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CANADA CALLING

Go forth; and if it be o'er stony way,
Old joy can lend what newer grief must borrow.
—Francis Thompson.

This week we are thinking especially of those ringers overseas. Of late 'The Ringing World' has published news from Australia, where at Parramatta, Sydney, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung, from New Zealand, and from India, where two peals of Doubles were rung in hand by three British ringers in the Services. And now comes a most heartening greeting from Vancouver, British Columbia, that distant city set amid magnificent scenery that at times has the music of the breakers of the Pacific rolling against Canada's shores.

It was in 1849 that the island of Vancouver was formed into a Crown Colony, and in 1871 British Columbia became part of the Canadian Union, enjoying a complete system of responsible government as in other provinces. Last July was the 60th birthday of Vancouver City, and the occasion was appropriately celebrated. Mention has previously been made in 'The Ringing World' of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, and it was from this centre that the day's festivities were heralded by the ringing of the bells.

In all overseas churches the man-power problem is acute. Normally the band who ring at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Rosary is inadequate for ceremonial ringing. Funds were forthcoming to enable 16 experienced ringers to be assembled, men coming from different parts of the province. Mr. A. C. Limpus, our correspondent, tells of how, as the bells pealed out in Grandsire Triples, the sun burst through the clouds, shedding a radiance in the ringing chamber.

The joy of the bells in British Columbia was not kept to the immediate precincts of the Cathedral. They were broadcast for fully 15 minutes, giving back to many of the listeners the old joys of their motherland. In Canada broadcasting of the bells is not treated in the bare three minutes as in this country. At times bells have been on the air for 30-minute stretches, and one can picture the recordings taken at Vancouver being broadcast in the prairie provinces. What a message of consolation to those 'sick for home,' like Keats' Ruth, 'amid the alien corn,' and bringing to mind perhaps memories of the bells of some of our English churches?

Do the young ringers of to-day realise the heritage of their art? To be able to ring is, indeed, an open sesame

of introduction to those prepared to go overseas. Mr. Limpus, at Vancouver, is looking forward to the day when emigration will be permitted once more, and ringers of experience will bring fresh interests to his band. There have been similar invitations from other Dominions. A short time ago Durban, South Africa, made such an appeal. Men who go forth are indeed envoys of a sound British tradition. To define the atmosphere of the Dominions and their appeal is not easy. Perhaps it can be captured in these lines from the Canadian song:—

The green beneath and the blue above,
The dash and danger, the life and love.

TEN BELL PEALS

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... Treble	JOHN W. SMITHSON ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	JOHN R. BEARLEY ... 8
*JACK BROTHWELL ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 9
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS... Treble	†CYRIL VALENTINE ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON
* First touch of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. In memoriam, James Mowson, a ringer for 54 years.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... Treble	†NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	*G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 8
†F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... 9
†JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5	PERCY MENGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by HY. G. MILES. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 5
WALTER SOUTHGATE ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	ALAN ANDREWS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	HORACE WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 3	*W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 4	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* 100th peal. First of London Major as conductor.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

PETER R. BLACKMAN ... Treble	FRANK A. PENN ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 2	ERNEST A. JURD ... 6
*MRS. F. A. PENN ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells for 16 years.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
JOHN A. RANGLES ... 2	*THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLAN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JACK ROACH ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... 7
F. NOJAN GOLDEN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.



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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BASIL JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
C. KENNETH LEVIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	HAROLD JACKSON 5
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER 6
HAROLD KENT 3	STANLEY SLANEY 7
JOSEPH SAXTON 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by Wm. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
JOHN WALDEN 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
*JAMES S. WEBB 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
*JOHN W. BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH... 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.... 2	*EDWIN C. BILKETT ... 6
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

* 50th peal together.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... Treble	JOHN H. HUNT 5
ROBERT E. TURNER ... 2	HAROLD A. NOES 6
PETER N. BOND 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	LESLIE A. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
ROBERT E. TURNER... 2	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

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

* First peal on eight bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. CECIL W. PIPE ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

EPWORTH, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*CHARLES H. BAKER ... 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BIRCH IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	†FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS 5
FRANK BARRACLUGH ... 2	RICHARD BENSON 6
†MARY WALSHAW 3	BURLEY WALSHAW ... 7
ALBERT FORD 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS... .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	REGINALD A. REED ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

BENSON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER... 5
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 2	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
GEORGE HOLFIELD ... 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
FRDERICK C. WHITE ... 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLFIELD.

EWHRURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

H WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WM. T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 21½ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	WALTER LEE 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Treble	SYMON DACE 5
OLAVE BROYD 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... 6
CECIL J. BARKER 3	JOE JENNINGS 7
*PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 4	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by E. W. PYE.

* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

WENDOVER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PAEL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Treble | REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2 | WALTER LEE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3 | HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor
Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PAEL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 2 | WALTER LEE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3 | F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor
Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

DODDINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PAEL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 14 cwt.
ERIC SMITH ... Treble | STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2 | CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

First peal on the bells since being relung.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, A PAEL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four extents of Plain Bob and 35 extents of Grandsire, 12 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
JABEZ PREECE ... Treble | *DENNIS JAINE ... 4
JOHN O. ROCK ... 2 | E. PETER ROCK ... 5
FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor
Conducted by E. PETER ROCK

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to W/O S. T. G. Price, a local ringer, who is with No. 35 Bomber Squadron on the goodwill mission to U.S.A.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PAEL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.
*ANTHONY SOPER ... Treble | *FRED W. SOPER ... 4
*PHILIP KNIGHT ... 2 | *DOUGLAS CANE ... 5
*DONALD J. FARTHING ... 3 | *REV. D. L. BOARD ... Tenor
Conducted by D. CANE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local company.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PAEL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods, viz.: (1) Bourne Surprise and Kirkstall Delight; (2) Disley Delight, Morning Star and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (4) Marpie, Taxal, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, and Willesden Delight; (5) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble | *J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 4
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 2 | *CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
C KENNETH LEWIS ... 3 | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor
Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in 25 methods. Seventy-two changes of method.

GRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PAEL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.
*PETER J. WOODGYER ... Treble | *JOHN B. SANSON ... 4
HORACE BELCHER ... 2 | JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 3 | WILLIAM J. PAICE ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal.

EVERTON, NOTTS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PAEL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
HERBERT COOPER ... Treble | ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4
ERNEST SHORT ... 2 | A.C.2 F. REED ... 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... 3 | ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST PADGETT.

Rung half-muffled for Mr. John Swindon, a local ringer for over 40 years.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PAEL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.
JOHN METCALFE ... Treble | HARRY J. SANGER ... 4
*HARRY SMITH ... 2 | RONALD G. BECK ... 5
† WILLIAM A. OSBORN ... 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor
Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PAEL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4
MISS JOAN WEBSTER ... 2 | GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
*MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER ... 3 | G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor
Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

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

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PAEL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*SAMUEL E. HUFFER ... Treble | STELLA M. WICKENS ... 3
*WILLIAM H. CURTIS ... 2 | CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4
CHARLES H. WICKENS ... Tenor
Conducted by STELLA M. WICKENS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PAEL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4 | *RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PAEL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

MRS. E. M. WAYMAN ... 1-2 | SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8
Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ANALYSIS OF HANDBELL PEALS RUNG DURING 1945

Association.	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	MAJOR												TRIPLIES		MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTALS		
	Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob	Stedman Grandsire	Kent Treble Bob Oxford Treble Bob	Plain Bob Stedman Grandsire	Spliced (21) Ditto (6) Cambridge Superiastre Oxford Treble Bob	Kent Treble Bob Kent & Ox. T.B. Kent and Plain Bob Double Norwich	Little Bob Double Bob St. Clement	Plain Bob Stedman Grandsire	7 Methods 16 Methods 4 Methods 1 Method 1 Method 2 Methods	TOTALS		TOTALS		TOTALS									
An. Soc. Coll. Yth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Chester Diocesan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Coventry D Guild	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Essex Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Glouc't'r & Bristol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Hereford Diocesan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Hertford County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Kent County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Lincoln Diocesan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
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Midland Counties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
North Staffs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Oxford Diocesan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Oxford University	1	1	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6				
St. Martin's Guild	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Salisbury Guild	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Shropshire Assn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Sussex County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Universities Assn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Warwickshire G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Win. & Ports. Dio.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Worcester & Dis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
Yorkshire Assoc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
'THE CATHEDRAL OF NEEDWOOD FOREST.'

No better choice of surroundings could have been made for the Guild's summer meeting, which took place on August 10th, than at Hoar Cross, when despite the inclement weather 40 ringers and friends attended.

The Church of Holy Angels with its stately central tower is most beautiful and could be termed as the 'Cathedral of Needwood Forest,' was built 1872-6 in memory of H. F. Meynell-Ingram, M.P., and is visited by people from all parts of the country. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. N. Strong, whose inspiring address was all in keeping with bells, bell-ringers and the service they render.

Tea was served in the Vicarage Hall, after which the Vicar presided over the business meeting. The whole of the local band were then elected members of the Guild, and it was resolved to hold the next Guild meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove in October. Thanks were then accorded the Vicar for use of the bells, to Mrs. B. G. Key, who deputised at short notice as organist, and to the local members for tea arrangements.

Members were present from Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Measham, Lullington, Repton, Over-seale, Netherseale, Ibstock, Wolverhampton and Stoke, and methods rung on the beautiful peal of six (tenor 30 cwt.) included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal rung at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, was the first
rung for 39 years.

Of the first pealers in this issue, Philip A. F. Chalk deserves a
special mention. He travelled 26 miles each way for the privilege of
ringing his first, at Sible Hedingham, Essex.

Mr. George R. Newton has rung 370 peals for the Lancashire Association,
the highest total yet recorded for the association. Can you
cap that, Yorkshire?

Diamond jubilee greeting to Mr. F. Vickers, Bedfordshire Association.
To celebrate his 60 years as a ringer, he rang a peal of Minor at
Tilsworth, Beds.

A Leominster ringer, W/O S. T. G. Price, is a member of No. 35
Bomber Squadron on the goodwill mission to U.S.A. A peal commemorates
the occasion.

Mr. Rupert Richardson with his peal at Epworth has now rung a
peal in every eight-bell tower in Lincolnshire, with the exception of
Burgh-le-Marsh. 'Rupert is looking for some tough ringers for this
special task force,' states our correspondent.

The Exercise has its quota of young conductors, for which we are
truly thankful. Mr. John H. Hunt, of Titchfield, who has called a
number of peals, had a 'happy birthday' one—his 19th—at Soberton.
From the neighbouring county of Sussex comes the news that Miss
Stella M. Wickens, aged 15, has called her first peal at Thakeham.
Their progress will be watched with interest.

Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., had an interesting holiday bag with peals
at Worsley, Woolton and Prescott, Lancs, and Norbury (Hazel Grove),
Cheshire. A member of the band was Mr. George Newton, who called
Mr. Groombridge's first of Minor in this district in 1912, and Mr. D.
Vincent, whose first peal in 1923 was called by Mr. Groombridge.
These peals constituted the first reunion.

On Victory Day, Wolverton ringers rang their first quarter. They
have now rung their first peal, and Mr. Douglas Cane, the conductor,
informs us that it is the first peal known to be rung in the tower
by local ringers. We hope to record many more firsts from Wolver-
ton. They have certainly the advantage of anno domini, as the treble
ringer is 13, two more of the company 15 and another 16. With the
exception of the conductor, all the company have learnt their ringing
since the ban was lifted.

A pride is justly taken in the weight of a peal. Equally so the
weight of years should earn our respect. The following band rang
for a wedding on August 9th at Hendon Parish Church, the home of
the Middlesex Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 216 Plain
Bob: E. H. Martin 79, E. Prachett 70, O. Charge 70, R. Charge 67,
F. Barker 61, B. Green 60. A total of 407 years.

The bells of Leicester Cathedral were recorded whilst ringing for
evening service on Sunday, August 4th. It was a special recording
for broadcasting in Australia, and included part of the service. A
course of Stedman Caters was being rung and it was about a three
minute recording of it. The ringers had the great pleasure of listen-
ing to the record over the loudspeakers after the service, the re-
production being exceptionally good. With the record goes our best
wishes to the ringers of Australia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RINGERS AT VANCOUVER'S JUBILEE

An Interesting Broadcast

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — In reading 'The Ringing World,' which I have been receiving regularly, I notice a number of letters from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc., as to the ringing in those countries. May I give you a little indication of the activities of the ringers in Vancouver, B.C.?

The citizens of this city are just now celebrating the 60th year of the birth of Vancouver with a truly monstrous celebration of two weeks' duration. Now that beautiful peal of bells in the tower of the Holy Rosary Cathedral must surely take some part in it, but what could be done, with four change ringers and three tenor men available? Such an effort would not have been very impressive.

Appealing to the Jubilee Committee, I was granted a sufficient allowance to bring together all those ringers who were scattered throughout the province. We met in the ringing chamber 16 strong; all first-class ringers. Two came from Victoria, V.I., one from Kelowna and one from Sprot Lake, V.I., the balance from a circle of 12 miles round Vancouver.

The celebration commenced at 9 a.m., July 1st, the signal being given by the 9 o'clock gun at Brockton Point, Stanley Park. Immediately the bells pealed out to the tune of Grandsire Triples, and the sun, which had been hidden behind clouds for days, burst through the tower windows in full strength.

The ringing was broadcast by a local company, C.Y.O.R., and the bells kept ringing for 15 minutes, short touches being conducted by A. B. Lomas, Y. Watts and Frank Dunaway. The striking was almost perfect throughout and the 15-minute ringing was recorded by the same company. Those taking part in the broadcasting were A. C. Limpus treble, Arthur King 2, Reginald Pitman 3, Fred Hird 4, Frank Dunaway 5, A. B. Lomas 6, J. Watts 7, T. Wilson tenor. After broadcasting more touches by other members, those who could stay went downstairs to be photographed. After lunch there was more ringing till the 7.30 p.m. service.

I notice broadcasting in England is becoming a more frequent occurrence, but seems to be spoiled by the talking at the same time. If my memory serves me right, it was in the year 1913 I induced Mr. Wright, the manager of the then C.N.R.V., to broadcast our bells



We feel certain that many of these ringers will be recognised by friends in this country. Their names, left to right, are: Jack Pitman, C. Wilson, George Roberts, Fred Hird, J. Watts, Arthur King, Reginald Pitman. Bottom row: J. Stockley, A. C. Limpus, W. Bond, D. Welch, A. B. Lomas, Frank Dunaway, F. Goldstraw.

Photo: Stuart Thomson, Vancouver, B.C.

on New Year's night. This has been done every year since except the three and a half years I was overseas (1916 to 1919) by the C.B.C., then by C.Y.O.R. All announcing was always done before and after the ringing, which was never less than 12 to 15 minutes. Letters of appreciation came in from all over the Continent and New Zealand, many of which complained the bells were not kept on long enough. Once during a Church Congress we rang steadily for 31 minutes, the whole being recorded and often used by C.Y.O.R. on Sunday mornings. Sincerely hoping that when emigration starts to Canada again some good ringers will be drifting our way. A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

ATTEMPT FOR RECORD PEAL

All being well, an attempt will be made at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, to ring 12,663 Stedman Cinques on August 24th, starting at 8.30 a.m. The following is the composition:—

12,663 STEDMAN CINQUES.
By Charles W. Roberts.

231456 5 6 19

51624378x90 A

613245	—	3
315246	—	3
512346	—	2
216345	—	3

216543 S — B

613542	—	3
312546	—	3
215346	—	2
516342	—	3

614253 — S —

614352 Produced by repeating B

415263 — S —

415362 Produced by repeating B

2145638709x C

214365 Produced by repeating B

A = 2.6.7.8.10.16.17.18.20.

C = 2.7.13S.15.16.19.

OXFORD RINGERS VISIT LEICESTER

On a recent Saturday in July, members of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, with their wives and friends, paid a visit to Leicester, where a very enjoyable day was spent in ringing and social intercourse. Arriving at Leicester at mid-day, the party were met by Mr. Harold Poole, who had kindly made the local arrangements and acted as guide.

After an excellent lunch, a move was made to the Cathedral, where full use was made of the glorious ring of 12 bells in Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and a good course of Cambridge Maximus.

Next proceeding to the Church of St. John the Divine, with its memories of the late William Willson, the visitors found another worthy ring of ten bells, and these were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal, after which a move was made for tea. The last ringing of the day took place at St. Margaret's and a good hour's ringing was enjoyed on the bells, another very fine ring.

It was regretted that Mr. Ernest Morris was unable to meet the party, being on holiday, but the St. Margaret's Peal Book, which is the work of Mr. Morris, was very much admired. There occurred the only failure of the day, as after ringing Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus, a touch of Spiced Surprise on the light eight ended in disaster, probably due to the after effects of the strawberry and ice-cream tea.

This ended the day's ringing, and after saying good-bye to Mr. Poole and his colleagues, a return was made to Oxford, which was reached at 11 p.m. The Oxford Society wish to thank Mr. Poole and the Leicester ringers who contributed to what was agreed to be 'the best ever.' R. A. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twenty members of the Kent County Association attended the Tonbridge District meeting at Cowden on August 3rd. There were also ringers from Bromley and Wrotham present. Miss D. Colgate presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Tonbridge on October 5th. The Rector conducted the service.

RINGERS' COMMENTS AND PERPLEXITIES

PEALS BEFORE MEETINGS?

Dear Sir,—There are occasions on which anonymity is not merely desirable but highly commendable. Used, however, as a shield for mud-slinging it becomes the means of expression of a small and nasty mind which seeks to condemn, but lacks the courage to do so openly. In any case, 'The Ringing World' ought not to be regarded as a medium for the washing of an association's dirty linen, and an association member having a grievance against his general secretary should seek to air it in the proper place, viz., at the association's general meeting.

It pains me to refer to your correspondent by his nom-de-plume, which, had it appeared prior to your issue of August 2nd, would have been diverting, but is now merely hackneyed, but it is difficult to discuss his points without doing so.

'S. Truggler' gives no clue as to which association he honours with his membership, but let us suppose, for the purpose of an argument, that his dictum be applied to the secretary of a County Association to which I belong. Our general secretary is a broadminded man and will not, I know, mind being used in a good cause. The association is, for administrative purposes, divided into six districts, each of which holds four meetings a year. Thus there are, it will be seen, at least 24 meetings annually. In addition some of the districts hold occasional by-meetings. And apart from all these there is an annual general meeting at Easter and a committee meeting in the autumn. Now all of us in the districts are pleased, and more than pleased, to see our general secretary on those occasions that he can manage to get to our meetings, but it would, I hear, be asking rather a lot to expect him every time. Apart from anything else he might, if endowed with the propensities of a Felix, find transport something of a problem. Geography is not perhaps my strong point, but I rather fancy a number of association towers must be a steady 50 miles or so from his home. If, therefore, the general secretary happened to have a peal attempt on a district meeting day most of us, except perhaps the more stoical, would be able to find forgiveness in our hearts.

To deal with 'S. Truggler's' second question is not perhaps quite so easy. 'Reading between the lines' is usually a rather dangerous pastime, but I can hardly resist the temptation of this occasion. It would almost appear that your correspondent rather dislikes peal ringing. However, whether he finds the statement distasteful or not, I assert that peal ringers are, for the most part, the backbone of the Exercise, whether from the point of view of teaching, of Sunday service and practice ringing, or of furthering the cultural aspects of the art. Their record is a worthier one than that of the numerous individuals who condescendingly make up the number in their local tower, who frequently emphasise their own indispensability by coming late, and who so often need to be piloted through methods they are incapable of ringing properly by the despised peal ringers. If, therefore, the general secretary of 'S. Truggler's' Guild is a member of a peal-ringing clique, the chances are that he is a strong tower to his association. For my part, I am lucky enough to be in two or three peal-ringing cliques and the experience brings me great joy.

One last point, since your correspondent would appear to be an authority on guild affairs: I wonder if he can tell us how, in his guild, they manage to find the funds for the general secretary's salary. Some associations, I believe, have considerable difficulty in finding the usual four or five pounds a week regularly!—Yours faithfully,

79, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24. P. A. CORRY.

REMEDY IN HANDS OF MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Peals before meetings? My views on the questions asked by 'S. Truggler' are:—

(1) Any officer of a Guild who puts private arrangements before Guild business is not serving the best interests of the Guild, and in the long run will tend to harm the organisation he should serve.

(2) Cliques should be avoided at all cost, even if it means losing the services of an outstanding ringer; it would be better to have as officers those whose interest is spread over a wider field, though less proficient in the Exercise.

The remedy is in the hands of the members; if they are not satisfied, then look to it; and if no meetings are held through neglect of duty, then let the enthusiasts get together and have some unofficial meetings. It can be done.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES ROWE.

Prestbury, Glos.

P.S.—I intend to move a vote of censure on our secretary for his action on Easter Monday in being absent from the annual meeting to ring in a peal at Painswick. We have had no meeting since March.—C. R.

P.P.S.—The Cheltenham Rovers is result.

PEALS ANALYSIS, 1945

Dear Sir,—The Norwich Association is credited with one each of Spiced Surprise in 4 methods and 3 methods. We blush with pride, but on second thoughts would claim only to have rung one in three Plain methods and one in four methods (two Plain and two Treble Bob!).—Yours faithfully,

N. GOLDEN.

SHOULD PEAL RINGING BE OBJECTIVE?

Dear Sir,—Have the 1,304 peals been of any material use or benefit to the Exercise? I have thought for some time that there is not much relationship between the two, and by experience extends to Cheshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire; I say my experience of peal ringing and Sunday service ringing—not my experience in ringing, which only extends to 'covering,' but has been appreciated and enjoyed quite as much as any peal ringing.

There seems to me to be a vast difference to-day between peal ringing—that is ringing a peal for some worthy object, or even for the sheer joy of ringing—and mere peal snatching, and here is a result of the latter which is part of the reply to 'S. Truggler's' two pertinent questions.

I have been ringing for quite a few years and have rung four quarters—one, I understood, was a very well struck 'quarter' of semi-muffled Grandsire Caters. I never had any great desire for a full peal, but was often told 'you are not a ringer until you have rung a full peal.'

The Victory celebrations coincided with the centenary of our Parish Church, with which I have been connected for over 50 years. It had been suggested that there would be a peal to celebrate both occasions, or, rather, each occasion; imagine—I was going to say surprise—when I read in the local paper that a band, containing three strangers, had rung a peal to celebrate our centenary.

Now, may I give 'S. Truggler' my views on his two pertinent questions from practical experience in the branch of 'Our Guild.'

(1) Definitely no (but I know they do, even bowling matches come before monthly meetings).

(2) Again definitely no (but they are, and do a lot of arranging for peals at the meetings. I have known supposedly posh bands have three goes at Surprise methods and sometimes come home—and sometimes not).

Where is the help for 'the small fry'?

Well done, 'Crusader.' That is the sort of thing that is good for the Exercise and badly wanted.—Yours faithfully,

W. FRANK STENSON.

North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe.

'IN NEARLY EVERY ASSOCIATION'

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'S. Truggler,' has my sympathies.

We have, in the association of which I am a member, the same difficulties, more so in some districts than in others, but they are nothing new and have existed for years in nearly every association.

I myself would like to add an additional question to the two put by your correspondent: 'How many of the members of Peal Grabbers' Guilds would be as keen if the incumbents of the various churches insisted on church attendance?'—Yours faithfully,

FRANK AINSLEY.

30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland.

IN PRAISE OF MIDDLESEX MASTERS

Dear Sir,—'Crusader,' like most fault-finders, is too shy to sign his name. With regard to the internationals, I might say they did more to build up the Essex Association than any other organisation. I might also say that this idea was first put forward in 1938, but was said to be unworkable.

I have been ringing in Middlesex and Essex for 18 years, and so far as Masters go, no association has yet had a Master to beat those of the Middlesex in the handling of the ringing at meetings and making sure that everyone's wants were satisfied. Also, as far as my knowledge of the ringers goes in the S.W. Essex division, the number capable of teaching anyone to ring the standard methods can be counted on the fingers of one hand.—Yours faithfully,

Castle Heddingham, Essex. E. W. PYE.

EXPANDING TENORS!

Dear Sir,—I see by your leading article of August 2nd that we have another of those expanding tenors, this time at Chester Cathedral. This bell has now reached 35 cwt, I notice. Not long back it stood at 33 cwt. Barometer going up evidently. Actual weight 29 cwt. 11 lb. if memory serves, but I stand to be corrected. Does it do a bell any credit to give it a weight which its tone does not live up to?—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

[NOTE.—We consulted before publication what we regarded as an authentic work. No blame may be attached to Chester ringers; this weight is not their claim.—Editor.]

LONG SERVICE IN ONE BELFRY

Can this record of long service in a belfry be beaten? It comes from Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent. The following ringers trained by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon have remained in the belfry as regular ringers: W. C. Lawrence, 43 years; James Waley, 36 years; G. E. Lawrence, 34 years; William Corfield, 30 years; C. S. Ryles, 28 years; S. B. Bailey, 14 years; and Alban Jack, 10 years.

RECORD SPLICED MINOR PEAL

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT BIGBY.

A peal board commemorating the ringing of the record peal of Spliced Minor in 104 methods at Bigby, Lincs, in 1939, was unveiled on Saturday, July 27th. The ceremony took place at a joint meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the North Midland District of the Ladies' Guild. Among those present were Mr. Rupert Richardson, Guild Master, and Mrs. Richardson, hon. secretary of the Ladies' North Midland District, and members from Ulceby, Burton, Barton, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Barrow and the local members.

It was regretted that only four of the band who stood in the record peal were present, viz., Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, Mr. G. Feirn (conductor) and Mr. C. McGuiness. Mr. F. Lord and Mr. J. Millhouse were unavoidably absent.

Proceedings opened with a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Thackray), with Mrs. Thackray as organist. At the end of the service the company went to the belfry. Here Mr. G. Feirn explained the purport of the gathering and asked Mrs. Thackray to unveil the board commemorating the record peal of Spliced Minor.

In a gracious speech, Mrs. Thackray said it was the wish of the late Rector and president of the Guild, Archdeacon H. T. Parry, that she should unveil the board, and but for the war the ceremony would have taken place earlier. She was brought up in bellringing, her father being the late Harry Williams, of Headingley, Leeds, and her uncle Arthur Craven. With great pleasure she then unveiled the board.

Members then adjourned to the Rectory grounds, where a very nice tea was waiting, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Thackray and ringers' wives and friends. The president (Canon E. L. Marsden) presided at the business meeting, at which one honorary member was elected and one ringing member was re-elected. The collection for the District Bell Fund was 15s. 4d.

Mr. J. Bray appropriately mentioned how ringers came to Bigby with mixed feelings because of the affection with which they held the late Archdeacon Parry. He loved ringing and ringers. They were all thankful, however, they had such a great friend in their new Rector.

The Rev. H. Thackray, in acknowledging the gesture, said that Bigby was thought to be the centre of ringing for that district. They all knew what the late Archdeacon had done to foster ringing, not only in that parish, but also in the diocese in general.

The Guild Master spoke of the wonderful achievement the record peal of Minor was, and he gave a very interesting account of Spliced Minor ringing from its infancy up to the record peal. A vote of thanks to the president and to all who had made the meeting a success brought a very pleasant gathering to a close. Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

ILKESTON RINGERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

On Saturday, July 20th, a party of about 40 ringers and friends from Ilkeston Parish Church had a tour of some of the principal towers of Lincolnshire. Passing through Newark, with its fine Parish Church and historic castle, Nottinghamshire was soon left behind, and the county of Lincolnshire entered via the well-known Fosse Way.

Soon after 10 a.m. the party reached Lincoln and received a very cordial welcome from Mr. John A. Freeman, Mr. Jack Millhouse, Mr. K. Croft and others of the Cathedral ringers. Ringing at the Cathedral did not commence until 11 a.m., the interval being spent in a conducted tour of the Cathedral by most of the party, others appearing to show a keen interest in the old inns and taverns of the city.

Through the kindness of the above-named Cathedral ringers, the Cathedral bells, a fine peal of twelve, had been raised, and the ringing members of the party spent a very happy hour ringing various methods. It was indeed a privilege and a pleasure to ring these beautiful bells. An excellent lunch, at which some of the Cathedral ringers were very welcome guests, was thoroughly enjoyed, thanks being due to Mr. Frank Metham for so kindly making arrangements.

The party then proceeded to Boston, a beautiful old market town and sea port, with its splendid parish church and prominent tower, well known as Boston Stump. Being market day, the ladies of the party spent a pleasant and profitable hour in preference to climbing the 190 or so steps up to the ringing chamber. Thanks to the excellent lunch taken at Lincoln, most of the ringing members were sufficiently 'energised' to undertake the climb—and it was well worth the energy. Mr. Clarke very kindly led the way and an enjoyable time was spent with the splendid ring of ten.

Descent to the ground floor being accomplished in shorter time than the ascent, an early start was made for Surfleet, made famous in the ringing world by its association with the late Rev. H. Law James, who was Vicar here some years, and well known as a great composer of peals. He was responsible for the installation of the light but very beautiful ring of twelve in the unique leaning tower and spire of Surfleet. Mr. Rupert Richardson had very kindly made arrangements for tea at the Mermaid Inn, and he was congratulated on his choice. Regrets at parting with our Surfleet friends so early were expressed. Home was reached about 11 p.m., everyone agreeing that the outing had been most enjoyable.

F.W.S.

QUERY CORNER

We are having an outing shortly and hope to visit a ten-bell tower. Can you give us some short touches of Grandsire Caters of between 200 and 300 changes?

23456789	23456789
—75293846	
—89765423	25374968
—46839275	S 79285634
43628597	78962453
42366789	S 64738592
	63457289
	65324978

To be twice repeated. 270.

23456789	62593847
	—89672453
25374968	—47839562
—97285634	43758296
—68947325	45327689
—34658297	42563978
35426789	

To be twice repeated. 270.

23456789	—96482753
—75293846	98674325
79582634	—37958264
78965423	35729486
—46738295	32547698
—23456978	

Round at handstroke. About 300.
3 Courses in Tittum position.

To be twice repeated. 270.

23456789

23456978	1-4-5
65324	8 in 2
42563	8 in 2
32547698	9 in and
	out at 2

4 Courses in Tittum position.

TWO GUILDS AT TYTHERLEY SOME INTERESTING MEMORIES.

Memories were recalled when the combined meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Guild and the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild met at East Tytherley on August Bank Holiday.

Situated in heavily wooded country in West Hampshire, East Tytherley, with its fine ring of eight by Taylor's, tenor 14 cwt., is ideal from a ringing point of view for an all-day meeting. It is isolated and the nearest cottages are some distance from the church. Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, who was present, has vivid recollections of ringing three peals in one day at this church. Another veteran present was Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of the Salisbury Guild.

Favoured by good weather, the meeting was a great success. About 60 members and friends were present from a wide area. Ringers were present from places as far away as Crawley, Sussex, Kingston-on-Thames, Gloucester and Croydon. Ringing commenced soon after 11 a.m. and continued to 8 p.m. Various methods up to London Surprise were practised.

The ring of six at Lockerley were also available and made good use of during the afternoon and evening. A party paid a visit to the neighbouring village of Mottisfort, where there is a ring of five in the minor key.

A short service was held at East Tytherley Church, taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. S. Sleigh, who is the diocesan organiser for C. of E. Waifs and Strays Society. He gave a talk on the work of the society and a collection for it realised 34s. 6d.

There was only one drawback to the meeting. Refreshments were very difficult to arrange, and on August Bank Holiday the only 'local' was sold out the day before.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD DISTRICT AT WILLINGTON.

An enjoyable district meeting was held at Willington on July 27th, supported by 36 members and friends from Great Barford, Bromham, Maulden, Willesden, Blunham, Kempston, Cardington, Riseley, Great Staughton, Turvey, Renhold, Bedford (St. Peter's and St. Paul's), Elstow, Roxton, Stagsden, Tempsford, Biddenham and the local tower. Cups of tea, kindly provided by the local company, were served in the Village Hall.

Mr. J. E. Hilson presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to visit Colmworth and Little Staughton for the meeting in August. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 12s.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Exercise, London Scholars, Cambridge, York, Stamford, Beverley and Spiced Surfleet, Beverley, Durham, York and Cambridge.

OBITUARY

P. C. REGINALD BENTHAM

We regret to record the death of P. C. Reginald Bentham, of the Leicester City Police Force. He was taken seriously ill at his home on Sunday, July 28th, and was removed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he died two days later. He belonged to Stamford and was buried in Stamford Cemetery, following a service at St. George's Church. A police escort from Leicester attended the funeral.

P. C. Bentham was a member of the National Guild of Police Ringers and also the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He was one of the young members of the Leicester City Police Force, who were taught the rudiments during the ban on ringing. He could handle a bell well, but his progress was retarded by his joining the Royal Navy. He left the Service only a few months ago and was showing enthusiasm for ringing. He had a grand disposition and was jiked by all who came into contact with him. His death is deplored by members of both Guilds.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD

Mr. Frederick C. Smale, hon. secretary, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, writes:—

The passing of Mr. Edwin Shepherd at the age of 84 has removed the oldest and one of the most interesting personalities of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was his first and last love as a change ringer, and with its destruction in the blitz of 1942 Mr. Shepherd's ringing career ended, though he attended the Guild's annual meeting at St. Thomas', Exeter, in 1945. For many years he was the leader of St. Sidwell's band and acted as churchwarden.

A perusal of the peal books of the Devon Guild (the first 200 peals of which are brilliantly illuminated, showing the pride in which a peal was held in the '70's and '80's) reveals that the first peal for the Guild was rung at Huntsham in 1875, of which John C. Troyte was the conductor. Of the first dozen peals, seven were rung at Huntsham and three at St. Sidwell's. It is interesting to mention that Jasper W. Snowdon conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Huntsham, in which Charles Troyte and other Huntsham ringers took part, on May 5th, 1878.

In the thirteenth peal for the Guild Edwin Shepherd rang the tenor in Grandsire Triples. This was rung September 11th, 1880, and in the band were Joseph Fields, of Oxford, conductor, and W. French, of Oxford; the rest were Exeter men. His first peal as conductor occurred at St. Sidwell's, October 2nd, 1886. He conducted the 50th peal of the Guild at St. Sidwell's, November 7th, 1891, and this was his 21st peal, two of Grandsire Caters and 19 of Grandsire Triples, his brothers being very often associated with him with Ferris Shepherd as the conductor, though W. Bannister and the Rev. J. E. Robinson also figure in that capacity. Thus it will be clear that Edwin Shepherd was a pioneer in change ringing in Devon and that the work begun at Huntsham developed at St. Sidwell's. Not until 1903 did Mr. Shepherd take part in a peal of Stedman Triples, and he rang his first peal of Bob Major in 1904.

Altogether Edwin Shepherd rang 117 peals for the Guild, conducting 48. Amongst these were 1 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 2 of Bob Major, 1 of Grandsire Cinques, 13 of Grandsire Caters, 5 of Stedman Caters, 26 of Stedman Triples, 69 of Grandsire Triples. Mr. Shepherd was closely associated with St. David's, Exeter, and under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Searle, who rang peals with him as early as 1890, a composite band, representing the towers of Exeter, rang muffled touches in remembrance of him on July 26th, the evening of his funeral.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Eynsford, that old world village, attracted upwards of 70 ringers and friends on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District on July 27th. Towers represented were Bexley, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Farningham, Beckenham, Gravesend, Lee, Lewisham, Penge, Sevenoaks, West Wickham, Wrotham and the local band. Ringing during the afternoon was succeeded by the ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. G. Hill). A collection for the Benevolent and Belfry Repair Funds realised £1 10s. 9d.

After a splendid tea at Hillcroft, the business meeting was held in the village school, the Vicar presiding. Five new members from Woolwich, Farningham and Eynsford were elected and the election of two members was ratified.

It was decided to place on the agenda of the November committee meeting a proposal to amend the rules of the Benevolent Fund to widen its scope in relation to members eligible for benefit.

Mr. I. Emery paid tribute to the long and worthy ringing career of the late Mr. H. Hoskins (Greenwich) and the meeting signified its sympathy in the customary manner. The secretary was instructed to convey the members' condolences to Mrs. Hoskins. St. Margaret's, Lee, was chosen for the annual district meeting, to be held on October 26th. Votes of thanks for the use of the bells, for the service and general arrangements concluded the business.

Further ringing at Eynsford and in the neighbouring tower at Farningham continued until 9 p.m., the bells running to rounds and the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise.

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BIRTHS

STOTE.—To Margaret (nee Crossley), wife of William A. Stote, of Coventry, on Monday, August 5th, a son (Brian William). Both well.

SAYER.—On Monday, August 5th, at the Woodlands Hospital, Norwich, to Gwen, wife of George Sayer, a son (Christopher George).

DEATHS

COLES.—On August 5th, at Longdown Lane, Ewell, Lydia Caroline, mother of A. W. and the late C. T. Coles. Aged 85 years.

FIELD.—On Saturday, August 10th, at Ridouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford, Dorset, Sarah Ellen Field, aged 73, widow of the late Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton, and beloved mother of E. T. P. Field, Ringing Master of the N.D. Branch, Salisbury Guild, for many years an hon. member of the guild and a friend of all ringers.

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GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5.15.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District.—Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. No. 342 bus from Potters Bar Garage.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Llanfigan (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Bring own food.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Next meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Next meeting, Maldon, Aug. 24th. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All Saints' bells also available. Numbers for tea by Aug. 21st.—A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Nailsea, August 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Teynham, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. Names to Mr. V. J. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the White Horse. Names to be sent by Monday, Aug. 19th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Waldron (8), Saturday, Aug. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. One week's notice, please, to John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford District.—Meeting at Shipston-on-Stour Parish Church (6 bells), Saturday, August 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Bell Hotel.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Leicester Branch.—Meeting at Ibstock (6), on Saturday, August 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss Iris Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Road, Ibstock, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, August 20th.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Medbourne, Sat., Aug. 24th, at 3 p.m., not Aug. 17th. Meat tea at 5 p.m. at House and Trumpet, 3s. each. Names for tea by August 20th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Gt. Glenn.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Upwey, August 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester, Dorset, by August 19th.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Great Budworth (8), Saturday, August 24th. Please bring sandwiches.—Miss D. C. Osborn, 258, London Road, Northwich.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Calverley, Aug. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—August 24th. Ringing Whetstone 3 to 5, Crosby 6.30 to 8.30. Cups of tea only, and meeting at Bunning Hall, Cosby, at 5.30.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at East Brent (6), Saturday, August 24th, at 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Wonston (6), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Also available: Barton Stacey (6). Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory; bring own food.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Saturday, August 24th, Marlow, 5 to 8 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Harpole (5), August 24th. Please bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Bi-quarterly meeting at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Saturday, August 24th, 3 p.m.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Wells (8), Saturday, August 24th. Tea 5 o'clock. Holkham (6) after tea. Please notify W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough and Burton Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8), August 31st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. W. Beardsmore, Lincroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, no later than first post, August 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Bridlington (8), Aug. 31st, available from noon. Service in Priory Church at 3.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. J. Parker, Pumping Station, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by first post, Tuesday, August 27th. Business meeting afterwards.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Colmworth and Little Staughton on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Colmworth bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. Little Staughton bells after tea.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Maidwell, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Names for tea by 24th, please.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting, Sketty, September 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Brighton, by invitation, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 5.30. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by August 28th to R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec., 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary. Annual Dinner.—Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Tickets (5s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch or general secretaries. Accommodation strictly limited.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—The final meeting will be held in Leicester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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