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A MESSAGE TO CALL CHANGE RINGERS

By the Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

In the following article, which appeared in the 'Truro Diocesan News Leaflet,' the writer explains the advantages of Method Ringing over Call Changes to the churchpeople of Cornwall.

All ringing must be progressive; otherwise interest wanes. Without suggesting that in the West Country we are backward in the art of ringing, it is a fact that in the face of the evolution of ringing there is much leeway to be made up. Ringing developed and has progressed mostly in and about our large towns and cities, in some instances in rural parts adjoining or when some enthusiast has gone into the country and aroused the interest and imagination of some local band, or if individuals from a group of towers who are then keen enough to meet at a suitable centre for practice. Contacts made through a Diocesan Guild bring this about. Cornwall possesses the most westerly (Sennen) and the most southerly (Landewednack) rings of bells in the British Isles. This signifies our position. We are a long way from the more advanced centres of ringing.

Call change ringing and method ringing are poles apart. In the former one man tells the other five or seven what to do, and sometimes by following a card himself, but in the latter all six or eight are of equal importance, and must know the method and what is to be done by way of their own memories; in fact, the minds of the ringers agree in the working out of a pattern which expresses itself in the continuous changes that are rung. One mental blunder or lapse of mind and the pattern is spoiled—very often irreparably. In call change ringing the same change is repeated many times, and as long as the ringers follow the bell they are told to follow all will be well. I am not writing lightly of call change ringing—it is a main occupation amongst many Cornish ringers—but I do want to point out that it is but the first step in the evolution of change ringing, and the first step in such a progressive and interesting service and pleasure such as bell ringing is not advancing far enough.

Method ringing is so different for it takes us along a path of which at present not even the most advanced ringers know the end. It means that every bell has to change places with its nearest neighbour at every pull (i.e., at hand stroke and back stroke), and by this process

hundreds of differing patterns or methods can be produced if worked according to the plans of what are known as the Standard Methods. Method ringing developed in the 17th century. Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, whose name is famous because of the method he evolved, writing in 1667, says, 'Within the fifty or sixty years last past, changes were not known.' Stedman practised his five-bell changes on the bells in the Saxon tower of St. Benet's, Cambridge, and some years ago the six bells there were completely restored at a cost of £500 by the ringers of England. Norwich (which Trevelyan tells us was once the second city of the kingdom) also gave a lead, for an elaborate board in the ringing chamber at St. Peter Mancroft records the first peal of 5,040 changes ever rung on May 2nd, 1715. From such places and from those days method ringing spread.

In Cornwall there is what might be called a timidity to tackle method ringing as a departure from call change ringing; this is largely because there is far too much of the sense of dependence on one man to call the changes. Method ringing calls upon every member of the band to study and to learn a method, and so the demand is that each ringer must go to the tower to put into practice what is already understood. It is the call to greater co-operation, whereas all but one call change ringer goes into the tower to do as he is bidden. The difference is between individual initiative and direction, or between a higher service and the first steps of that service.

Never condemn method ringing by saying it produces bad striking; this may result if one attempts too much without a reasonable understanding of it, and many expect to achieve it along the lines of call change ringing by being told every blow to strike. This is impossible. Also never condemn call change ringing as such, but only when it is cherished as first and last with no ambition to leave it behind. It may provide excellent practice for beginners in bell control, but as round ringing may be called the five-finger exercise, so call change ringing can rightly be termed an easy exercise for beginners which ought to be turned little by little, and by easy stages, into the more difficult but intriguing methods of simple construction. For three hundred years the practice of method ringing has gone on, pioneers still struggle, and those who see in it something progressive and more worthy of the bells they ring try to stimulate an interest in it.

Begin then in the most elementary way. Ring two bells and the two possible changes on them, then three bells

and the six changes, go on to four, five, six and seven bells and the 24, 120, 720 and 5,040 changes respectively possible. When you come to eight bells you will find 40,320 changes are possible. You will not want to ring all these at one attempt, for it would take 24 hours, but you will by then understand enough to know that 'touches' or peals (technically more than 5,000 changes) can be selected of from 80 changes to the full extent. The first essential is that you buy a book; this is as important in ringing as in anything else. 'Ropesight,' Troyte, Powell, the Central Council of Bellringers' publications (even lesser books than these) will lay a solid foundation. You will then proceed to an understanding of diagrams, and it is with the help of these that the progressive ringers go from strength to strength.

The hope is that enthusiasm for method ringing in Cornwall may grow along the proper lines, and that even in the more remote parts an interest may be displayed. There is no greater exercise than that of method ringing, for it is not only physical exercise, but an exercise for the mind. In these days of modern bell hanging the physical side of ringing is thought little about, but the mental exercise is as much as anyone would desire.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER 7	HENRY H. FEARN 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	WM. E. THOMPSETT .. 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
JOHN PINFOLD 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 10
ERIC E. SPEAKE 5	*JOHN N. LINDON 11
HARRY POYNER 6	H. JAMES TURNER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* 100th peal.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL 7	†HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS .. 8
*DAVID W. BLARD .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL .. 9
THOMAS G. FOX 4	JOHN H. CRAMPTON .. 10
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. 6	*WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Rev. S. F. Allison, M.A., as Bishop of Chelmsford.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
SS. GEORGE AND DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6	JAMES L. WRIGHT 6
*MURIEL REAY 2	†JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 8
*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 9
CHARLES BLAKEY 5	*JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 200th peal for the Lancashire Association. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung in memoriam Mr. W. H. Shuker.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
WALTER ALLMAN 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
JOHN WORTH 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
In memoriam Harry Shuker, late general secretary, Lancashire Association.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. PIPE Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 6
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 8
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	ERNEST W. PYE 9
*PETER G. BARNES 5	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Royal. First attempt to call a peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Dye, aged 91.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WALTER ALLMAN Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
†ARTHUR HIBBERT 3	†WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 8
*FRANCES M. LAFLIN .. 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
ANNE WORTH 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. In memoriam Joseph Lomas, ringer at the above tower.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

FREDK. J. SPICER Treble	HERBERT G. MASON .. 6
REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 2	W. JOHN SOUTHAM .. 7
AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 3	HAROLD V. FROST .. 8
*CHARLES F. SAYER .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* 150th peal. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the ringing of the first peal of Royal in the city by a local band. Quickest peal of Royal on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	SELWYN DEARDEN 6
RONALD KENRICK 2	JAMES GROUNDS 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	THOMAS HESKETH 8
THOMAS HARRIDGE 4	EDWIN BIRKETT 9
JACK ASHCROFT 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DANIEL NADEN Treble	STANLEY NADEN 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 6
ERNEST PIMLOTT 3	DENIS HEAPY 7
ANNE WORTH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the consecration of David Henry Saunders-Davies, M.A., Rector of Stockport, to the Bishopric of Stockport.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 678 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 140 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
*ANNE WORTH 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 6
*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Spliced. Rung for the consecration of the Rector of Stockport, D. H. Saunders-Davies, M.A., as Bishop of Stockport.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

SHEILA BARKER Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 5
GORDON ELVIN 2	*HENRY TOOKE 6
GEORGE H. MOORE 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
EILEEN BRACEY 4	CHARLES H. MOORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* 250th peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alborough, an old ringer at the above church.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLY 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
MAURICE BENNETT .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 47. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE F. CLARKE .. Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	RONALD G. BUGG 6
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in method 'inside.'

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 5
*FRED EVANS 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
*BRIAN HARRIS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (45). Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Swindley.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
JOHN O. WELLER 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4	WILLIAM G. COOK Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

**ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24½ cwt.	
H. ERNEST COX Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON .. 5
REGINALD POSTON 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
PERCY BIRD 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN .. 4	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

Rung to commemorate the first peal of Triples in Herefordshire, rung on February 11th, 1851.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	†JACK BAILEY 5
†SAMUEL PINDER 2	†SIDNEY M. JONES .. 6
ALFRED MOULD 3	*†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. W. F. TROTMAN.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Samuel Pinder.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE .. Treble	WILFRED S. PALIN .. 5
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. 7
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all except the 7th ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. C. Barton, of Borden.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
*RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

*SHIRLEY RYMER .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
*ROBERT COLLINS 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS .. 6
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam to Mr. W. F. Vaughan, brother of the local captain, Mr. H. N. Vaughan.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. Treble	W. GEORGE TURNER .. 5
*PAUL BIRKETT 2	HARRY WILDE 6
GORDON TURNER 3	JOHN PEARSON 7
*ALBERT E. HANCOCK .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal in method. 77th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wilde.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY W. HOWARD .. Treble	*ALAN J. BROWN .. 5
*JEAN BROWN .. 2	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6
*MARY WALSHAW .. 3	*PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 7
*DEREK OGDEN .. 4	JACK CLEGG .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the Lancashire Association, who died February 14th, 1951.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob.	William Robinson .. 5
ARTHUR MADDOCK .. Treble	GEORGE HESKETH .. 6
JAMES ROBINSON .. 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 7
JOHN ROBERTS .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor
THOMAS ROBINSON .. 4	

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
Rung as a compliment to the new Rector of Halewood, Rev. H. P. Griffiths, who was inducted on Saturday, December 9th, 1950. The quickest peal on the bells.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*FRANK D. MACK .. Treble	LANCE C. I. WATSON .. 5
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	†COLIN BARWICK .. 6
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
†HERBERT A. BRADBURY .. 4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor. A farewell to B. Enid Lloyd Roberts, who is leaving to study in France for six months.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Mrs. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*REX J. WITHAM .. Treble	*JACK BENISTON .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 2	*LEONARD CHAMBERS .. 6
†ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	EDWIN J. TOVELL .. 7
JOSEPH Wm. COTTON .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Major. † 100th peal in method. First peal of Major as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.	Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
Pitman's Reverse.	
OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. The reverse arrangement of A. J. Pitman's composition is by C. K. Lewis.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	JOSEPH J. LOVETT .. 5
*ALBERT J. PITMAN .. 2	*GWYN I. LEWIS .. 6
*J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 3	FREDK. C. LASBURY .. 7
*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. The first peal of Surprise Major for the Association by a resident band for 20 years, and the third one only of Cambridge Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.
*ELSIE WALKER .. Treble	FRED PRITCHARD .. 5
JOAN CARTER .. 2	*LEONARD HILL .. 6
ALFRED ROBERTS .. 3	JAMES CARTER .. 7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 4	*CHARLES CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES CARTER.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to welcome Canon Horner as Rector.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Sixth place bobs.	Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.
*G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
*†ARTHUR PEAKE .. 2	*WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 6
*CATHARINE M. TRIST .. 3	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 7
*RONALD BARLOW .. 4	FREDK. Wm. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells and for the Association by a resident band.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.	
ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
In memoriam Charles Henry Sone, of Linton (February 20th), a well respected member of the above Association, who was buried this day.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
MARY HOWELL .. Treble	*JAMES W. JEFFERY .. 5
BASIL W. WHITE .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 7
Cecil NICE .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

DARESBUARY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	CECIL RADDON .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. 7
*HAROLD WORRALL .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the second and the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 15 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM J. LEACHTreble	*HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 4
*RHODA HEMMING 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
*ALAN FOSTER 3	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Alan Foster has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOAN SMITHTreble	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in four methods.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERMAN RUSBYTreble	PETER CARBUTT 4
DOUGLAS M. HALL 2	STANLEY DANCE 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT 3	EDWIN ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

First peal as conductor. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chant.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROY V. WEBBTreble	EDWIN G. BUCK 4
JOHN CHURCH 2	WALTER D. POOLEY 5
JACK S. DEAR 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

ILLSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD LEWISTreble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
*CECIL MATTHEWS 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
GEOFFREY GEARY 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal away from treble.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR BULLTreble	ANTHONY AGER 4
JOHN KEMP 2	E. BRUCE MCKIE 5
*REGINALD P. CRUMP 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WESTTreble	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 4
DONALD E. LEE 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD 5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 3	FRANK A. PENN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK A. PENN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild, upon his appointment as a non-resident Canon of Salisbury.

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HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
*ERNEST J. LADD .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	†S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* 150th peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS D. HUGHES .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 3	EDWARD HILL .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

* First peal.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of London, Beverley, York, Cambridge and Bourne Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

STANLEY G. ELSEY .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
CLAUDE COUSINS .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all except the 3rd and tenor ringers. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Dunnington.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL .. Treble	ARTHUR YOUNG .. 4
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 April Day, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 St. Simon's, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	FRANK C. PHILLIPPO .. 4
FRANK PEARSON .. 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	ERNEST G. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Smith.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 4
PEGGY M. LAMB .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE .. 5
WILFRED ROBINSON .. 3	FRANK REED .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tower 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	PETER HALLAM .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER HALLAM.

First peal as conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE .. 4
HARRY D. LISTER .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in five methods.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	DEREK WHITFORD .. 4
JAMES W. WILLIAMS .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
KENNETH HARTLEY .. 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

First peal of Kent Minor for all the ringers. Charles Clegg has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. NICHOLAS' BELFREY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
*WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2	HARRY POYNER .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. Witness: DIANA M. E. GOODMAN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5004 SPICED MAJOR

Being 46 methods: Gonville, Trinity, Loughborough, Cambridge Court, Marlborough, Highbury, Montgomery, Ellesmere, Single Oxford, Single Norwich, Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford, Victoria, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College. 341 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2	†JACK BRAY .. 5-6
*†GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3-4	*PHILIP BARNES .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 50th peal together. † 200th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY, HUMBERSTONE GATE,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 17 in A.

JILL POOLE .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11-12

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

The composer's 250th peal for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. E. Davies 1, G. Dodds 2, D. R. Judd 3, T. H. Blunt (first of Surprise) 4, R. A. Finch 5, A. Cutler 6, F. C. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Rowley (first quarter) 1, T. Elcox 2, E. Lucas 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garbett 1, P. Warboys 2, E. Bird 3, H. M. White 4, N. Round-Turner 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, C. G. Newman 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the son of the conductor. The first quarter of Grandsire Triples for 5 and 8.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, D. King 2, Y. Porter (first 'inside') 3, J. L. Smith (cond.) 4, G. Long (first 'inside') 5, I. Simms 6, P. Farrington (first quarter) 7, D. Voss (first quarter) 8. 7.6.8 covering. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mr. L. Jolliffe, whose burial service took place before the quarter.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung as a compliment to ringer of 2nd on his 80th birthday.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Godwin 1, Miss Joyce Morse 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, H. L. Cooke 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Edington, for many years vergier at this church.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Hynard 1, C. A. Andrews 2, R. Duesbury 3, F. G. Oliver 4, E. J. Millatt 5, L. Mills 6, J. H. Edwards 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of the enthronement at Chelmsford that day of the new Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Sherard Falkner Allison.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Buckby 1, A. Brown 2, W. Brown (cond.) 3, G. Wykes 4, H. Brown (first quarter) 5.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6-8 covering: Miss R. Stanford 2, D. Mellor (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Dunn 4, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 5, N. Hotchin 6, D. Scott 7, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 8.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brian L. Stevens (first quarter) 1, T. S. Brown 2, G. W. Holliss 3, H. J. Peskett 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, W. J. Bristow 6.

FLEET, LINCS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Brumble 1, E. S. Seth 2, J. B. Hallifax (cond.) 3, G. Sisson 4, R. Bennett 5, H. Waltham 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. V. Fletcher, for many years a ringer.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Pulker (first quarter) 1, I. Harris 2, W. Cross 3, M. Sinden 4, B. Moreley 5, R. Jarvis (cond.) 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Oliver 1, K. Hohl 2, D. Warnford 3, H. Vaughn 4, F. Lambert 5, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 6. In memoriam W. F. Vaughn, a ringer at the above church.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, J. Arbury 2, C. Turner 3, E. Rowe 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, O. Griffin 8. First quarter peal on the bells.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Johnson 1, E. F. Connock 2, H. Hawkins 3, J. Fowler 4, G. Pomeroy (cond.) 5, C. Francis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. Thomas Griffin, interred on Thursday, Feb. 15th, who for over 50 years was ringer and tower master at Radstock Parish Church.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. B. Cording 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 4, M. Sinden (first quarter of Major) 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 of Union, St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob, April Day and 300 of Grandsire): Miss C. Jones 1, Miss R. Avery 2, Miss O. Cooper 3, R. F. Jones 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter of Doubles in five methods by all, also the first mixed quarter on the bells.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): Miss J. Abbott (first quarter) 1, B. Mabbutt (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Mabbutt 3, J. King 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Mabbutt.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): D. Niblett 1, E. Roe 2, D. Panting 3, P. Border 4, K. Grayson 5, J. Guy (first as cond.) 6.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Booth (first quarter) 1, G. H. Williams 2, E. Blight 3, F. W. Rishworth 4, R. C. Ingram (cond.) 5, J. Gray 6, A. H. F. Rainey 7, H. Dickens 8. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Penfold (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Vine (first quarter) 2, G. E. Ruck 3, Miss J. Wells 4, D. Ladd (first quarter 'inside' and as cond.) 5. Average age of the band 16 years. First quarter on the bells since being rehung in 1949.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,368 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, W. Ransom 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: W. K. Mortimer (first quarter) 1, John Thorley (10) 2, D. Thorley 3, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 4, J. Thorley 5, E. Thorley 6, T. D. Leask tenor covering.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: B. A. Woolley 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, C. Wallater 3, E. Stitch 4, A. Botterill 5, J. N. Hadley 6, A. Elsmore 7, K. W. Knowles 8, M. G. Turner 9, H. Howell (cond.) 10. First of Kent Royal as conductor. First of Kent Royal for 1, 2 and 7. Rung for the Confirmation service.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Bicknell 1, Monica Walker (first quarter) 2, A. Elsmore 3, H. Howl 4, E. Marlow 5, E. J. Tyler 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, J. N. Hadley 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, E. S. Ruck 2, R. Newton 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (first in method as cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.—Also 1,260 Double Court: R. Newton 1, E. S. Ruck 2, W. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (first in method as cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.

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Mr. C. W. Woolley, as stated in our last issue.

To-morrow, during the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, a memorial tablet will be dedicated to Mr. Cyril F. Johnston at Croydon Parish Church. It has been cast in bell-metal and the design that he used on bells is being incorporated. The wording is: 'In loving memory of Cyril Frederick Johnston, friend and benefactor of this church, who devoted his life to the art of bell-founding and bell-tuning. Died 30th March, 1950.—They that fear the Lord will not disobey His word; and they that love Him will keep His ways.'

With a peal of Stedman Doubles at Church Broughton, Derbyshire, Mr. Alan Foster has rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. James George is in St. Mary's Hospital, Poole, suffering from chronic bronchitis. We hope to hear better news in the course of a few days.

Mr. Frank C. Phillippo is the second ringer to ring a peal on each of the six bells at Bunwell, Norfolk. The other is Mr. F. C. Goodman, of Norwich.

Mr. G. A. Naylor of Gillingham, informs us that the peal of Grandsire Triples he conducted at Rainham on February 4th was J. Holt's variation of his 10 part and not arranged by the conductor.

There was a happy gathering at Tunstall, Kent, on February 17th, where a peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. E. C. Barton, of Borden. A 'right real birthday spread,' provided by Mr. and Mrs. Barton followed the ringing.

The opening words of the evening Collect, 'Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee,' had just been recited by the Rev. K. C. Davis at Hawley Parish Church when the electric light failed due to a fault at the power station.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The five bells at Sennen, which parish contains the Lands End, have been collected by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.; they are to be returned as a ring of six, and should be dedicated about mid-summer. A cutting from a local paper of March, 1889, says: 'The new peal of five bells to replace the old set of three in the tower of the church at Sennen, passed through Penzance on Tuesday morning en route for the westernmost village in England.' The tenor weighed 5½ cwt. in A, but is to be recast and a new treble added.

Mr. A. P. Cannon has conducted 25 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob in 25 different towers.

Latest success of Mr. George E. Feirn is 46 Major methods 'in hand.' This peal, on February 19th, was the 200th peal together by Mr. Feirn and Mr. Jack Bray and, by a coincidence, Mr. Feirn and Mr. Philip Barnes' 50th together. Their next step is a peal in 50 methods.

Third attempt lucky—might describe Halewood (Lancashire) Sunday service band's attempt to honour the new rector with a peal. Regret was expressed that Mr. T. W. Hesketh could not be in the peal and this led to the inclusion of Mr. P. W. Cave, who called the peal.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Ross-on-Wye on February 17th was rung to commemorate the centenary of a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 11th, 1851, which was 'the first true and complete peal of Triples in the county of Herefordshire.' A marble tablet in the ringing room records this and gives the names of the ringers as:—Humphrey Bird treble, William Bevan 2, Henry Drew 3, Joseph Drew 4, Charles Bullock sen. 5, Charles Bullock jun. 6, John Gammon 7, Richard Carwardine tenor. Conducted by C. Bullock sen. and rung in three hours and two minutes.

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THE 63rd HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

LORD MAYOR AS MASTER—MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS' GIFT TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD— SMOKY BIRMINGHAM AND DANTE'S INFERNO

THE 1951 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner held last Saturday at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, will go down in history. Never before has a Lord Mayor of Birmingham, been, during his year of office, Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Ald. A. Paddon Smith, who has this dual office and honour, presided and with wit, grace and epigram kept the attendance of 195 ringers, from as far north as Yorkshire and Sussex in the south, delighted and happy. The Lord Mayor knows not only his own city but the St. Martin's Guild. For 20 years, as a young man, he was secretary of the Guild.

The occasion was made more memorable by the presentation to the Guild of a new peal book, the personal gift of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Organisation of the dinner and the peal attempts was by Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of the Guild. It was marked by his customary efficiency and smoothness, characteristics that accompany his many peals. The felicitations of the company were extended to him on a very happy re-union.

After the loyal toast, apologies were announced by the hon. secretary from the Bishop of Birmingham, who sent his good wishes, the Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Rev. Brian S. W. Green, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Croft, Messrs. C. Rouse, A. B. Davis, James George (the oldest member and vice-president of St. Martin's Guild), H. Spencer, F. B. Yates, T. H. Reeves, W. T. Froggitt, H. J. Poole and the Rev. G. H. Codrington.

The toast of 'Church and State and the City of Birmingham' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes. He said if they believed what many expressed, they would have grave doubts as to the future of the Church and State, but he did not share that pessimism. When he first came to Birmingham, 20 years ago, he thought of Shelley's description of London—'Like hell, a smoky and populous city.' Birmingham at first sight was smoky and populous. It was now more populous but not so smoky because of the lack of fires (laughter). He would say, long might it continue to be smoky and populous.

Ald. Paddon Smith, in his reply, said as Lord Mayor he had to be very careful in his observations about the State—but what a state it was in! There was one thing, however, to be said for their old city—it was very healthy. 'We certainly make some smoke,' he added, 'but we shall probably make less in the future because as soon as we have an ample supply of coal we shall have no more metal—at any rate by the way things were managed, it looked like that in future. At the present time they had a tremendous problem of housing by the fact that they got labour from all parts of the country.'

THE VILLA AND RELEGATION

Canon F. F. G. Warman said as they grew older they were in a position to reply more and more for the State. He did not know how far the Lord Mayor was nationalised but as far as his section of the toast was concerned the relationship of the Church and State in England was unique.

It had been mentioned that the bells were connected with the Church and the State. The sound came from inside the Church and went out to all the people of the State. The bells not only called them to church but rang out for occasions of national emergency and rejoicing. He believed that the bells of Aston were once rung to celebrate Aston Villa F.C. winning the F.A. Cup.

The Lord Mayor in adding his confirmation, said his only hope was that there would not be a request to ring them half-muffled at the end of the present season! (Laughter.)

The toast 'To the memory of Henry Johnson' was submitted by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who remarked that they knew very little of the life of Stedman or Annable or a number of the early ringers but with their own Henry Johnson they were more fortunate because they had people who knew him and also the memories of John Day, which he hoped would one day be published in book form.

'We have it from Day that Johnson as a composer in his time was unique and that as regards honour and integrity he could think of no one except Jasper Snowden who was so much quoted as a reference in a dispute. It was Johnson who sat in the belfry of Burton-on-Trent when the silent peal was rung and his words at the end have often been quoted; "This feat may be equalled but never excelled."

They might remember the dispute over Treble Bob when the writer wrote to the "Bell News" 'the composition was by Henry Johnson; there can, therefore, be nothing wrong with it.'

In Aston belfry there was a most delightful picture of the old gentleman dressed in his homely suit and with a twinkle in his eye. He would have enjoyed himself had he been with them that evening.

The toast was drunk in silence and the Master then asked those who knew Henry Johnson to stand. There was only one present, Mr. Charles Williams.

MEN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths proposed 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' There were, he said, definite reasons for that prosperity and they did not need to look very far for them. The Guild had been conducted by men of the highest integrity—and he could claim nearly 50 years' membership of the Guild. He recalled the late Ald. Pritchett, whose nephew they were pleased to have with them that night.

Another stalwart was the late Mr. Godden, an excellent ringer and an excellent man who was secretary of the Guild for 20 years. He was succeeded as secretary by their present chairman, who was then a very dapper young man and it was very pretty to watch him in those days put the 11th of St. Martin's in its place. He was succeeded by Tom Reeves, who served the Guild faithfully as secretary for 20 years and they had now with them Mr. George Fearn, who was on the way for his 20 years of service.

Of the ringers of St. Martin's, Mr. Smallwood mentioned Bill Barber, Bill Short, Jim Groves and that great little man, Albert Walker, whom they hoped to have with them for many years. He did not think the enormous amount of work that 'great little man' had done for the Guild was appreciated. It was typical of his modesty that at the last general meeting he insisted on retiring from the office of Master in favour of the Lord Mayor in order to give the Guild increased kudos. St. Martin's was a Guild without factions or cliques; they always pulled together and the high standard of ringing made them such a strong power in the art.

Mr. W. G. Critchley (Ringing Master of the Guild) and Mr. George E. Fearn responded to the toast. The latter said there were two reasons for the success of the Guild which were often overlooked. Much had been said about the officers of the Guild but they would be useless without the loyal support of the members. Another thing that contributed to their success was that their bells were in excellent ringing order.

Yesterday he heard of a tower, not in the area of the Guild, that was spending £300 on the rehanging of the bells and had given the contract to the local carpenter. It was a difficult thing to persuade vicars and parochial church councillors that the rehanging of bells was a specialist's job and that money could be wasted through inexperience.

NEW PEAL BOOK

The Master of the College Youths then presented to the Guild a new peal book which was beautifully bound. In making the presentation, Mr. Smallwood said he would like the Lord Mayor to accept it 'in grateful remembrance of the many happy years he had spent in the City.'

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr. Smallwood for his gift and said that the donor had told him that he learnt all he knew about change-ringing in their city. The gift, said Ald. Paddon Smith, was very handsome and costly. The book was made in the city of Birmingham by one of their most highly-respected members, Mr. John Pinfold.

Mr. Albert Walker, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' also expressed his thanks to Mr. Smallwood. In welcoming the visitors, he had a special greeting for Mr. George Newton, of Liverpool, as representing the older generation, and Mr. T. Mark White, hon. secretary of the Roving Ringers, as representing young ringers.

Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, of The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths responded, and said his father rang a peal of Cinques at Birmingham in 1903. It was 46 years later that he rang a peal of Cinques in that city and he expressed the hope that his son would have the same privilege.

Mr. R. B. Meadows, of The Oxford University Society, who is spending a few months in Birmingham, regretted that he had to restrict his ringing to Sundays and one practice night a week. References had been made to smoky Birmingham. To him it seemed like Dante's Inferno—a combination of George and Henry 'in Fearn-o.' (laughter).

'RINGING WORLD' PROGRESS

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' to which the Editor replied and mentioned that the circulation had increased by 10 less than 2,000 during his editorship and that their paper ration for the next quarter would permit of 250 more subscribers and maintaining the paper at 16 pages. He appealed to those present to help in advancing the paper so that when the Central Council meeting was held at York it could be said that the ration was fully absorbed.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Ald. T. B. Pritchett, who spoke of the cheerful qualities and high example Ald. Paddon Smith had set during his year of office and the pleasure that he had been fully restored to health. Ald. Pritchett also mentioned the charming manner in which the Lady Mayoress had fulfilled her duties.

The chairman expressed his gratitude and thanks for the toast and the Lady Mayoress also replied and added that she was enjoying every minute of her duties as Lady Mayoress.

The musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. A. E. Barley, H. J. Summers and A. V. Pearson with Mr. E. J. Woodhall as accompanist. Two courses of Stedman Cinques were also rung on handbells by F. E. Haynes 1-2, F. W. Perrens, 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, G. F. Smallwood 7-8, F. E. Pervin 9-10, G. E. Fearn 11-12.

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HENRY JOHNSON DINNER—Cont. THE COMPANY

Supporting the Lord Mayor and Master were the Lady Mayoress and Lt.-Col. D. Paddon Smith, Ald. and Mrs. T. B. Pritchett, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Fearn and Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Canon and Mrs. F. F. G. Warman, the Revs. E. W. Hunt, C. H. Smyth and R. E. T. Allen.

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Mesdames Richardson, J. Pett and Tuxworth. Misses F. Edgar, Betty Millhouse, M. Fidell, V. Price, E. M. Bliss, A. B. Stockdale, M. R. Cross, Joyce England, J. Brittain and J. Cooke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the Reading Branch which was held at St. Laurence's, Reading on February 24th. The Vicar conducted the service and a most interesting address was given by the Vicar of Dunsden (the Rev. Amies).

At the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Vicar of Mapledurham, was re-elected branch chairman, Mr. P. Dyke was elected branch Ringing Master in the place of Mr. Cyril Watts, who, to the great loss of the branch, has moved to London, and Mr. A. Diserens was elected branch treasurer and secretary, taking the place of Mr. T. Lanaghan, who has unfortunately had to resign the office owing to pressure of business.

The meeting expressed their appreciation of Mr. Edgar Humfrey's splendid record of long service as a ringer—over 60 years—and especially of his taking part in a well-struck peal of Stedman Cinoues at St. Laurence's in his 81st year.

St. Mary's bells were also made available after the meeting and the ringing ranged from rounds for the many young beginners to Stedman Cinoues and London Surprise for those a 'little older in the tooth' (one of them having reached the ripe old age of 14 years).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELFRYMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—R. B. Meadows' preliminary article on Belfrymanship comes as a welcome reminder that Spring is on the way. However, before his second article appears in print, which will of course help us to grasp and apply the finer points of belfrymanship (including steplemanship), I must point out that his illustration of 'showing the white flag,' which occurred at Carterbar (8, tenor 19 cwt.) I believe is actually, of course, S. Potter's chivalry gambit, 'Lifemanship,' Vol. I., Chap. III., p. 117, 1st Edition, 1950. This was used, as he says, with great effect and the bellringer concerned should have had belfrywoman status conferred forthwith.

I await with eagerness the latest work on towerclothesmanship including the old-sally-ploy which I believe has been perfected by the workers at Yeovil and, of course, basic tenor-manship.—Yours faithfully,

P. H. A. JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate and thank Mr. Meadows on his grand article that came as a breath of fresh air into a stuffy room. No doubt the quasi-statistical nature of 'The Ringing World' makes it inevitable that the menu is a trifle heavy, but that in turn makes a really light contribution the more acceptable when we get it. I hope that we shall get many more racy articles from Mr. Meadows' facile pen.

Perhaps he will tell us if he was ever in the R.A.F.? Belfrymanship strikes a familiar note. During the last war some wrecker of the English language coined that abomination 'Manmaster-ship,' which took root and continued to be the official definition of the art of looking after one's man. Thank heaven the W.A.A.F. never tried to parallel it with 'Womanmistriship.'

Anyhow, bravo, Mr. Meadows, and 'go again.'—Yours faithfully,
T. V. LISTER.
Apperley House, Glos.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir.—The committee of the above annual event have decided to hold the rally and dinner in Christchurch this year on Saturday, May 5th.

It was felt that some ringers might like a peal attempt on that day, and others a coach tour of the district's belfries; therefore we hope more ringers than ever will wish to come and that they will make their wishes known at an early date. The Vicar of Christchurch has kindly given permission for the bells to be available both morning and afternoon if required. The peal attempts will probably be arranged at one or more of the eight-bell towers but a six-bell tower is also available.

I shall be happy to furnish further details to any ringers.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

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Bournemouth.

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN

Dear Sir.—The notice of A. Darnell's death was not published as written by J. W. E. and would convey the impression that St. Andrew's still ring out. Unfortunately the bells were destroyed during the war and ringers who are alive and were regular service ringers there rarely meet each other now. We hear of each other via the good efforts of our captain, J. Hawkins, and sometimes we meet each other when one or two of us are invited to other towers.

Before the war, St. Andrew's was the only open and friendly tower with regular service ringing in London. This was because our captain gave everyone a chance to ring any bell and call a touch and did all he could to promote friendship. Under such conditions we usually enjoyed good ringing. I would be pleased if I could just listen to them broadcasting.

J. W. E.

VALUE OF RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. B. Meadows' article on Belfrymanship makes most delightful reading. However, I feel he has omitted to mention the summit of Belfrymanship, which so few of us have the courage to attain. I refer to those who write letters or articles to 'The Ringing World' under noms de plume!

It seems that I might be accused of being guilty of this as in one recent letter my name was referred to as Semmons. The writer seemed to think that I was unaware of the details of West Country ringing, especially that in Cornwall, while inspection of the correct spelling of my name would give an indication of the county (or country) of my origin, namely, Cornwall, where change-ringing appears to be on the ascendant, at least in that half of the county remote from Devon!

On a more serious note, there are some points in Mr. Grills' letter which I would like to reply to.

When the recording of the B.B.C.'s interval signal was made, I understand that the band met one short for change-ringing, so that the call-changes were not planned, but purely the result of circumstance.

I think the main reason why 'stoney' is looked upon so unfavourably by the majority of the Exercise is that 'stoney' ringers are content to ring the same thing without making any progress. A change-ringing band capable of striking Plain Bob perfectly would also practise more complicated methods until those too could be rung equally well. Also it is much easier to strike bells correctly when on the average each bell never moves in the order more than once a minute.

Devonshire has some fine rings of bells but, during many years spent there, I have heard several misused—one example being when the front six of an octave were rung by some visiting ringers because they were nearer the weight of their own bells at home.

The ringing competitions do a lot in Devon to improve the standard of ringing and an extension of competitions such as those held by the Hereford Guild to other change-ringing areas, would probably result in much improved striking and even in increased numbers in our belfries.—Yours faithfully,

Middlesbrough. P. S. W. B. SEMMENS.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

The following is additional to the previous two lists published in 'The Ringing World':—
Hereford County Association.

BUCKELL, P., Stanmore.
LAWRENCE, R., Hatfield.
SHEPHERD, R., Hatfield.
HALL, R., Hatfield.
CARLIN, Lt.-Comdr., R.N.V.R., Bushey
EAST, E., St. Paul's, Walden.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(By a Lady Ringer at Rye, Hants)
These Grandsire rules will keep you right
When ringing the bells on practice night.
If the Captain calls 'now Grandsire go,'
The treble begins to hunt in slow,
A single dodge for each hindmost bell
The third makes thirds then leads as well.
If no call is made then all hunt plain
Until the treble leaves lead again.
But if bob is called and you're in the lead,
Your work is unaltered so take no heed.
If in seconds place, then thirds you make,
Go into the hunt, and the treble take.
And out of the hunt comes the old hunt bell.
Who double dodges behind as well.
If leading when single is called you'll want
To make seconds place and go into the hunt.
But the ringer in seconds place take heed.
For you make long thirds, before going to lead.
And a single dodge you will make as well
If the next leads plain, with the old hunt bell.
Now if all these rules you understand,
You're a Grandsire ringer, so I'll say STAND.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS M. GRIFFIN

The news of the death of Mr. Thomas M. Griffin was received by his many ringing friends in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association with much regret. He passed away very suddenly at his home in Radstock on February 12th at the age of 77, and was in good health and very active up to the time of his death. He last rang in his home tower on February 6th and was then, as usual, of the cheerful and friendly disposition which endeared him to all.

He learnt to ring when a boy, at Wraxall, Somerset, where there were only six bells. He moved to Radstock whilst still in his teens and, up to the time of his death was the oldest surviving member of the old Wraxall band. Mr. Griffin was also a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and a life member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Griffin took a great interest in his own tower and the neighbouring towers around, whenever he could visit them, and was always encouraging and helping the younger members who were learning the art. He seemed happier when amongst the learners.

He leaves a widow and two sons. His eldest son rang his first peal at the age of 13 and conducted his first peal at the age of 14.

Mr. Griffin's quiet and amiable disposition will be sadly missed by all at St. Nicholas', Radstock, and the neighbouring towers around, and those who were privileged to call him 'Father' will be the poorer for his passing.

The funeral service was held at the Church of St. Nicholas, Radstock, on February 15th and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. G. E. Evans) assisted by the Vicar of Kilmersdon (the Rev. W. B. Vernon). A large number of ringers, representing many towers were present. The Rector, in a short address from the pulpit, remarked that Thomas Griffin had been for more than half a century a ringer and tower master at the church, also a sidesman, church councillor and a member of the C.E.M.S. The church was part of his life and he had given it a long and devoted service. Known by his many ringing friends as 'Father' Griffin, he was always ready to give advice when needed; he was a 'father' to all and, by his passing, will be missed in the belfry for a very long time.

The service was fully choral. The coffin was borne by four fellow-ringers, Messrs. F. Carter, E. Bradfield, A. Mundy and E. Pain, all of whom had been associated with Mr. Griffin for nearly 30 years.

At the conclusion of the service a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect by the following ringers:—F. Carter 1, J. Holbrook 2, H. Hawkins 3, D. Hoare (conductor) 4, G. Pomeroy 5, E. Connock 6.

The Parish Churches of Kilmersdon, Priston and Paulton also paid respect to 'Father' Griffin by half-muffled ringing and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Kilmersdon and a quarter-peal of Single Court at Paulton as a tribute of respect to him.

Mr. Griffin rang, in all, 97 peals. His last peal was on February 2nd, ten days before his death, at his home tower of St. Nicholas', Radstock. The peal was Minor, composed of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and was rung to celebrate his 77th birthday.

His peals, up to the year 1933, were:—Stedman Cinques 1, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 5, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 9, Grandsire Triples 21, Bob Minor 10, Minor peals 14, Grandsire Doubles 3, Doubles peals 11. No record of peals beyond that date are to hand. E. F. C.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 18th. 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 360 each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire); Diana Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones 3, Ruth Paton (cond.) 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter in five methods by all. Rung for the conductor's 18th birthday.

LOSS TO THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

MR. W. H. SHUKER

The guiding figure behind the Lancashire Association, Mr. William H. Shuker, of 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester, died on February 14th, aged 80 years. Since 1911 he had been secretary of the Association and would have completed 40 years' service had he continued until the next annual meeting. He had announced his intention of retiring from office.

Born at Little Drayton, Salop, on August 9th, 1870, he joined the Lancashire Association in 1897. Mr. Shuker was a member of the famous Pendleton band, led by Harry Chapman and rang his first peal at Pendleton on August 23rd, 1897. Another famous member of this band was Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who spent some years with them.



Mr. Shuker rang 153 peals for the Lancashire Association and was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire Association, the Chester Diocesan Guild, the North Wales Association, the Ashton-under-Lyne Society and the Middlesex County Association.

He had been a member of the Central Council for over 20 years and during that time never missed a meeting. He gave his full support to anything which he considered to be in the best interest of the art of change ringing. This applied equally to his duties as secretary of the Lancashire Association. The last meeting he attended was at Preston and that was the last time he went out of his house; such was his tenacity for doing his job.

'The Association will miss this old timer,' writes a correspondent, 'whose knowledge of procedure in the Lancashire Association was second to none, and we who are left to carry on the job will miss him tremendously.'

The funeral service took place at St. James', Rusholme, and was followed by cremation.

To his memory peals have been rung at Manchester Cathedral, St. George's, Stockport, and St. John the Evangelist, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MR. C. H. SONE

The news of the death of Mr. Charlie Sone on February 20th came quite unexpectedly, but influenza with bronchitis in its wake has claimed another victim and we shall see our 'grand old man' no more.

Charles Henry Sone was born at Hartlip, Kent, on November 1st, 1867, and lived all his long life in the 'Garden County of England,' tending its soil as only a gardener knows how. For nearly 40 years he had lived at Linton, on the ridge of hill which overlooks the glorious Weald country, and it is with this village that his name is identified.

Yet Mr. Sone was nearly 45 when he moved into the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association where he was soon playing an active role at meetings. So when in 1924 he was elected District Secretary in succession to Mr. S. Hayzelden he was already in his 57th year. He held office until 1935 but, as a war emergency, took over for a second time at 72 years of age and held the fort for a further seven years before finally relinquishing command. It was little wonder then that his Association recognised his work by electing him to a vice-presidency and that his ringing colleagues sought to show their esteem by the presentation of a radio set. That day, just over four years ago, when a large company of over 70 assembled at Linton to do him honour will long be remembered.

Charlie Sone rang his last peal at Wrotham on April 1st, 1939, to complete a list which, if not in the higher flights, is still most impressive for one who enjoyed little opportunity for venturing far afield. Indeed, all but two of his total of 284 were rung in Kent, the exceptions being in neighbouring Sussex. Of these he conducted 52, and his son, T. E. Sone, another 153. Peals were scored in 54 Kent towers, but over 60 per cent. were rung in seven towers only—Aylesford 12, Hadlow 15, West Malling 23, Headcorn 26, Staplehurst 27, Marden 31 and Linton 40. Perhaps it is appropriate that the favourite method of this very Kentish Kentishman was Kent Treble Bob.

But what shall we remember of the man himself? Three characteristics stand out; first a generosity of spirit which precluded any thought of unkindness, malice or even anger; secondly, a physical generosity which was very evident in the household at Linton whether providing a much-appreciated tea to the peal band or giving a filling breakfast and a shilling for the pocket to the vagrant; thirdly, a mannerism, when standing, of sticking his thumbs in the armpits of his waistcoat.

It was, therefore, with a feeling of thankfulness for a life well lived that we bore witness to the committal of his bodily remains to his beloved soil in the precincts of Linton Church, the words of the Nunc Dimittis springing into life as we sang them: 'Now lettest Thy servant depart in peace.' His ringing friends then found their way up the ladder through the trap door to the old familiar ringing chamber and paid their respect in the way that Charlie would have wished. E. S. J. H.

MR. GEORGE W. TERNBURY

The Cumberland and North Westmorland Association lost a valued member by the death of Mr. George W. Ternbury on January 12th after only a few days' illness.

Since he began ringing in 1901 he was best known as an instructor who was ready at any time to help a young ringer in the art. From 1923 he was assistant secretary to the Association and in 1925 was one of the band that rang the bells of Carlisle Cathedral which had been silent for 180 years. He rang 14 peals.

The funeral took place at Cleator Moor on January 15th and was attended by a large congregation which included ringers from Egremont, Keswick and Hensingham;

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung fully muffled at Egremont on January 28th by Miss J. D. Forbes 1, W. Cook 2, J. A. Haile 3, S. Richardson (conductor) 4, J. H. Rothery 5, H. Wilson 6, A. Eilbeck 7, T. McKay 8.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY LUNCH

More Competent Ringers Up Than Ever Before

OXFORD University Society held its annual lunch on February 3rd and was joined during the day by many old members and friends. Ringing began at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas' and St. Mary Magdalene's. In between the arrival of visitors, methods up to Surprise were brought round. At 12.30 both parties met for a service in the choir of the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. This was conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Dr. R. S. Lee, assisted by the President of the Society, the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Dr. Lee preached the sermon.

The company was joined at lunch, in the Forum, by the incumbents of St. Mary's, St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Thomas', and St. Cross' and by representatives of the City Ringers. The president was in the chair.

SOCIETY FLOURISHING

After the loyal toast, the president called on Dr. J. E. Spice to propose 'The Clergy.' Dr. Spice commenced by saying how pleased he was to see the Society in such a flourishing condition and cited, as an example, the peal attempt for Stedman Cinques at Christ Church in which seven resident members had taken part. This was a great contrast to the days when it had been a struggle to ring Grandsire Doubles.

Being in a reminiscing mood, and unhampered by the fact that none of the clergy he had dealt with were still in Oxford, Dr. Spice went on to indulge in anecdotes of ringing during his term of office as Master. Many of the difficulties O.U.S. had experienced had been due to their being a mixed society in days when there was objection to lady ringers mainly on the grounds that, in the words of one incumbent, 'When the sexes get together in the belfry, there are goings on.' He was pleased to see that difficulty no longer existed.

In replying, the Rev. J. C. Stephenson, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's, gratified his listeners with selections from his dealings with ringers and with non-ringers. It was difficult to judge whether the real reason behind the notices requesting that the doors of his church be kept shut, or the story of the acrimonious correspondence with a man from Balliol on the subject of Sunday morning ringing, was more to the taste of his listeners: though with no Balliol man in the Society, the latter story probably had it.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Litton Cheney, on February 24th, brought together an attendance of about 40 from West Dorset towers and from the North Dorset and Dorchester branches with visitors from Templecombe. No doubt the recently augmented ring of eight was an additional attraction. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in call changes and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

Canon E. S. Daniell, the Rector, was just well enough to get up from his bed and officiate at the service, assisted by Canon C. Carew Cox, the Master of the Guild. The Rector's brief, practical address was much appreciated.

An ample tea was provided through the generous hospitality of the local ringers and many who had not sent in their names were fortunate in being able to sit down to enjoy it.

At the outset of the business meeting Mr. C. H. Lathey, hon. branch secretary, voiced the congratulations of the Branch to the Master and

EASTERN COUNTIES' 'BUN FIGHT'

The next toast was that of 'The Guests,' proposed by Mr. R. B. Meadows. After regretting the absence of several worthies, presumably at a bun-fight in the Eastern Counties, Mr. Meadows went on to welcome the guests and, in particular, Miss Cross and Mr. Rognvald Wilson. He then extended a welcome to the Oxford City Ringers, who always contributed so much to the University Society's ringing.

Miss Cross, replying on behalf of the guests, stressed the close contact there had always been between the University Society and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This had been heightened by the fact that three O.U.S. members, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon G. F. Coleridge and the Rev. C. E. Wigg, had been Masters of the Diocesan Guild. She hoped relations would remain as close as at present.

The last toast, 'The Oxford University Society,' was proposed by Mr. Rognvald Wilson. He reminded members how lucky they were to live in a city so well supplied with bells, more than there were in all Scotland. He sympathised with Oxford men at having to leave such riches behind after an all too short three years, but bade them remember the advantages of such a stay. The continual finding of new leaders in their own areas would always be for the good of the Exercise in general.

Mr. N. G. McCrum then rose to give his report as Master for the preceding year. He endorsed what Dr. Spice had said about the strength of the Society. It was to be doubted whether so many competent ringers had ever been up at one time before. This was reflected in the high standard of the ringing. He also praised the handbell bands of Somerville and St. Hilda's, both of which had scored peals and had prevented handbell ringing becoming a lost and unremembered art. But he felt most people's interests lay chiefly in the tower, and he looked forward to greater achievements in this sphere for the coming year.

At 3 p.m. the party moved to New College. Here the standard methods and a course of Yorkshire were rung. At 4 p.m. a move was made to the finer ten at Magdalen. Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Kent and Cambridge were achieved. At 6 p.m. the last tower of the day, All Saints', was open. Ringing ranged from rounds to attempts at Spliced Surprise. By this time all but the most hardy spirits were satiated and a general move was made for refreshment.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

THE annual general meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on February 17th at Southwark Cathedral. Before the meeting the towers of St. Mary's, Lambeth, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were also available.

A large gathering attended Sung Evensong in the Cathedral, and about 80 members met for tea and the business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House afterwards. The meeting was addressed by the Hon. Chaplain of the Association, the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, who stressed the importance of the work of such voluntary bodies as Guilds and Associations of Church Bell-ringers.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mr. N. G. Hollingworth and Miss A. M. Castle; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. J. Strickland; senior steward, Mr. C. M. Meyer; junior steward, Mr. J. H. Lott; trustees, Mr. A. H. Keighley and Mr. T. W. Taffender.

ORGANISED SUNDAY RINGING

The Master reported a successful year for 1950. Fifteen peals were rung, an increase of three over 1949, 45 members taking part. Methods ranged from Stedman Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Nineteen new members were elected during the year. A very important part of the Association's work had been the continued rotation ringing for Sunday services at towers where no local band was available. This activity has been carried out on 48 Sundays during the year at 12 different towers by companies organised by the Master, and at eight different towers by ringers from Isleworth. On the majority of these occasions quarter-peals had been rung, and in addition to Surprise Major included such methods as Stedman and Erin Caters, Kent and Granta Treble Bob Royal and also Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The Master mentioned matters connected with ringing for the Festival of Britain, and stated that opportunity would be given to members to assist the local company in ringing at the Festival Church, St. John's, Waterloo Road.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of nine members who had passed away during the year. Among these was Mr. Henry R. Newton, a past Master of the Association, and in whose memory a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major had been rung.

Members were urged, and visitors invited, to attend the Associations meetings and practices. The latter are held on the first Monday evening in each month at St. Mary's, Lambeth, for all methods, and on the third Wednesday evening in each month at St. Stephen's, Westminster, primarily for advanced Major methods.

HANDBELL CONTEST

After the conclusion of the business, the annual contest took place for the 'Dawe' Handbell Cup, for which competitors are required to ring at least a full course, consisting of not less than 70 changes in any method on eight bells. Four teams entered for the competition, one each from All Saints', Isleworth, and St. Lawrence's, Brentford, and two from St. Luke's, Chelsea. One of the Chelsea teams and the Isleworth team rang a plain course of Stedman Triples: the second Chelsea team rang a plain course of St. Clement's Bob Triples, and the Brentford team rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples. The cup was awarded to the Brentford band, consisting of Miss Gillian R. Cumber 1-2, Miss Gillian R. Lamont 3-4, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds 5-6, Mr. Colin R. Lamont 7-8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Feb. 25th, 1950 Grandsire Caters: A. Allen 1, A. H. S. Rainey 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, G. H. Williams 4, A. Short 5, J. W. Pettigrew 6, J. L. Gray 7, G. Davis (from cond. on ten bells) 8, E. J. Franklin 9, H. Dickens 10.

**REDEDICATION
St. John's, Sidcup**

Sunday, February 11th, was a day that will long be remembered by the ringers of St. John's, Sidcup. Despite the inclement weather, a large gathering was present when the Lord Bishop of Rochester rededicated the ring of six bells recently returned and rebung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

In the absence, unfortunately through illness, of the Vicar (Canon C. E. Webb) morning prayer was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. R. John). At the conclusion of the office and during the singing of the hymn 'Set between the Earth and Heaven' the Bishop, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens and preceded by the crucifer and acolytes, moved in procession to the baptistery where the prayers of dedication were said.

The local ringers were entrusted with the opening ringing and while the Bishop was returning to the altar, 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by Miss M. Kotting 1, P. P. Brown 2, G. F. Green 3, L. J. Crowhurst 4, C. E. Palmer (conductor) 5 and C. M. Sayer 6.

At the conclusion of the service the Bishop visited the ringing chamber where he was photographed with the ringers and he subsequently proceeded to the bell-chamber.

As the congregation left the church three courses of Plain Bob Minor were rung by Messrs. P. P. Brown 1, J. Dafters 2, A. S. Richards 3, F. I. Hairs 4, P. J. Snice 5 and C. E. Palmer (conductor) 6. Ringers were present from Bexley, Bromley, Crayford, Erith, Lewisham and West Wickham. The firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was represented by Mr. W. A. Hughes.

On February 24th a gathering of about 35 ringers from surrounding towers were present at an open meeting. Ringing commenced at 3.30 and continued until 5 o'clock when the party adjourned to the Church Hall for tea which was prepared by the local lady ringers and their friends. At 6 o'clock a service of thanksgiving was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. J. R. John. Further ringing followed ranging from rounds for beginners to Cambridge and Ipswich Minor. Ringers were present from Bexley, Beckenham, Crayford, Dartford, Erith and West Wickham and the ringing finished at 8 p.m., everybody agreeing that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had made an excellent job of the restoration.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
February Meeting at Birstall**

The monthly meeting was held at Birstall, the original home of the Yorkshire Association. The bells were soon in use and good efforts were made during the afternoon and evening to keep them fully occupied. The afternoon attendance was not of the best but increased after tea.

The business meeting was held at 7 p.m. in the tower. Owing to an unfortunate accident at work, the president was in hospital at Bradford and Mr. F. Hutchinson deputised for him in the chair.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Almondbury, Bradford, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Elland and Lightcliffe and the local company.

The election of new members was deferred until the next meeting. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. W. Dixon.

The next meeting, due to be held at Armley, and at which nominations for next year's officers will be received, will be a joint one with the Yorkshire Association (Western Division) and will be held on March 31st.

Methods rung during the day were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise and London Surprise.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL
ASSOCIATION**

Bristol Rural Branch

About 40 members attended the Branch's meeting at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on February 24th. The six bells were put to good use in rounds and queens, and in methods from Grand-sire to Cambridge Minor. The Rev. E. R. Santer conducted the service and in his address he spoke of the ringers' service as part of the Church.

An enjoyable, and warming, tea preceded the business meeting with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair. Among the visitors welcomed were Mr. Jeffery (St. Werburgh's Rector's warden), Mr. Webb (of Nibley) and Mr. Price (secretary of the Stroud Branch).

Mr. S. Riches reported on the Association's management committee meeting held recently at Gloucester. At this meeting the Bristol Rural Branch had shown up well to the forefront in the reports, both from a numerical and financial standpoint.

After the branch secretary had thanked the tower secretaries for their helpful and accurate tea notifications for this meeting, the chairman expressed thanks to the ladies, Mr. S. Riches and all who had helped in this happy meeting.

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Canon Thomas Houghton, who lives with his nieces, Misses L. and M. Stevenson, at Farndon, Cheshire, celebrated his 100th birthday on February 23rd.

He was the recipient of many congratulatory messages, including a telegram from H.M. the King, and the bells were rung by the Farndon ringers to celebrate the occasion. The ringing included the 'firing' of the bells 100 times.

It was also felt that a peal should be attempted in honour of the event and publicity was given to this in the national Press. Happily, an excellent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild was successfully accomplished the next day (Saturday) after which the bells were again 'fired' 100 times.

At the conclusion of the peal the Misses Stevenson visited the belfry and expressed great pleasure that it had been successful.

Afterwards the local ringers and peal band were entertained to tea by Canon Houghton who, though he was unable to be present, had taken great interest in the proceedings.

The Rector of Farndon, the Rev. G. Vaughan, welcomed the ringers and proposed the health of Canon Houghton. Mr. A. E. Richards, the local tower captain, responded on behalf of the ringers and Mr. G. H. Randles expressed the thanks of the peal band for the hospitality extended, also for the honour of being able to take part in such a unique and happy event.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD**

Winchester District

On February 24th a practice meeting of the above District was held at Tichborne with about 30 ringers in attendance. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and at 2.35 p.m. there was a slight break in the proceedings while the rope was replaced on the wheel of the treble which, unfortunately, had lost its stay. After this mishap, well-struck touches in various methods were rung including Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, Double Court and the standard methods.

After the service, taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Skene, an enjoyable tea was provided at Riverside Farm. The treble stay was repaired during the interval but on return to the tower, another excursion to the bell-chamber was necessary—this time to attend to the stay of the second—a rather 'Payne'-ful experience.

Nothing daunted, however, the meeting continued with more advanced methods and the bells were rung down with no further untoward events.

**RANG PEALS IN LAST CENTURY
A HEREFORD VETERAN**

Mr. C. L. Sadler, of Hereford, rang his first peal on October 8th, 1897, at St. Mary's Church, Ross, ringing the fourth to a variety of Parker's 12 part, conducted by James E. Groves. It was on the same bell that he rang his 100th peal (Stedman Triples) on April 3rd, 1937. He also rang the sixth to the first peal on Clifford bells on December 26th, 1897, and the same bell to the same composition (Parker's 12 part) on the 50th anniversary in 1947. Mr. Sadler rang a 40th anniversary peal at St. Mary's, Ross-on-Wye. In 1897 he rang the fourth bell to 5,040 Grandsire Triples and in 1937 the same bell to 5,040 Stedman Triples.

STARTED IN 1888

Father of the St. David's Society, Exeter, and the last of the original members, Mr. Arthur W. Searle, of Exeter, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Edmund's, Exeter, on January 30th, 1888. His most recent was Kent Treble Bob at St. David's, Exeter, on February 15th, 1936. Most of his 15 peals in the last century were rung at St. Martin's, Salisbury, but also included peals at St. Edward's, Romford, where the brothers Pye were just beginning their ringing careers.

He recalls a pre-breakfast handbell peal at 6 a.m. at Salisbury with Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, W. W. Gifford and T. Blackburn: first peals by Devonshire and Exeter men on Exeter Cathedral bells and first peals in Exeter of Stedman Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. Searle created a record by ringing in every available 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bell tower in Devon. A total of nearly 400.

Mr. Alfred Talbot, who now lives at The Outlook, Thursley, Godalming, rang his first peal at Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, in May, 1899.

The method was Plain Bob Minor and the occasion was the first peal of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was then curate at Waltham St. Lawrence. Mr. Talbot rang about 70 peals and was for a time secretary of the Leominster and Presteigne branches of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He has taken no active part in ringing for several years.

Mr. Hubert Hatts, of Gregs Hill, Henley-on-Thames, has one peal in the last century to his credit. It was a peal of Minor in seven methods at Beenham, Berks, on December 1st, 1888, and was the first peal on the bells.

Mr. William G. Whitehead, of 14, Beachampton, Wolverton, Bucks, rang his first peal on November 7th, 1896, at Bushey. He rang 25 peals before the end of 1899.

Mr. W. Poston, of Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, first pulled a bell in August, 1894, and rang his first peal at Hempsted, Gloucester—Doubles in three methods—on October 19th, 1894. This peal was followed by Doubles in four methods at Woodchester, Glos. November 18th, 1894; Bob Minor, at Hemosted, January 16th, 1895; and four methods of Minor, at Hempsted, April 2nd, 1895. All these peals were conducted by W. T. Pegler and amongst the ringers were A. E. Pegler and John Austin. At this time the St. Michael's Juniors were going strong at Gloucester.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Hitler said he had no more territorial claims in Europe. I notice in your peal columns that Monken Hadley is ascribed to Middlesex. Although in the Diocese of London, it is in the Urban District of East Barnet in the Administrative County of Hertford.

Another tower which seems to change its county occasionally is Elstree (6), also in Hertfordshire.

Surely no matter for what association your peal is rung, it is only common courtesy to give the tower its proper county as much as its dedication.—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN PAGE.

King's Langley, Herts.

A WEEK-END IN HAMPSHIRE

Seven ringers from West Sussex spent a very enjoyable ringing week-end in Hampshire over the week-end of February 10th and 11th. Two cars carrying five members of the party left Chichester, after some little delay, and arrived at St. Maurice's Church, Winchester, nearly an hour late, to find the seventh member of the party and the Winchester District secretary (Mr. Jack King) anxiously awaiting their arrival. Ringing on this light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) was enjoyed and the party, now up to strength, went on to Sparsholt.

Although we were late, the Vicar met us and welcomed us to his church. Various Doubles methods were rung on this rather tricky ring of five (tenor 8 cwt.). The party went on to King's Somborne, with its fine six (tenor 12½ cwt.) and long draught of rope. Ringing here was notable for the first of several courses of Cambridge Minor rung during the week-end. Following a welcome from the Rev. J. G. R. Blackwall and the local captain, we left these fine bells with regret.

An excellent lunch at the Seven Gables, Stockbridge, put new life into the party and the light six at St. Peter's (tenor 7½ cwt.) were tapped round well. Here again we were pleased to meet the Vicar and Mr. Carey, the tower captain. Next came the beautiful easy-going five at Leckford (tenor 8½ cwt.), hung in a tiny wooden tower. Here we were very pleased to ring with three keen young ringers from Winchester College. Then on to Broughton, with a fine church and a rather tricky ring of six (tenor 12½ cwt.), and Nether Wallop. The five here (tenor 15 cwt.) are very rarely rung and a combination of a long draught, heavy-going bells and ropes in bad condition, caused poor striking and plenty of hard work. All credit to our youngest member, Frank Lewis (aged 14), for the way he managed the treble, whose rope resembled a wire hawser.

Following tea at Middle Wallop (of happy memory for two of the party) came the very good five (tenor 9½ cwt.) at Abbot's Ann, where two local ringers met us. The last tower of the day was difficult to find. It was the glorious Taylor six (tenor 11½ cwt.) at Winterslow, just over the Wiltshire border. These bells are rung from the porch, with a sliding screen for protection from the weather, and were without doubt the finest six on which we were privileged to ring over the week-end.

Supper was enjoyed in Salisbury (after some difficulty in finding a cafe open at 10.15 p.m.); and the night was spent at the Pheasant, Winterslow.

Sunday morning saw us on our way by 9.45, and we reached Amport safely by 10.15 a.m. to ring for service. Snow was falling heavily, and no local ringers arrived, so the party rang touches in various methods up to service time, concluding with 360 Bob Minor. Striking was good in view of the fact that ringing here takes place in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. We stayed for service and lowered the bells afterwards, before going into Andover for a good lunch at the Star and Garter, Goodworth Clatford (6, tenor 10 cwt.) was the next tower and again the Vicar very kindly met us. Ringing on these easy-running bells was enjoyed before going on to ring on the fine light six by Taylors (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Longparish. The Vicar and three local ringers welcomed us here, as did Mr. Smith and Miss Nesta Smith at Wonston. This fine six (tenor 8½ cwt.) run beautifully.

The last tower was the very good six (tenor 8 cwt.) at Micheldever where we acquitted ourselves well despite a long draught without guides. After supper at Winchester, the party set out for home.

Everyone agreed that the week-end had been a great success and thanks are due to Norman Smith, of Chichester, the organiser, and to the drivers, Miss Keys and Mr. Stoveld, of Bosham. We would also like to thank very cordially all the incumbents and local ringers. P. N. B.

OLD BELLS IN PRESENT-DAY RINGS

Arising from the query of Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, Somerset, asking for particulars of bells older than Yatton's seventh doing service in rings to-day, we have received a number of interesting replies. The date of Yatton's seventh, states Mr. Price, is 1451 A.D., and not as published.

CHERTSEY AND CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—In reply to the enquiry by Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, there are a considerable number of rings which incorporate bells earlier than 1541. Near here are two rings of eight—Chertsey and Chobham—the former having a bell nearly 600 years old, while Chobham has one 430 years of age.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—At Carlisle Cathedral there is one bell, the seventh, which, according to the records, was installed in 1401, being the only one left from the ring put in then by General Strickland, who was responsible for having the tower built after the Cathedral was damaged by fire in 1385 and the original bells destroyed.

This bell is in regular use and was hung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1924. An unusual feature of this bell is that it has to be rung clappered wrong. The inscriptions are in Latin but no date is on the bell.

There are four other bells in the 1600's and the eight bells are by five different founders.—Yours faithfully,

J. BUTTERFIELD.

Carlisle.

BARMING, KENT

Dear Sir,—In Barming Church, Kent, there is a ring of six and the third was cast in 1442. No doubt there are many pre-Reformation bells in the country but very few, I should imagine, older than this one, that is to say those that are still being rung as one of a ring.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

Barming, Kent.

BILTON, RUGBY

Dear Sir,—There are three bells at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby, which are 100 years older than the one at Yatton. One was cast in 1450 and two in 1460. These were rehung in a modern frame in 1948.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BURNELL, Ringing Master.

St. Mark's Church, Bilton.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS

Dear Sir,—In the ring of eight bells at Hughenden, Bucks, we have two old bells; the seventh was cast in 1490 and the tenor about 1420. So far nearly 300 peals have been rung on the bells.—Yours sincerely,

R. BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

FULMER, BUCKS

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, March 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. 8442

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting, East Grinstead, March 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall. Names to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 8435

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Peter's, Weedon Bec, Northampton, March 10th, at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles, installed by John Taylor and Co., making ring of eight. 8432

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. 8487

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage (B), Saturday, March 10th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8485

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Saturday, March 10th. 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8454

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleve Prior, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. 8483

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, March 10th, p.m., at St. Gregory's. St. Peter's and Saints' available at 6.30 on request. Tea 5 p.m. at Pimpernel Cafe, King Street, for those sending names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, bury, Suffolk.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 10th, St. Nicholas', Chiswick, 3. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. Service 6. Further ringing afterwards.—Hutchings (GERrard 9351). 8504

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual Supper, Heston, March 10th, 6 p.m. A few tickets (8/6) available at door. Admittance to social only 2/6. 8513

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, March 10th. Good attendance essential please. Tea at the Brownlow Cafe (off car park) 5.15. Usual arrangements.—E. J. Rowe, 6, Church Street, Broseley. 8493

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, March 10th, Croydon. Parish Church bells (12) 3. Service 5, at which the Archdeacon will dedicate a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston. Business meeting at Croydon Bell Foundry.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 8425

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Youlgrave (8), Saturday, March 17th, 3 p.m. Tea and sandwiches for all at the Bull's Head.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8476

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Joseph W. Parker Commemoration Meeting will be held at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, on Saturday, March 17th. Will members requiring tea (approximately 2s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, not later than March 14th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8456

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Earls Colne, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, near Colchester. 8491

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, March 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Radford's Cafe, Bath Street. Names for tea, not later than March 14th, to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, Lyncroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 8465

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham, Saturday, March 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by previous Tuesday, H. J. Cloxton, Holme, near Newark. 8469

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, March 17th at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Southwark, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 8526

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting on March 17th, Butcombe, 4 o'clock; Nempnett, Thrubwell, 6 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8507

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hull on March 17th. St. Mary's bells from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4. Holy Trinity bells after tea. Names for tea, by March 14th, to Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull. 8525

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8), March 17th, 2.30. Tea, if names are received by 14th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8521

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting at Berkswell, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by March 14th, to F. E. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 8522

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting March 17th at Tetbury. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by March 15th.—E. Jefferies 24, Siddington, Cirencester, Glos. 8505

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, March 17th, 5.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8497

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Benenden, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th please, to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 8515

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, March 17th Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 8523

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens (10) on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec 8514

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's Eccles, Saturday, March 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting in schoolroom after tea.—R. Benson. Sec. 8524

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, March 17th. No tea arrangements; tea shops nearby.—L. Walmsley. 8518

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Morbrough Branch.—Next meeting, Chisleton, March 17th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne Marlborough, Wilts. 8508

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Dedication of Cranborne bells by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. L. F. Addison Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Ring of eight recast by J. Taylor and Co., tenor 17 cwt. All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. Good bus service. Ringing for all after tea. A Grand Church, a Grand Tower and now a Grand Ring. 8510

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley, March 17th. Bells 3. Tea provided 5. Names essential, by 15th, to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 8482

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, March 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 14th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8506

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3.30. Names for tea, by March 15th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough. 8527

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Kendal Parish Church, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 34, Greengate, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8528

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—Ringers will be welcome at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 18th, when the recast bell will be dedicated and the bells re-opened by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. 8509

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission only by ticket, which must be ordered, enclosing remittance, 4s. each, before Saturday, March 17th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available:—Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. St. George's, Colegate (6), 2.30 onwards. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president. Remittance for lunch to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, before March 17th. 8489

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Stroud, Easter Monday, March 26th. Painswick (12) available 11 till 12 noon only; Stroud (10) available 11 till 12.15 and in evening. Lunch (4/6) 12.30. Tea 1/6. Meeting 1.30 sharp. Divine service 4.30. Will those who require lunch and/or tea please let me know (with remittance) not later than Monday, March 19th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol. 5. 8502

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names, with remittance, for lunch tickets, to F. Mitchell, 114 Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 3/-; non-members 4/6. Please apply early. Towers and reference to badges next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 8520

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Cardiff. St. John's bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea, at St. James' Hall, and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32 Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8519

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—District meeting at Kingston-on-Thames, Easter Monday, March 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Walton bells 11.30—12.30. Names for tea essential by March 22nd, to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. Subscriptions, 2/6, now due for 1951.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 8517

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Worcester. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. Bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2/6 per head) arranged at 4.45 p.m. for those only who notify me before Wednesday, March 21st. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m. and in afternoon; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) provisionally 5.45 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedwiche, Evesham. 8516

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual Festival, Newton Abbot, Easter Monday, March 26th. Service, St. Leonard's Church, 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Wolborough Parish Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open:—Wolborough (8), Highweek (8). 3.30—4.30 p.m.; and Kingskerswell (6). Admission to luncheon, by prepaid ticket only, 4s. each from the Gen. Sec., E. J. Taylor, Westbays, Post Hill, Tiverton, before March 17th (Continued on next page)

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Cambridge, Easter Monday, March 26th. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 8512

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Thornhill, Saturday, March 31st. For teas notify, by March 24th, C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—In order to avoid the Festival of Britain dates, the annual tenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8516 general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th.—Wm. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 8500

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice. The summer meeting will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, June 9th. Names, please, to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.—A. B. Peck. 8529

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