, comes from the great citadel of the Ancient Society, he being a member of St. Paul's band. In 1926, at the age of 14, he became a College Youth, having learnt to handle a bell two years before at Woodford Parish Church. His first peal was rung at St. George's-in-the-Borough, and of his hundred and more peals three have been rung at St. Paul's. Until his employment necessitated his travelling considerably during the week, much of his ringing time was spent in training young bands.

The continuity of the society is jealously guarded. A reminder of the secret trust came with presentations to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. On December 30th, 1940, the headquarters of the society, was destroyed by a bomb. Through the action of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes the society were able to hold their monthly meetings without a break at the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is still their headquarters. As a token of their gratitude for the hospitality extended, members presented Mrs. Hughes with a wrist watch, and Mr. Hughes with a silver tankard. The time of the presentation was happily chosen, as it followed after Mrs. Hughes had given a delightful exhibition on her handbells.

Research into past history has not stopped with the death of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, the author of 'College Youths.' A friend of Mr. E. Alex Young, Mr. Rupert C. Jarvis, has been endeavouring to trace Fabian Stedman's position in London. It was generally held that Fabian accepted an appointment with the Customs and Excise, as an auditor or audit clerk. A search through the records of Excise of that period shows no mention of Stedman or his chief, John Cooke. What has been revealed was that John Cooke was the secretary to the Secretary of State, and it is the opinion of Mr. Rupert C. Jarvis that Stedman was in his department.

To the regret of the company Canon G. F. Coleridge was unable to make the journey to London, he having had a fall that morning. There were other old veterans who sent their apologies, among them being Mr. James George, who recalled his prowess with Bow tenor, and Mr. Bob Newton. Chapter 312 of the society, as reported by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, who is rapidly approaching the time he can join that select band of being 50 years a College Youth, made interesting reading. This, however, we will reserve for news columns in our next issue.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

*PAUL L. TAYLOR ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 31 cwt.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 4 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 8103 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 5	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 11
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 6	DANIEL D. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Grandsire.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*GEOFFREY M. MAVER ... Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 8
*C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	*JOHN WORTH ... 9
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... 10
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... 11
†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † 100th peal together. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHEPPERTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 071 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 6
ALAN CATTELL ... 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 8
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 4	LEONARD E. TREVOR ... 9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5	JOHN E. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 100th peal. To mark the 71st birthday of Joseph Hy. W. White.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 6
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 2	*THOMAS PRICE ... 7
JOHN N. LINDON ... 3	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 9
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	JOSEPH L. STANIER ... Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT ... Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 6
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 3	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 8
JOHN F. GOODALL ... 4	DAVID-E. PARSONS ... 9
JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 5	RICHARD E. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. 200th peal on these eight bells by the Association. Tenor 10 cwt.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ... 2	JOHN A. DOWNING ... 6
ALBERT A. EASTON ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	WILLIAM LEVETT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

The first peal in the method by all except 7 and tenor. A compliment to Mr. W. H. Joiner on the 51st anniversary of his wedding.

BANSTAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*HARRY J. SMERDON ... Treble	†NORMAN HOBDEN ... 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	DENIS N. LAYTON ... 6
†ALBERT J. ADAMS ... 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in method. Tenor 21½ cwt.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOS. COLLINGWORTH ... Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEFF ... 5
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 2	RALPH BIRD ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

* First of Surprise 'inside.' Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD A. NOBES ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 6
*NELIA LEAHY ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 4	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major. Tenor 25½ cwt.



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LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

KENNETH W. MAVER ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON ... 5
*JEAN METHAM ... 2	*JOHN F. HODSON ... 6
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 3	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS... 7
NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A farewell to Harold Marcon, who is leaving Lincoln for Loughborough.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat,

*A. TREVOR SEBTON ... Treble	†ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 5
JOAN M. WUBSTER ... 2	ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 6
JAMES H. COOKE ... 3	‡JOHN COOKE ... 7
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALEX. J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method and 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. MOODY ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
*FRANK LORD ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*MRS. B. S. NICHOLS ... Treble	†BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN... 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 6
*FRANK SODEN ... 3	†WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT 4	THOMAS S. STRATFORD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*ALAN D. RIVERS ... Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
ALBERT FLEET ... 2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 6
†AUDREY A. EWINS ... 3	†LEONARD D. MILLARD... 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ... Treble	HERBERT GOAKES ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON... 2	*†STANLEY GILBERT ... 6
GEORGE S. BUSH ... 3	†FRANK WARRINGTON... 7
*CHARLES D. WOOD ... 4	WILLIAM SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 50th peal together.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	HENRY TOOKE ... 6
*THOMAS E. SPIGET ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIE AARON ... Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	EDWARD IDDON ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
MURIEL REAY ... 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells fully muffled. In memoriam Charles F. Howard, a former churchwarden.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
ROBERT HARTLEY ... 2	JOHN B. FORD ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE 7
THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 4	HERBERT C. ALBROW ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.

First peal as conductor on more than six bells. To commemorate the golden weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman (parents of Mrs. A. D. Barker) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hartley (grandparents of R. Hartley and uncle of T. G. Hawkins).

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... 5
*ERNEST BETTS ... 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
*FRED HODGSON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	*ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley on attaining his 90th birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON... 5
STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	ALAN JACQUES ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	ROGER LEIGH ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	*EDWARD IDDON ... 7
*JAMES BLACKBURN ... 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Norman Jackson, M.A.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 27 cwt.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM YATES 5
*FREDERICK VICKERS ... 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
*GEORGE F. BURTON ... 4	FREDERICK C. CASE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
PATRICIA SMEE 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON <i>Treble</i>	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
DENNIS HALL 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
FRANK WALKER 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
GEORGE BUTCHER 4	WALTER LEMON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... <i>Treble</i>	*PATRICK PRESTON ... 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER 6
GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	ALBERT H. WARD ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WAUD 4
HORACE S. MORLEY ... 2	EDWARD PHILPOT 5
FRED TERRY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tune (a local ringer).

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED YOUNG 4
ERIC SMITH 2	STANLEY GILBERT 5
*JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First in seven methods. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT J. WEBB <i>Treble</i>	PERCIVAL H. HULL 4
*RONALD H. GARDINER... 2	WILLIAM J. DUNKERTON 5
†VICTOR G. ROBERTS ... 3	*ALBERT E. CARVER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 6 six-scores of April Day, 6 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 32 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE F. BAILEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4
*FRANK SHARPE 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 5
*GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... 3	WILLIAM MINOR <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

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

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

JOHN CHARNOCK <i>Treble</i>	JOHN JACKSON 4
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	JAMES BLACKBURN 5
THOMAS BARKER 3	E. ROGER MARTIN... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

In memoriam William Taylor, for many years chief ringer at this tower.

RUSKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.

MOSES BILLINGS <i>Treble</i>	LOUIS WILLIERS 4
*OWEN E. NEEDHAM ... 2	ROBERT PARKER 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JOHN E. COOK <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Woodbine and Kent and three extents of Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON ... <i>Treble</i>	ROY BROGAN 4
*TREVOR TARBATT (15) ... 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
CYRIL RUSBY 3	NOEL F. MOXON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY <i>Treble</i>	FRANK B. LUFKIN 4
GEORGE W. CECIL 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	GERALD FROST <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE M. BEALE ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK W. DREW 4
REGINALD BEALE 2	THOMAS J. HILL 5
†REGINALD C. BEALE ... 3	THOMAS VICKERY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal, aged 13. † First peal 'inside.' A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beale.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob and St. Clement's, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) College Bob, (6) Single Court, and (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 104 lb. in F sharp.

CYRIL COUSINS <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Brittain 1, M. Layton 2, D. N. Layton 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, A. E. Cheeseman 5, N. Hobden 6, A. J. Adams 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brian Bishop (first quarter in method) 1, I. Emery 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, P. J. Spice 4, G. F. James 5, G. Waterman 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cornhill 1, Miss N. Radley 2, C. Gouldsmith 3, A. Langridge 4, A. Radley 5, D. Hammond 6, G. Radley (cond.) 7, J. Luxom 8. In honour of the induction of the Rev. W. Lane, previously of Tiverton, Devon.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: J. Piper 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, E. Gavan Tonkin 3, F. J. Lambert, jun., 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. Rollison 6, F. Dallaway 7, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 8. After the unveiling of the Burwash war memorial.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, R. Mackrill 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, T. G. Fox 5, W. J. Paice 6, C. J. Matthews 7, G. Debenham 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. H. Allsop 10.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Constant 1, R. E. Constant 2, E. Beer 3, J. Burles 4, G. French 5, W. L. Rayner 6, R. A. Constant 7, Miss J. Chesson 8. First in the method by 1, 5 and 6. In memoriam Canon H. T. Southgate.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,342 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Townsend 1, C. T. Watts 2, H. Carbutt 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, G. Coleman 5, W. Burrige 6, H. Harrison 7, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 8. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. A compliment to Mr. John Smith on his 81st birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Alan J. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Marriner 2, A. H. Winch 3, H. V. Young 4, A. Harman 5, B. Hawkins 6, E. Coward 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss P. M. Cotsworth (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Warren 2, H. A. May (cond.) 3, G. L. Grover 4, J. A. Etherington 5, A. S. F. Hickman (first quarter) 6. Farewell for R. Warren, leaving for Austria.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Oct. 24th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Miss A. T. Seville 2, O. Moores 3, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 4, F. Pritchard 5, Miss M. I. Jaggard (first quarter) 6, R. Edwards 7, H. Stanley 8.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Elizabeth Brown 1, M. Elizabeth Roe (first quarter) 2, F. Wright (cond.) 3, Catherine M. Trist 4, N. G. McCrumb 5, M. E. H. Barrow 6.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Hunt 1, Ian Peacock (first in method) 2, H. F. Sargent 3, Mrs. L. M. Caldwell 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, E. Boumpfrey 6, N. Sharpe, sen. 7, R. W. M. Clouston (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: J. Hope (cond.) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, A. Law 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, W. H. Hayward 5.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hole (first quarter) 1, W. H. Curson 2, Miss R. Hemmings 3, A. Beadsmoore 4, J. H. Brittan 5, E. W. Beadsmoore 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, W. E. Minor 8. A farewell to M. Hawkesworth on embarkation leave.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Iris Cording (first quarter) 1, Miss Gwen Friswell 2, Miss Joyce Friswell 3, N. J. Bagworth (cond.) 4, W. D. Prockson 5, D. Neal (first in method) 6, C. W. Willington 7, C. Neal 8. First of Triples 2 and 3.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bannister 1, A. Henson 2, W. Brown (first as cond.) 3, R. Seaton 4, G. Wykes 5. First quarter 2 and 4. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gilby 1, S. Brown 2, W. Brown (cond.) 3, A. Brown 4, G. Wykes 5. First quarter for 2 and 4.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: J. T. Shipley 1, N. Moxon 2, L. Rollinson 3, Mrs. N. Moxon 4, Miss G. Burchnell (cond.) 5, Miss K. Burchnell 6, R. Sleep 7, H. Midwinter 8. First quarter by tenor. Half-muffled in memoriam S. Chandler, one of the local band.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Addison 1, E. Sinclair 2, R. Addison 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, H. A. Ward 5, R. Jackson 6, P. Semmens 7, B. Watson 8.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Canterbury and 780 Grandsire): F. Orchard (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, V. Adams 4, A. Armstrong 5. Birthday compliment to A. Armstrong.

WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Mantle 1, A. C. Rye 2, H. Ansell 3, H. Furminger 4, F. Hawkins 5, F. A. Rye (cond.) 6, H. E. Axon 7. For the 250th anniversary of granting Charter to Deal.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Dearing 1, J. Tomsitt 2, E. Cassell 3, R. Charge 4, R. Saunders 5, J. Chapman (cond.) 6, E. V. Blake 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A 76th birthday compliment to 3rd ringer. Also compliments to ringers of 1st and 4th.

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LATE NEWS

Bagshot (Surrey) Parish Church
ringers called in recently the sanitary
inspector to kill the millions of flies
hibernating in the belfry. They made
black clusters in the corners and hung
in ropes. Steeplekeeper Hall carried
several bucket loads of slaughtered
flies down the long spiral staircase.
Other towers are advised to make in-
spections.

With the peal at Meo-
pham, Kent, on October
29th, Mr. Frank Bennett,
now 81 years of age, has rung peals in all the
8, 10 and 12-bell towers in Kent. He has also
completed the Sussex towers with the excep-
tion of the recently augmented tower at Bur-
wash. Mr. Bennett was standing in a peal
attempt there on November 5th.

Canon G. F. Coleridge celebrated his 92nd
birthday yesterday. 'Good wishes from us
all, Canon.'

The meeting of the Essex Association at
Great Bardfield for November 19th has been
postponed until November 26th owing to un-
foreseen circumstances.

Mr. J. F. Milner writes to thank all ring-
ing friends for their kind messages of good-
will while in hospital. He is now home again,
making rapid progress, and hopes to be
'under' a bell again soon.

It was much regretted that Mr. J. H. W.
White (that grand old stalwart of ringing in
the Coventry area) was unable to ring in his
71st birthday peal at Chilvers Coton on Octo-
ber 22nd, owing to the illness of his wife.
Mrs. White, who with her husband was re-
cently holidaying in Cornwall, has had to
undergo an operation in hospital in Redruth.
Their many friends will wish Mrs. White a
complete recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. F. E. Dukes, hon.
secretary of the Irish Association, on ringing
his 100th peal. Mr. Dukes believes he is the
first Irishman to reach the century. He has
also rung more peals for the Irish Association
than any other ringer, with 68 to his credit,
against 65 by the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff.
Mr. Dukes expresses his thanks to those who
arranged peals for him during his visits to
England, whose help, advice and even 'shout-
ing' is appreciated.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Unique in the annals of
ringing was the Leicester
ringers' trip to Birming-
ham on October 22nd, when 24 members of
the Leicester Diocesan Guild set out for two
peals of Surprise Maximus. The senior band
rang a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maxi-
mus at the Cathedral, but the youngsters' at-
tempt for Cambridge Maximus at Aston came
to grief after two hours. The average age
of the young band was round about 20 years.
They hope to make another attempt before
very long. No less than seventeen of the
Leicester Cathedral Sunday evening service
ringers were included in the two bands.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal for the
University of Bristol Society at Nailsea was
Ivor H. Trueman, and not as printed in our
last issue.

The peal Mr. Frank Warrington called at
Sharnbrook, Beds, on October 20th, was of
special interest to him. It was at this church
that he was confirmed while serving in H.M.
Forces.

Past and present members of the Stoke
Poges tower composed the band that rang in
honour of two golden weddings on October
24th, at this well-known club. Those honoured
were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman and Mr.
and Mrs. F. Hartley. The peal was rung on
the 218th anniversary of the first peal of Sted-
man Triples, rung at Norwich in 1731.

The average age of the band which rang
the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's,
Beddington, on October 15th was 18½ years.
This peal was rung on the 25th anniversary
of a 5,021 Grandsire Caters, conducted by
Charles H. Kippin at the same tower, when
the average age of the band was just under
20. It is believed that the peal rung this
year is the first ten-bell peal to be rung by
such a young band.

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Leicester Diocesan Festival

A COMPANY of about 120 attended the Leicester Diocesan Festival, which this year was held at Loughborough.

Good use was made of the bells at the foundry and at the Parish Church. At the appointed time the company assembled at the Bull's Head, on the nearby Shelthorpe Estate. Here an excellent dinner was enjoyed. The speeches which followed were commendably short, as was the toast list.

Following the loyal toast, the president, Mr. Harold J. Poole, gave 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.' He said that although some doubts were expressed at the time of the formation of the Guild and the break up of the old Midland Counties Association, there was no doubt at all now that the move had been a wise one. There was a much better covering of all districts, the district meetings were frequent and were well attended, and they were happy affairs. The affairs of the Guild continued to prosper, he recalled the success of the De Montfort dinner, and said that this year already 150 peals had been rung, as against 130 for the whole of last year.

The President commented on the fellowship in the Guild, the social gatherings and the support given both by members and by visitors. He looked forward to their continued support. Success of the Guild in the future was assured if the Guild carried on with the peal ringing and with the service ringing.

Mr. Poole mentioned visits by members to other guilds and to other parts of the country. He instanced the recent Irish tour as showing that the fellowship between ringers was even more than ever. In Ireland, although there were great differences between the North and South, both being generally of a different branch of the Church and both being different politically, all this had no effect on the fellowship of the ringers. All ringers were working together.

Mr. Colin Harrison proposed the toast to 'The Visitors.' Among the visitors were Mr. T. Mark White; Mr. W. H. Kingcott, of Wroughton; Mr. Andrew C. Sinfeld and party from Bedfordshire (they had that day rung a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Claybrooke); Mr. C. E. G. Banham, of Norfolk; Miss Mary Walshaw, of Manchester; Mr. Geo. Freebrey, an old stalwart of the M.C.A.; Mr. E. H. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, of Derby; Mr. Ron Noone, of Northampton; and Mr. E. Jennings, of Brintree. Mr. Harrison recalled the great work of Mr. Freebrey in the old M.C.A. days, when, in association with Alderman Chambers, he laid the foundations of what was later to be a great help to the Leicester and other Guilds when these new Guilds started their work.

Mr. R. Noone responded on behalf of the visitors.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and mentioned its service in keeping ringers in many countries in touch with one another. By reading of the exploits of other ringers, other bands were stirred to progress and to further efforts. 'The Ringing World' was their national newspaper wherein they could read true and concise reports of the doings of ringers in all parts of the world.

Mr. T. Mark White, replying, thanked Mr. Turner for his remarks, and said the Editor was unable to be present that day as he was attending another function.

Songs from Miss Jacqueline Jackson, tunes and changes on handbells, including the 'rise and fall,' occupied the time pleasantly until dancing, which continued until a late hour. Everyone had a real good time, it being commented that for general friendliness, a good programme and a delightful room, the 1949 festival was the 'best yet.'

DUXFORD, CAMBS.

The village of Duxford, Cambs, has two churches, St. Peter's and St. John's, the latter being derelict. The six bells from St. John's have now, after being removed to Croydon for tuning, been rehung in a new steel frame, with ball bearings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A large congregation attended the rededication by the Archdeacon of Ely on October 28th, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Joyce. Among those present was the one surviving member of the old team of ringers, W. Wisbey, aged 91.

In his address the Archdeacon, referring to those who dislike bells, asked for patience with such people, and said there were many different tastes in music; he himself, while being quite unable to appreciate jazz and the saxophone, was partial to the bagpipes.

Immediately after the rededication, the bells were rung in rounds by the newly-formed local band, who have been receiving instruction at the neighbouring village of Whittleford.

The first touch on the bells was a 240 Bob Minor by a representative band consisting of some of the oldest members of the Ely Diocesan Association, conducted by Mr. P. Webb, of Ickleton, who has been a member over 50 years.

Ringers and friends were entertained to refreshments at the Rectory, while the bells were kept going, everyone getting a chance to try the rehung bells, and all being satisfied with another job well done.

The ringing concluded with the first 720 on the bells by E. G. Hibbens 1, J. Gibson 2, T. R. Dennis 3, Stewart Smith 4, C. W. Cook (cond.) 5, J. R. Quinney 6.

The writer has in his possession a copy of 'Campanologia,' fifth edition, with the name of a Duxford ringer and the year 1838 on the flyleaf, which shows that at least some form of change ringing was practised on the bells in the past.—C. W. C.

CHRIST CHURCH, EALING

An interesting ceremony was enacted at Christ Church, Ealing, on October 25th, when the Rev. Arthur Bell, the new Vicar, assisted by the Rev. R. W. F. Cowdry, priest-in-charge during the interregnum, dedicated and Mrs. de Vere, wife of the late Vicar, unveiled a handsome peal board in memory of the late Vicar.

The inscription reads: 'In memoriam Allan Augustin de Vere, Vicar 1939-49. This tablet records a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Major, rung in this tower, in 3 hours and 12 minutes, with clappers half-muffled, on Tuesday, Jan. 25th, 1949, in memory of Allan Augustin de Vere, priest, who died on Jan. 15th. Through his efforts these bells had recently been restored.' Then follows the names of the ringers, all of whom with one exception were Sunday service ringers at the church, the exception being Mr. T. J. Lock, who was asked to take part as representing the North and East District of the Middlesex Association.

Following the anointing of the board with holy water and the Act of Dedication, a touch of Grand sire Triples was rung by seven of the band who rang in the peal, with the addition of Mr. A. W. Coles, who executed the work in connection with the board. After the blessing the bells were rung to Cambridge, Stedman and Grand sire.

At the close Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey thanked Father Bell and the church authorities for providing such a beautiful record and for the interest taken in the ringers.

Mr. B. A. Knights writes: The claim to first peal of Forward Major at Bolsover is not correct. I called the first on January 23rd, 1909. See Midland Counties Report for that year.

DEDICATIONS

OTTERY ST. MARY.

On October 29th, the Bishop of Crediton dedicated the recast ring of eight, tenor 18½ cwt., at Ottery St. Mary, Devon. This ring had been silent for four years and by a coincidence the last time it was rung was on October 29th, 1945, when a muffled touch was rung in memory of the Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery for 18 years. To perpetuate his memory his name has been cast on the third bell.

The blessing ceremony took place in the south transept, where Mr. A. A. Eveleigh (chairman of the Church Governors) presented the ropes to the Bishop, who blessed them and passed them back, together with his charge, to the Governors.

The bells have been recast and rehung in a steel frame with ball bearings and fittings of the latest kind by the Loughborough Foundry, and the opinion of ringers present was that Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. had done a very good job. About 80 ringers had tea in the Town Hall, the firm being represented by Mr. J. Fidler.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.

An unusual ceremony took place at the Thames-side village of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire, on October 30th, when six new bell ropes were dedicated by the Rector (Rev. J. A. Harrison). Until recently there has not been a band of ringers here for many years, and when ringing was resumed there was constant trouble with the old ropes. As an encouragement to the new band six new ropes were purchased, and as the local ringers are not very far advanced a band was imported to ring the dedication touch.

At the commencement of evensong the Rector and choir processed to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor, and the dedicatory prayers were read with appropriate responses by the congregation. The ringing was performed by: W. B. Kynaston 1, H. W. Bishop 2, A. R. Peake 3, V. Griffin 4, H. E. Brown 5, E. G. Adams 6.

MAJOR HESSE COMMEMORATION WEEK-END

A few ringers and friends journeyed to Wroughton on October 22nd for the annual week-end in memory of Major Hesse. Mrs. Hesse and Mr. Rodney Hesse attended and very kindly provided the tea.

Ringers attending included Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. Stafford Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dobbie, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, Knight, Kingcott, Beck, Neaves, Derrick, Coombs and Chivers. Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. E. J. Taylor were unable to come this year.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mrs. Hesse and Mr. Rodney Hesse for kindly providing the tea, and said how fitting it was to meet each year in memory of one of the most kindly men he ever knew.

Two peal attempts were arranged, but unfortunately both proved unsuccessful.

H.W.K.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES A. BUTTON.

The death on October 24th was briefly recorded in our last issue of Mr. Charles A. Button, in his 78th year. For the last three years he had been unable to ring owing to ill-health.

For over 40 years he was a member of the All Hallows' band, Tottenham. In recent years he had lived at Streatham and joined the St. Leonard's band. Mr. Button was a member of the College Youths and the Middlesex County and the Surrey Associations.

He had rung in a number of peals of Grand sire and Stedman Triples and had called a peal of Bob Triples.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AFFINITY OF LEAD PARTINGS

Dear Sir,—How much longer will the old fallacious arguments about method structure and method composition continue? To-day the doorway to the field of ringing 'science' (sic—i.e., factual knowledge), for all to enter, stands wide open for those who apply the processes of rational thought leading to logical analysis.

Mr. Sedgley is, of course, incorrect in saying that sixth-place bob lead-heads of a Cambridge composition are Primrose, and this may be shown without difficulty, as below.

Mr. Brian Price's article in issue No. 2,003 touches this question, but leaves it unanswered as to the relation of the Bob to the Method.

The fact is that the matter was settled from almost the earliest days of change ringing; and the position was recognised by the Central Council in their 'Rules and Decisions' published nearly half a century ago. It remains one of the things that present-day review can find little to vary. There it is affirmed that a method is comprised within a 'lead,' or within a 'set' of changes in a principle (e.g., Stedman), together with the way these sets of rows are joined together to complete the Plain Course. In modern phraseology this becomes—'A method is completely defined by its Grid Pattern, plus its Plain Grid Link.' Note carefully that the Central Council's definition says nothing about Calls in defining method. How could it? These are simply devices for building up courses other than the 'plain.' In other words, Bob-Links and Single-Links are superimposed upon the method itself in variation of the method's Plain-Links, in order to effect Composition.

The two fields are thus quite distinct—on the one hand method structure limited within the plain course, and on the other hand composition, extending even to assembling together various methods, or splicing. If the bob were part of the method then we should have to define a 'splicing bob.' This, of course, borders on the ridiculous! Mr. Charles Kippin, speaking from the experienced practical standpoint, is obviously right in his contention.

Consider the example in question. The grids of Cambridge and Primrose are identical. It is only in their grid-links that they differ. In Cambridge Minor the normal bob, 4ths place from the front, happens to be made in the same position as the conventional Primrose bob, 3rds place from behind. But has anyone ever queried the ethics of this? Similarly there can be no question as to the less conventional 6ths place bob in Cambridge Major, because it happens to fall in the same position as the 3rds—from-behind Primrose Major bob. The justification of this contention lies in the fact that from Minor upwards, because of the differing pivot-place of the two methods, the bob (whether 4ths or 6ths for Cambridge) alters pairs of bells in front of the place in Cambridge and behind the place in Primrose.

So we see that the fallacious view expressed by Mr. Sedgley (and he is by no means alone in this!) arises from the superficial regard of merely the position of the pivot-place arising in the lead-head row as the result of a bob; instead of the modifying effect upon the paths of the pair or pairs of bells otherwise altered by it.—Yours very truly,
A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, hon. librarian of the Central Council, we regret to state, has had to lie up for some weeks. He would appreciate if orders for publications before Christmas would be few.

PRIMROSE AND CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—When Mr. Sedgley states that Cambridge has a 4ths place bob, he is making a dogmatic statement which has no foundation other than that provided by convention.

To say that 6,400 of Cambridge is spliced Primrose and Cambridge is an obvious extravagant and useless observation. The peal contains only two variations of place when the treble is leading, and to propose two more that are not there (i.e., 'Bob' leads of Cambridge and plain leads of Primrose) is contrary to the Principle of Minimum Hypothesis. It is much simpler to think of the peal as one of Cambridge.

One could make the obvious statement that a 720 of Single Court Minor is only one of Original Minor, and then overstep the mark by saying that since singles are not necessary in the Original they shouldn't be necessary in the Single Court, hence Single Court should be omitted from the Minor collection.—Yours, etc.,
BRIAN D. PRICE.

Worthing.

A REMINDER

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to read that my old friend Charles H. Kippin has developed such a bad memory. Will he turn up his peal book or 'The Ringing World,' 1928, page 707, and see that he rang the treble to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Beddington and conducted by myself. It was the first peal in the method by all the band and first ever rung in the South of England.

As he still does not know the method, it makes one wonder how he rang in the peal at Southampton.—Yours truly,

W. H. HEWETT.

119, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

Note.—Does ringing the treble to a peal of Surprise constitute mastery of the method?—Editor.

LEEDS TENOR ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—One wonders would the accident have occurred to the tenor bell at Leeds Parish Church had the nut in question been a castellated one, fitted with a split pin in accordance with modern engineering standards.

The method of preventing nuts from working loose on a ring of bells recently rehung was by sawing the free end of the bolt down the centre and bending the two halves widely apart. Has there been no progress in bellhanging?—Yours faithfully, R. OVERY.
Haywards Heath, Sussex.

FIRST PEAL ON TEN IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The first peal on ten bells in Ireland was a peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on May 20th, 1899, conducted by W. H. Barber. Next day a peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at the Church of SS. Augustine and John, Dublin, conducted by William Short. I don't think this peal (Kent Treble Bob Royal), rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 24th, 1901, was claimed as the first peal of Royal out of Great Britain.

In answer to Mr. Dukes' appeal for information, I only know of peals for the Irish Association in which I took part. The first was Grandsire Triples on handbells in the helrvy of St. Patrick's Cathedral. This was the first peal on handbells in Ireland. Other peals included were Grandsire Triples on handbells, the first peal of Stedman Triples in Ireland rung at Bray, also one at Drogheda. Grandsire Triple at St. George's, Dublin, also one at Arklow, in which J. W. Washbrook rang 3-4.—Yours sincerely,
W. H. BARBER.

Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

STABILITY

Dear Sir,—Having carefully read both your articles on Devaluation and Revaluation, the thought has occurred to me that if ringing is still to be considered an 'art' then we should only allow the best to count as a peal.

A 5,000 rung with little beat or compass, or with one or more of the bells often striking a little too wide or too close, is equally as bad a performance as a well-struck one containing a very short 'sort out.'

Modern transport combined with modern education is tending to produce peal bands of a different type to the stalwarts of earlier days. Ringers can be drawn and perform over a much wider area, and in consequence more peals are rung.

Let us therefore remember that good striking and true ringing should always be the first aim of all of us, and, 'counting our blessings,' strive onward to attain that standard of perfection which is still so difficult to achieve.—Yours faithfully,
A. DISERENS.

Reading.

BULWELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. W. Raithby's letter in 'The Ringing World' of October 21st, I would point out that the peal in question was at the invitation of the Rector. This had nothing to do with our trouble. Our trouble is because Mr. Clem Glenn wrote to the Rector asking for the use of the bells for an attempted peal, for which he gave permission before consulting the ringers.

We saw the Rector and told him if the peal was attempted we should resign. The peal was attempted on August 13th, and the same came to grief. We resigned on August 14th.

What Mr. Clarke states is perfectly true. The peal was on September 17th, and therefore you will notice we resigned before this date, and it is nothing to do with this peal.

TOM JENNISON.

Bulwell.

48 years' service ringer, 43 years member of Midland Counties Association, and was made hon. member in 1946.

SPliced OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. E. C. Gobeys' inquiry about peals of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor with no bobs (seven different extents), a peal of it was rung at St. Mary's, Eastwell, Kent, by the following on November 7th, 1947: Albert J. Lancefield 1, Percy Page 2, Mark S. Lancefield 3, William A. Oldfield 4, Thomas Cullingworth 5, Frederick G. Huckstepp 6. Conducted by A. J. Lancefield, who is now in New Zealand.

I may say that we didn't get it at the first attempt. The 720's, of which Mr. Lancefield had eight, were probably those mentioned by Mr. Gobeys.—Yours faithfully,
W. A. OLDFIELD.

Ashford, Kent.

ANOTHER RECORD?

Dear Sir,—Extract from the 'Daily Mirror' of September 9th, 1949:—

'When it was all over, the eight men, each clutching a copy of "The Bellringer's Diary," climbed aboard a coach for Tavistock.'

Is this the first time that a ringing publication has been mentioned in the news columns of a national daily?

'DELIGHT.'

Mr. George W. Cecil has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 19 cwt.
*TOM GRIFFITHS ... Treble | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2 | *PATRICK HARRIS ... 5
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 3 | EDWARD C. MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung as the Southern Branch quarterly peal.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
NANCY HALL ... Treble | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4
GEORGE SAYER ... 2 | HARRY J. HALL ... 5
ARTHUR W. DICKERSON ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, College Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.
ROLAND T. FLINT ... Treble | HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 4
*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 2 | ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 5
*CYRIL WRIGHT ... 3 | FREDERICK FLINT ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in five methods. In honour of the golden wedding of Sir William and Lady Nora Fitzherbert, of Tissington Hall, Derbyshire, patron of the living.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Double Oxford and two extents each of Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... Treble | DAVID SMITH ... 4
*BRIAN LEWIS ... 2 | HARRY PARKER ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal in more than one method. A birthday compliment to the conductor and Edward V. Rodenhurst.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.
WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... Treble | BESSIE MOSS ... 4
*BARRY COPE ... 2 | GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 3 | JOSEPH SAXTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Alnwick, Bourne, Surfleet, Beverley, York, London and Cambridge. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... Treble | ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 4
THOMAS COOKE ... 2 | GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3 | W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

A birthday compliment to Mr. George W. Park.

HINKWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
STANLEY H. WALLIS ... Treble | ALFRED J. OLDFIELD ... 4
*ALAN S. SMITH (14) ... 2 | †JOHN CHURCH ... 5
OWEN P. SMITH ... 3 | HAROLD W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD W. SMITH.

* First peal. † 60th peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | EDGAR VALLANCE ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.
ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | *FREDK. E. WILSON ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7-8
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL, COLLEGIATE AND PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2 | *DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | †FREDK. E. WILSON ... 7-8
Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS (C.C.C. No. 26 reduced).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major in the method on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Major in the method on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2 | *W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal away from tenors.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents of Grandsire, ten different callings, and 12 extents of Plain Bob, four different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat
GORDON M. MACLURE (17) 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN (15) ... 3-4
TERENCE R. KIRCHIN (15) 5-6
Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.
First peal in more than one method by the band.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 22, 1949, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
AT HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 5-6
Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
A birthday compliment to Mary Jennings.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 54, TRUMPINGTON STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.) ... 1-2 | B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) ... 5-6
G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 3-4 | C. MOOR (Trinity) ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by B. D. THRELFALL.
First peal as conductor.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.

Portsmouth and Southampton were the objectives of St. Mary Redcliffe for their annual outing. At Portsmouth Cathedral they were welcomed by Messrs. F. W. Burnett and F. W. Rogers, and at St. Mary's, Southampton, by Mr. John S. Faithfull. The newly-augmented ten at St. Michael's, Southampton, were also visited, and here the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Vicar) joined in ringing his first touch of Little Bob Royal. The grand eight at Romsey Abbey provided a fitting close to an enjoyable outing.

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH.

The locale for the second annual outing of the Bristol City branch was Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. Barnwood's melodious eight bells proved a happy choice, to be followed by the grand eight at Ross-on-Wye. Herefordshire seemed at its loveliest as the party journeyed to Colwall, one of the gems of mediæval architecture. The party was welcomed by Mr. Price and ringing included a ladies' eight.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Stedman and Grand-sire Cinques and Plain Bob and Little Bob Maximus were rung. Group Capt. T. V. Lister joined the party at tea and he was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the branch. The last tower was Berkeley, with its fine ten and a greeting from Mr. W. A. Lewis.

MALMESBURY ABBEY.

An interesting journey was planned by Malmesbury Abbey Guild of Change Ringers for their first annual outing.

Ringling took place at Warminster (where they were joined by local ringers), Rode (where the Rector explained the chief points of the church), and Chewton Mendip (the first experience for some of this beautiful ring of eight, one of the finest in the West Country). Tea was enjoyed at Frome. Hand-bell ringing enlivened the journey.

The Malmesbury Guild are indebted to the Warminster ringers for their willing co-operation and also to Mr. Norton for the comfort that was provided for the journey.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

On September 24th, a party of 32 ringers and friends set out by coach on the second annual outing of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Heading north into Gloucestershire, the first call was made at Chalford, where the light six steel bells were an attraction. Through picturesque Cotswold country the route led to Bisley, where ringing on the fine octave is marred by inability to hear 1-2 inside the tower.

After lunch at Stroud, calls were made at Woodchester (6) and Minchinhampton (6), the latter bells being much enjoyed. The party adjourned to tea in Cirencester prior to ringing on the excellent octave at Watermoor.

Further calls were made at Siddington (6), South Cerney (6) and Ashton Keynes (5) on the homeward route.

The day ended with courses of Grandsire Triples rung 'in hand' at a local tavern. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's and Plain Bob Doubles. Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Thanks were expressed to Mr. T. A. Palmer (secretary) and Mr. Bob Court, who made the necessary arrangements.

Mr. J. Skeats, now of Salesbury, near Blackburn, writes expressing his thanks to the ringers of Morecambe Parish Church and St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, Lancaster, for their generous gifts and kind wishes to him on the occasion of his leaving the district. He will particularly miss the Thursday and Saturday practice night ringing and the Sunday service touches, and hopes to renew friendship as opportunities arise.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

Reinforced by a few ringing friends, the Holloway band had an enjoyable outing in the Aldershot and Farnham district. Ringing took place at St. Peter's, Ash, St. Michael's, Aldershot, and St. Andrew's, Farnham. The thanks of the party are expressed to Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnborough), Mr. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham) for having everything ready for the party's comfort and the warm welcome they received.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

OCTOBER MEETING AT BURLEY.

The Society held another successful meeting at Burley, Leeds, where owing to the church being surrounded by houses, special silencers have been made by the local company. The members turned up in force and the bells were soon raised and the following methods rung: Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major, Superlative Major and London Surprise Major.

Thirty-four members adjourned to the Church Institute, where cups of tea were provided by the local company. The business meeting was held in the same room. The senior vice-president, Mr. F. Hutchinson, presided.

The following new members were duly elected: Mr. F. Jackson (Bawtry), the Misses E. Marsh and M. Smith (Woodlesford), and Mr. M. Johnston (St. Chad's, Headingley).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. J. Gibson. In his reply, Mr. G. W. Slack appealed to all ringers to give his learners at Burley a helping hand with their practice on Monday nights.

Members were asked to watch the notice columns in 'The Ringing World' regarding the venue of the next meeting, which it is hoped will be held at Ossett on Nov. 26th.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Monks Kirby, near Rugby, was the venue of 30 members of the Guild on October 15th to ring on the fine octave (tenor 244 cwt.) housed in the massive tower of St. Editha's Church, a building far too large for the village which it dominates. Tea was partaken of at the Denhigh Arms, followed by the business meeting.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Chilvers Coton (January 14th), with a social to follow, and the annual meeting in April at Allesley, Coventry.

Ratification of elections prior to peals was made, the following being formally admitted into the Guild: Mrs. Marshallsay, Bournemouth; Messrs. F. W. Grocott, F. E. Wilshaw, Stoke; H. G. Wayne, Leicester; and G. Garner, Barwell.

A proposal that the Guild should have a badge designed and also the Guild certificates re-designed brought forth a number of speakers in agreement, and the hon. secretary was instructed to proceed with enquiries regarding both and report at the next meeting.

WAREHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Report of a peal rung at Wareham on October 15th gives weight of tenor as 20 cwt. If my information is correct this bell was cast by Warners about 40 years ago, and the weight is 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Has the bell been recast or is this another case of inflation?—Yours truly,

SLIDE-BAR.

WINSTER, DERBYS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,800 Grandsire Doubles: H. Huntingdon 1, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 2, D. Scott 3, Miss J. Dunn 4, H. E. Taylor 5. Believed to be the first change ringing done on the bells.

WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

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False C.Es.

200 YEARS AFTER

The commemoration of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Dartford, Kent, on October 30th, 1749, was followed by a social gathering. The local secretary, Mr. R. A. Jenkins, felt that the Bull was the most likely hostelry the band visited after the original peal. The landlord, who is quite keen on bells, co-operated enthusiastically. The Bull is a very old coaching house on the old Watling Street, with the courtyard and balcony still in existence.

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ENGAGEMENT

COOK—WESTOBY.—The engagement is announced between Arthur (Peter) Doeg Cook, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cook, of Wimborne, Sharmans Cross Road, Solihull, Warwickshire, and Betty (Molly) Novello Westoby, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westoby, of Box Farm, Gosmont, Herefordshire. 6073

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.—Two octaves in F plus low E, also B flat in lower octave; price nearest £25.—A. Edgerton, 50, Ward End Park Road, Birmingham, 8. 6021

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF 8 HANDBELLS for Nativity play, on loan or hire (15C-8C).—R. D. Scullard, 30, Canberra Road, Old Charlton, London, S.E.7. 6055

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Northwold, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6022

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 12th.—B. White, Hon. Div. Sec. 6049

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Nov. 12th. Tea, George and Dragon. Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 6050

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 6029

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. Cotton. 6052

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea 5, The Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6042

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing St. Mary's, Battersea, 3-4.30 and 7-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5-6. Business 6-7. Names for tea to Mrs. Hart, 29, Edna Street, Battersea, S.W.11. Phone BAT 3946. Bus Nos. 39, 49, 19 or 34 tram to Battersea Garage.—A. F. Udall. 6034

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6036

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Burstwick, Nov. 12th. Bells (6), 12 cwt., from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for all who notify Mr. D. Fewster, Glenross, North Side, Patrington. 6068

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Great Longstone (6), Nov. 12th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6077

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Acle, Saturday, Nov. 19th, not 12th, as first stated. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea very latest Wed., Nov. 16th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6023

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—The Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. The bells have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings, and the old wooden frame renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Tea (2s.) at 4.30. Names to Mr. C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet, by Nov. 12th. Ringing till 8. 6024

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe (6), Nov. 19th, 2.30. 1½ miles Newark. Town bus service. Cards for tea to Harry Cloxton, Holme, Newark, by 16th.—J. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6031

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam. 6037

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Parochial Church Council kindly providing tea. Please notify W. Mumford, 7, Century Road, Hoddesdon, by Nov. 16th. All welcome. 6038

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 3 to 4.30; Immanuel, Streatham, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 7.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.45, at Messrs. Williamson's, 55, Balham High Road. Nominations for district officers now due.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6046

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—A meeting will be held at Messingham (6) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 1.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.45, for those who send their names to Miss Blackbourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday, Nov. 15th. Seven new handbells will be dedicated at the service.—George E. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 6057

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Shaw (6), Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. E. Robinson, Viewways, Clay Hill, Shaw, Newbury, by Nov. 16th. 6064

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford, 3, Nov. 19th. Buffet tea provided, 9d. All ringers welcome.—R. Benson, Branch Sec. 6060

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting All Saints', Hastings, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 3.—H. Gorrings, Hon. Sec. 6062

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea for all who notify Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead, by Nov. 16th.—W. F. Sheraton. 6059

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting Fakenham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30. Business to follow. Tea shops in town.—W. J. Eldred. 6065

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting Walberton (6), Nov. 19th, 3. Names for tea by Nov. 16th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6063

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Kingshorpe (6), Nov. 19th. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. S. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Wednesday, Nov. 14th.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6066

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Belgrave (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Adult School, Bath Street. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 6067

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Nov. 19th. Tea for those who send word by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6081

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6083

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6082

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Meeting at Shilton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 16th to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 6069

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to J. Nelhan's, School House, High Street, Harlington.—F. Finch. 6071

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3 and after 6 p.m. evensong. Church one minute from Wood Green Underground station.—T. J. Lock. 6072

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting Nov. 19th, at Marlborough. Both towers open. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6074

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Clevedon, Nov. 19th. Bells: St. John's, 4-6; St. Andrew's, 6 onwards.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6075

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Wigtoft, ringing on the newly-augmented six, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea Monday previous to Rev. A. A. Muxlow, Wigtoft, Boston. 6076

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting Woodbridge (8) (25 cwt.), Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea in Church Room, 5; bring food.—C. W. Pipe. 6078

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, November 19th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 6087

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting Buriton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 in Five Bells. Notify for tea by Nov. 16th.—Charles E. Bassett, Sunny Brook, Warsash. 6086

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School, for those who notify Frank Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, by Nov. 22nd.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6079

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Note altered service and tea times. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, please. Nomination of officers. District tower captains' meeting will follow district meeting.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6061

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Leeds (10), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 6070

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—Second annual dinner will be held in Bristol on January 21st. Further details and tickets from Mary Bliss, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 8. 6084

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