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AN IDEAL MASTER

Throughout the Exercise a sense of loss will prevail with the publication of the news of the death of Major John H. B. Hesse. He died at Wrington, Somerset, where he had spent the last four years of his life after he retired from the Mastership of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. John Hesse was the ideal Master; he had that knowledge and dignity that embellished the office. As first Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with the late Mr. John S. Goldsmith as hon. secretary, a perfect team was established to set the new Guild on sound lines.

Where Major Hesse was invaluable to the Guild and Diocese was in regard to the mechanical engineering side of bellringing, the construction of bell frames and the architecture of towers as concerned ringing. He was a member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council, and he wrote a chapter in Sir Arthur Percival Heywood's book on "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging: An appeal to architects." He was, indeed, an authority. Of the many towers in which he took a special interest two are outstanding. At Haslemere, his own church, he was instrumental in having the bells recast and rehung, and later augmented to 10, and at Sherborne Abbey, where he worshipped as a schoolboy while attending the famous public school, he placed his skill and knowledge at the disposal of the authorities when this weighty peal was being rehung. His personal friends who had been in his workshops knew of his models and constant experiments in regard to bells and sounds.

Major Hesse loved ringing. To him there was a sense of exhilaration as bells were rung to a rhythm with perfect striking. He stood in a number of long length peals, two being over 10,000 changes; he was also a member of the company who, in 1926, lost the attempted record peal of London after 7½ hours' ringing. This friendship of the ringing chamber remained constant with him. Ringers from all parts of the country made special journeys to Wrington to talk about old times, and only a week before his death we heard of a ringing friend of his when he was an active member of the Middlesex Association spending an hour with him in this quiet Somerset village. He was particularly proud of his membership of the College Youths, and it was a big moment in his life when he was asked to stand in a peal at St. Paul's. While he never held office with the College Youths, his name will be remembered with that vast company of worthies.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus by all the band.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus by all the band and for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

W. NORMAN PARK ... Treble	FREDERICK ROBSON ... 6
JOHN A. BROWN ... 2	ROLAND PARK ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... 8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 9
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 5	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
Rung to welcome the arrival of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. F. Robson.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE ... Treble	ALAN CORNISH ... 6
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 2	ALFRED H. WEBB ... 7
*ROBERT B. BLOND ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
*HENRY K. WHITE ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal of Caters.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	*HARRY HOVERD ... 7
*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	*JAMES BENNETT ... 8
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... 9
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE ... Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 5
ALAN POTTS ... 2	CECIL RADDEN ... 6
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**A PEAL OF PERSHORE BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANCES;**
Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

ROCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY BONES ... Treble	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
*HENRY PRATT ... 3	H. WALTER SMITH ... 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	C. HAROLD SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**
Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE HARWOOD ... Treble	HARRY COMSER ... 5
*TOM HILLMAN ... 2	ALBERT MORLEY ... 6
FRED LONGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM PROCTER ... 7
ERNEST J. GOWER ... 4	FRED READ ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung on the 42nd anniversary of L. Stilwell's first peal on the bells.

EDMONTON, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**
Middleton's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ERNEST B. BETTS Treble	FRED HODGSON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CROSTHWAITHE, CUMBERLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

FRED HODGSON Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
ERNEST B. BETTS 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. WORTH.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 2	A. GEORGE WELLS 6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 3	FRED A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*IVOR H. TRUEMAN 4	†JOSEPH DURHAM Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS LEE Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5
*JOHN M. BROADBENT ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	JOHN E. SPICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST B. BETTS Treble	FRED HODGSON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by M. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. WORTH.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	ARTHUR JONES 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN S. MASON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN H. HAYWARD ... Treble	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
*JOHN F. MOOR 4	STANLEY E. DARMON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 5
DX. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. LEACH 6
HERBERT GATES 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung as a 96th birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Ellens. First peal on the bells since recasting of treble, 5th and 6th by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND
ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF GRANDISRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*CYRIL MORDUE Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES 5
*MISS M. A. P. BERTIE ... 2	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 6
†J. WILLIAM BOBSON ... 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	†ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the conductor.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
JAMES BRACKLEY 2	HAROLD A. MAY 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 7
ERNEST GOATER 4	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Haley's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 5
*BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS 4	NEIL I. ALLNATT Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

* 25th peal.

CHISWICK, LONDON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDGAR HUMFREY ... Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
WALTER LEE 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
ARTHUR NEWTON 4	*DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
*TOM PAGE 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, A. N. Wood 2, F. J. Green 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, W. Yates 5, F. C. Case 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

LONGPARISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALAN TREMEER Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4
NESTA D. SMITH 2	RICHARD SMITH 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

FREDK. W. STOKES ... Treble	*JOHN F. PEARSON ... 4
*JOHN E. COOK 2	†KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5
*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Madeleine M. Lyon.

EASTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, five 720's of Plain Bob Minor, with different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN J. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS W. TUNE ... 4
EDWARD PHILPOT ... 2	*JACK THOMPSON ... 5
ROBERT B. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar upon retirement.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

J. CHARLES SMITH ... Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 4
MISS MERCIA BOOKER ... 2	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY ... 5
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 3	GEORGE F. CAPELING ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. S. Heath), who is leaving for Woking.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 4
*LAURENCE A. TARR ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
FRANCIS KIRK 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

HISTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*LORD WRENBURY (King's)

Treble

S. E. DARMON (St.

John's)

... .. 4

REV. B. F. SHEPPARD

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)

... .. 5

(Trinity) 2

R. LEIGH (St. Cath's)

Tenor

E. J. LINDLEY (Trin.)

3

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

* First peal.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... Treble	ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4

WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
*JILL POOLE 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal of Kent Major on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Rung on the 45th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	†EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First Surprise peal on handbells and fiftieth peal. † First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 9, 1946, in Two Hours,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. PAUL'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... 1-2	TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 3-4
DESMOND G. MAYELL 5-6	

Conducted by D. G. MAYELL.

First handbell peal by all.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PHILIP J. COWARD ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	†WILLIAM ROGERS 7-8

Composed by I. J. ATTWATER. Conducted by J. THOMAS.
* First peal of Bob Major on 1-2. † First peal 'in hand.'

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Oct. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGE OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) 1-2	BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 5-6
WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) 3-4	M. WILLIAM H. GRAY (Hertford) 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On September 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Combined Single Oxford and Double Oxford, 360 St. Clement's and 180 Plain Bob): H. A. May 1, C. E. Smith 2, E. R. Rapley 3, G. L. Grover 4, W. T. Beeson 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. Rung after a peal had been lost through a rope breaking.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Worboys 1, A. Chaplin 2, C. E. Faulkner 3, E. G. Cottis 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, F. Gant 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, S. H. Holgate 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who has been appointed Bishop of Carlisle.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael and All Angels' on September 29th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway 1, J. E. Ballard 2, A. Anstey 3, J. Weaver 4, C. W. Munday 5, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 6, F. A. Munday 7, G. H. Webb 8.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Wood 1, R. P. Wood 2, H. F. Wood 3, A. E. Holden 4, C. H. Wood 5, W. Wicks 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, A. Emery 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On September 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsdon 1, O. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. R. Greenough 4, F. James (conductor) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRISTOL.—On September 29th at St. Mary Redcliffe, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. Tyler 1, A. Pearce 2, C. Mogford 3, G. Pearce 4, L. Pearce 5, C. H. Woods (first quarter of Royal) 6, W. Parker 7, D. G. Clift 8, N. Coombs 9, E. F. Hancock (first quarter as conductor) 10.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. A. Barnett (first on tower bells) 1, H. Howard 2, E. Barnett 3, F. A. Coley 4, H. E. Andeley 5, C. Brett-Smith 6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7, W. J. Lemon 8.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Huckle (first quarter) 1, A. L. Ford 2, S. Foskett 3, G. Goodwin (first quarter) 4, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 5, J. Norton (first quarter) 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On September 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Saunders (first of Minor) 1, M. Saunders 2, C. L. Catlin (first quarter) 3, K. R. Holton (first quarter) 4, C. Hinton 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

HENDON, N.W.—On September 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Charge 1, R. H. Begrie 2, G. Charge 3, Squadron Leader P. D. Oldham 4, E. Pratchett 5, R. Newman (conductor) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On September 29th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob: E. Paveley (first in method) 1, A. Reeve 2, J. Armstrong (first in method) 3, J. Carrott 4, J. Cornford (conductor) 5, J. Grove 6, F. Gant 7, F. Freestone 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON.—On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dawson 1, B. W. Furbank 2, A. Prior 3, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On September 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Wickens 1, A. Humphrey 2, C. Loughurst 3, H. Weaver 4, P. Bond 5, P. Blackman (conductor) 6. First quarter of Kent Minor for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—On September 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Matthews, sen. 1, J. Buckenham 2, V. Bowen 3, W. Buckenham (conductor) 4, F. Matthews, jun. 5, E. Barker 6.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On September 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: H. Ludkin 1, F. R. Harris (first quarter) 2, J. Hall 3, Mary Walshaw 4, R. Edwards (first 'inside') 5, W. Kerr (first 'inside') 6, B. Walshaw 7, H. Walker (conductor) 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On September 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ollier 1, J. E. Brough 2, T. Astbury 3, F. Barnard 4, W. Kerr 5, F. S. Sutton 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, E. J. Boffey 8. Rung for and on the conductor's 68th birthday.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Clare 1, R. Howson 2, V. Adams (first in method) 3, H. Board (conductor) 4, R. Abrams 5, E. Lathall 6, R. Hall 7, P. Bignell 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. Moxon.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On September 25th, at St. Paul's, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. E. Manns 1, L. A. Page 2, F. L. Harris (conductor) 3, J. E. Figgures 4, L. Harris 5, W. A. Theobald 6.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On September 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Armstrong 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, W. C. Parker 3, D. Sleet 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, W. E. Butler 6, R. J. Andrews 7, G. Haines 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On September 29th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey (conductor) 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, R. Bedford 5, F. Kirk 6.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On September 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Sharp 1, R. Howson 2, A. Armstrong (first of Minor) 3, R. Abrams 4, F. Mynard, jun. (first of Minor) 5, V. Adams (first as conductor) 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On September 25th, 1,258 Stedman Cateters: Miss B. Smedley 1, J. Potter 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, T. Royle 4, H. Ludkin 5, R. Edwards 6, F. Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, W. Walker (conductor) 9, R. Alfred 10. First quarter in the method by 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Maximus is in the air this week. From Leicester comes a first in
Superlative by Harold J. Poole's band, and from Wolverhampton a
first in Yorkshire by the band conducted by George E. Fearn.

The peal rung at Hathor, Leicestershire, on September 28th, was
of Single Oxford Bob Minor and not Oxford Treble Bob as stated in
our issue of October 11th.

'It's a pity my wife saw that cartoon,' writes 'Poor Plain Bob.'
'Just like you and old so-and-so when you both think you are right,'
was her comment.

Next week there will be a change in the appearance of 'The
Ringing World' by the introduction of three columns to the page.
In consequence charges for notices will be simplified to one penny per
word, minimum 2s.

Mr. E. Bishop, sen., has completed 65 years as a ringer at Rother-
field Church. He participated on his 81st birthday on September
29th in a quarter of Grandsire in honour of the happy occasion. P.
Bacon then rang his first quarter 'inside.'

Mr. W. F. Judge desires to amend the number of changes in the
peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Dorchester on September
29th from 5,088 to 5,024.

In the broadcast exchange of letters between this country and
U.S.A. on October 15th, one was read from Mr. W. Smalley, of West-
boughton, Lancs, giving details of ringing generally and asking if
Americans were interested in ringing.

Luck under a seven? Mr. W. Eric Critchley, of Doncaster, has
made seven attempts to ring a peal of Stedman Triples this year and
has at last succeeded. In four of the attempts, including the peal,
he was the conductor.

The ancient peal shoes were taken by a Lancashire ringer on the
Lakeland tour. These would have been out of commission but for
the expert craftsmanship of a Suffolk ringer. They are said to have
the magic power of creating confidence.

Will ringers requiring additional copies of a particular issue please
send remittance with peal or quarter-peal? While there is now no
restriction on sale of 'The Ringing World,' to avoid waste we must
be notified in advance.

Among the peals that are never forgotten was that at Bishopstone,
Wilts, on October 5th, when a member of the company lost his
trousers! Before starting he removed his braces, but didn't tighten
his belt sufficiently. A new motto for ringers: A tight rope and a
tight belt.

Those to ring their first peal this week include Lord Wrenbury, a
member of the Cambridge University Guild. One clerical member re-
cently looked forward to the day when a peal would be rung by
Bishops. A peal by the peers temporal seems more within the bounds
of possibility.

Tongues have been wagging over the case for shorter peals in
Lancashire. One prominent county official, looking at his blistered
hands at the conclusion of the Lakeland tour, said he was going to
support a change. Funny how he altered his mind during the week-
end!

Writes the Master of the Cambridge University Guild: The peal at
Sawston, in which seven resident members of Cambridge University
Guild rang, rather exposes the falseness of the remarks about ringing
at this university having fallen flat.

Two 14-year-old ringers, J. B. Ford and R. Hartley, rang their first
quarter-peal of Stedman at Stoke Poges, Bucks, on September 29th.
L. Albrow on the tenor rang his first quarter. The conductor was
A. D. Barker.

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL

250 RINGERS AT CARBIS BAY DEDICATION.

The unfinished tower of St. Anta and All Saints' Church, Carbis Bay, which is in the borough of St. Ives, now possesses a splendid light ring of eight bells. The tenor weighs 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. At the end of 1940 the Rev. A. S. Roberts was appointed to Carbis Bay, and in those difficult days worked out a plan for a future peal. At that time much else for the church was needed, there even being no house of residence for the priest-in-charge, but a generous bequest filled this need, and the plan for the bells began to take shape. One by one the bells were provided for by donors, and no appeal was made except in the case of No. 7, which is the 'Ringers' Bell.'

When the eight bells had been provided for, the Church Council was informed, and the members enthusiastically agreed to provide £400 for the framework, etc. The tower is 11ft. square, and the top stage has yet to be put on, but the level for the bells was there, and the ringing room some 15ft. below had been provided by the architect, Mr. R. F. Wheatly, of Truro, when the church was built in 1929. Although there are still some details in the tower which could not be finished because of the difficult times, movable shutters have been fixed inside the louvres, and there are two floors, with air space between, which separate the ringers from the bells. The effect of the bells both inside and outside the tower is most pleasing.

A great crowd attended the dedication service on October 12th to hear and try Cornwall's first post-war peal. There was not room in the church, and a marquee was erected outside the church and the service relayed to it. There were 25 visiting clergy, and more than 250 ringers representing over 30 Cornish towers, as well as numerous parishioners. The Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) praised the work which had gone into the formation of the new parish, and described it as a model. 'The bells,' he said, 'will bring a message of joy into the worship of God.' The Bishop pointed out that the total cost of £1,200 had been paid before the dedication.

After the dedication eight ringers representing eight Cornish towers, under Mr. W. H. Southard, Diocesan Ringing Master, rang rounds, and immediately after the service ringing began at approximately 4 p.m. and went on continuously until 9 p.m. so that more than 250 could try the bells. The organisation was excellent, and Mr. Southard and Messrs. E. Sanders and C. E. Lanxon who assisted him are to be congratulated on the fact that no damage was done—not even a stay broken. Visitors from outside Cornwall were Messrs. J. W. Jones (Newport), J. F. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. Ryall (Exeter) and a party from Plymouth. All were loud in their praise of the new bells which do great credit to the bellfounders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the bellfounders at the dedication.

Each of the eight bells is dedicated to a saint as follows: Treble, St. Mary (given by Mrs. E. Jessie C. Roberts), 2 St. Cecilia (an anonymous gift), 3 St. Nicholas (gift of the Children's Church), 4 St. John the Baptist (gift of Marion and Monica in memory of their father, Alfred Langdon Lidgley), 5 St. David (gift of Mrs. Weightman), 6 St. Anta and All Saints (gift of the Misses Curnow), 7 St. Mark (The Ringers' Bell), tenor St. Monica (gift of the Ladies' Working Party).

A local band has been formed, and some of the boys took part in the ringing on Sunday, and rounds were rung on the eight, and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandfire Doubles on the back six with the help of visitors.

On Wednesday, October 16th, the first quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples was rung on the new bells by Victor Wood 1, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 2, Miss Eileen Symons 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, Philip J. Hitchens 5, Geoffrey W. Taysom 6, Harry Miles 7, William Wood tenor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Rolleston-on-Dove, situated in the northern part of the Diocese of Lichfield, and former home of Sir Oswald Mosley's family, earned a reputation as an ideal tower for a successful meeting during the Burton District days of the late Midland Counties Association.

On October 19th the newly-formed Midland Counties Guild held its first meeting there and were well repaid by an attendance of 40 members and friends from Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Winskill, Measham, Overseale, Netherseale, Ticknall, Repton, Lullington, Derby Cathedral, Ockbrook, Leicester (St. Margaret's), Cheadle, Castle Donington, Ibstock, Wolverhampton and the local band.

The Rector (the Rev. F. Abbott, M.A.) conducted a short service, and after welcoming the visitors spoke of the simple message the bells gave and the ringers' witness in this scientific age. Mrs. Greening, a member of the local band, was the organist, and a collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1.

After tea Mr. B. G. Key presided over the business meeting when the Rector was elected an honorary member of the Guild and the heavy elections of Messrs. G. E. Oliver, A. M. Pickering, G. W. Hughes and A. D. Steel were ratified as non-resident members. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at the Priory Church, Tutbury, on December 21st.

Amongst the methods rung were Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Little Bob Major. Everybody present rang, including the young enthusiast from Ticknall, who rang rounds whilst standing on a pchair.

OBITUARY

MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE.

We regret to announce the death of Major John Harley Bridger Hesse at Woodview, Wrington, Somerset, on October 18th, aged 72. Major Hesse had been in failing health for some months, but his end was unexpected as he seemed at 'late to be much better.

The son of Col. John Valentine Hesse, I.A., he was born in India, but spent his boyhood days at Wedmore, Somerset, where he learnt to ring. He was educated at Sherborne School and was articled to Messrs. Harland and Woolf, the world-famous engineering company. For many years he held an executive position with Messrs. Thornycrofts. During the Great War he served overseas with the Army Service Corps.

Not only as a ringer—and he had a very large number of peals to his credit—but on the engineering side of bells was Major Hesse an outstanding personality. His technical knowledge was as comprehensive as any man's living, and he loved to experiment with models on his theories. The present Haslemere bells, in a sense, are a memorial to him. Through his initiative the original eight were recast and rehung and later augmented to ten. He also took a personal interest in Sherborne Abbey bells.

When the Guildford Diocesan Guild was formed in 1927 the choice of Major Hesse as the first Master seemed obvious. He held office until four years ago, being held in affectionate esteem by all members of the Guild, and his authoritative opinions on rehavings and augmentations were of great value to the diocese.

Of his peals, for his silver wedding he rang in his own tower, Haslemere, in 1921, 10,025 Stedman Caters in 6 hours 32 minutes. Another long peal was in 1931 at Warnham, Sussex, when he rang 10,432 Treble Bob Major in 6 hours and 12 minutes. He was particularly proud of the peal he rang with his fellow members of the College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral, and he frequently recalled the peal of Stedman Triples rung on the back eight at Wells Cathedral the day after he had rung a peal on the old heavy eight of his old school church at Sherborne Abbey.

The funeral took place at Wrington on Tuesday.

The news of the passing of Major Hesse was reported at the meeting of the Guildford District at Haslemere on Saturday and received with deep regret, members standing in silence as a tribute to his memory. The meeting was attended by the Guild's Master (Mr. A. Harman) and secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), and members and visitors from Guildford, Clandon, Southfields, Bramshott, Haslemere, Grayslott, Ewhurst, Wisbech, Worplesdon and Leatherhead. The Rector conducted the Guild service.

AN APPRECIATION.

John Harley Bridger Hesse was a man of simple delights. He loved the simple things of the countryside and Somerset to him was his home. He used to say when driving from the London direction that he always knew when he crossed the Somerset border, by the soft feeling of the air. Somerset ways and language were to him an ever recurring delight. Wrington bells were the first he ever heard, when he was brought to this country from India at the age of six years. By his efforts the six he heard then form the basis of the present noble ten. He loved the bells, and until he was physically incapacitated spent many hours among them. The bell chamber was a picture of cleanliness and order.

An engineer by profession, he applied his knowledge to bell hanging and his advice was freely sought. His last work of this kind was to inspect and give advice on Wells Cathedral bells. The meticulous care with which he prepared his report and the pains he took over the drawings to illustrate his points were typical of the man. What he attempted to do he did well.

His ringing tastes were simple, too. His more than six hundred peals were in the standard methods chiefly, but he also rang many peals of Surprise on the treble. He was insistent upon good striking. Whether he or the late Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, was the instigator of the 'service touch' at meetings is not known, but the thought that only the very best is good enough for service ringing illustrates his outlook.

His humour was impish, as those well know who spent Somerset ringing weeks with him. He was kindness itself, ever unselfish. He loved dogs so well that he would not keep one latterly because he could give it no exercise.

And so we leave him, under the grand tower, with wooded heights to the north and the softly swelling slopes of Mendip to the south. As long as bells are rung the name of John Hesse will be remembered.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Congall's Church, Bangor, on October 12th, the following towers being represented: Carrickfergus, Holywood, Bangor and St. Thomas', Belfast.

The business meeting was held in the Dufferin Hall, and in the absence of the president the chair was taken by Mr. William Pratt, Holywood, Ringing Master.

It was decided that the next annual meeting at Holywood should be held on December 26th. Ringing continued until late in the evening, and consisted of Grandfire Triples and Plain Bob Minor.

A SELECTION OF OUR READERS' LETTERS

Why 5,000 Changes?

THE CASE FOR SHORTER PEALS.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Peter Crook's suggestion that the number of changes for a peal should be reduced. I agree with him, and from conversations I have had with ringers in various parts of the country I can safely say I am not alone in my thoughts.

I have done my share of peal ringing in methods ranging from Grandsire to London and I know the pleasures that come from attainment; but I am beginning to feel that there is something wrong in the rule that 5,000 changes must be the minimum for a peal. If my reading of history has been correct, the sole reason for this number being chosen was a mathematical one; men struggled for years to compose a complete peal of Triples in both Grandsire and Stedman: it was this which fixed the number of changes at 5,040. It was the extent on seven bells which fixed the length of a peal on all numbers of bells. The peals on seven bells which were composed in Grandsire and Stedman were landmarks in the history of change ringing. But the incentive to ring these 5,040 changes was in the first place mathematical. I honour the men who laboured in these fields during the 18th and 19th centuries. Now I feel that the time has come to examine our standards and adopt a different outlook on peal ringing.

Ringing has been variously considered as a sport, as a mathematical science and as an art. The first idea has, I hope, gone for ever. There remain the scientific and artistic aspects of ringing, both of which we must retain. Mathematical composition would still be necessary even if the number of changes for a peal were reduced. Composition would be viewed from a different angle. One sometimes hears it said that all the changes sound the same; this is nonsense. As an example, it would be possible in, say, Grandsire Triples to concentrate more on such points as the seventh coursing the sixth, for these changes, to me at least, sound particularly pleasing. Stedman too has its own musical possibilities which could be developed. With fewer changes for a peal, composition would be found more interesting from a musical point of view.

From the artistic side, there is much to be said for shorter peals. We need to consider the outside listener who, let us not forget, has to listen whether he likes or not. It needs a great effort to listen to a first class orchestra for more than three hours even when the type of music varies. What right have we to force the sound of bells on the public for such long periods and then be surprised and cross when complaints are made? An hour and a half would be a different matter, especially if we ask our efforts to be judged from artistic standards. And what of the ringer himself, considered as an artist? I have heard it seriously argued that it is the last hour of the peal which is the real test of the ringer; it demands, it is said, great alertness of mind when one is feeling tired. If ringing were a sport (which I do not admit) there might be some point to this argument. But we do not judge a musician on his power to play when he is tired; we want to hear him when he is fresh and at his best. So should we judge the ringer who is trying to make the bells sound their musical best.

One more practical point: for many ringers, it is almost impossible to find the time for peal ringing, demanding, as it does, so long a period away from home. With shorter peals, I feel sure we should get greater interest from more ringers; and that, I hope, does count.

If these alterations in peal ringing standards were made, would our art suffer? This is an important point, and if I thought it would I would withdraw all I have written. But I do not think for one moment that this would happen. Indeed, I feel that the contrary would be true and that we should be taking a great step forward.

This subject is a thorny one, but it is one which we shall have to tackle sooner or later. In any discussion which may arise from this letter, may I add, to avoid dragging red herrings across the trail, that I am not opposed to peal ringing; I enjoy it as much as anyone. I merely think that the time has come to adopt different standards. I shall be pleased to hear other people's views, expressed either through the columns of 'The Ringing World' or sent to me at my home address. I should like to add that these views are my own and do not in any way commit the members of the Lancashire Association.—Yours sincerely,

F. F. RIGBY, President of the Lancashire Association.

BLINDFOLD CONDUCTING

Dear Sir,—Noting Mr. H. Martin's letter in the October 11th issue concerning blindfolded peal conductors, it is a pleasure to inform him that in the belfry at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, there is a peal board commemorating such a case in point.

On October 12th, 1907, Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, successfully called Thurstons' One-part peal of Stedman Triples, the first time this peal had been performed on tower bells.

It may be of interest to state that a repeat attempt was made 30 years later, on the same bells, and with as many of the original band as possible, and its failure could in no way be traced to the conductor.

E. E. SPEAKE.

Blakenhall, Wolverhampton.

Oxford Record Peal

TWO QUOTATIONS FROM RUSKIN.

Sir,—'No great intelligent thing was ever done by great effort. A great thing can only be done by a great man, and he does it without effort.'

Those words of John Ruskin will be recognised in English literature from time immemorial as containing one of his many brilliant truisms; therefore, they can and should be read advantageously by all who would show keen interest in the present controversy concerning the record Oxford peal.

To attempt to place this achievement in the category of 'great' because it was a feat of outstanding endurance, or because of the many intricacies of Stedman Cinques being cleverly overcome, is to do grave injustice to those taking part.

Almost every member of that band has been a great ringer for many years, one his qualifications being that, speaking figuratively, 'he could ring Stedman Cinques with his eyes shut.'

Also, the 'greatness' of that peal depends not upon the effort put into it, but upon the ease with which it was rung, even if for no other reason than the assurance of excellent striking. In spite of the many congratulatory handshakes and messages they must have received, I believe it true to say this achievement has not added one iota to the deep respect fellow ringers previously held for the members of the band, and I am certain that it was with such thoughts in his mind that Mr. Dark drew his simile to pale squatting.

Again, careful reading of the first paragraph of Mr. Dark's original letter shows beyond doubt that the primary motive behind his protest is to prevent a fallacy of what 'greatness' really is, spreading among young enthusiastic ringers such as his 'protégé,' thus endangering the prospect of their becoming great men and thereby great ringers.

One can also read in Mr. Dark's letter his real anxiety lest ringers already great should lose such greatness in the throes of selfishness thereby injuring their own cause and his.

Far fewer churches would be short of good, if not great, ringers if more non-ringing churchwardens showed such keen interest in ringing and in the welfare of a young enthusiast as Mr. Dark has shown.

Surely many ringers feel very much indebted to him. Certainly no real friend of the Editor could treat such consideration with contempt. Even more certain is it that a vast majority of your regular readers are bitterly disappointed with the irrelevant vindictiveness shown by some of Mr. Dark's critics. To quote John Ruskin again, 'Neither can any good ever come out of hatred.'

'CHURCHWARDEN AND RINGER.'

Chichester.

'LISTENING TO THEM'

Dear Sir,—The recent letters regarding performances of blind ringers prompts me to refer to an interesting practice occasionally indulged in at home when I was a lad.

My father, who had taught his five sons change ringing on handbells to the extent of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Minor and Major, was always particular about striking, and insisted that 'you've got to hear 'em as well as see 'em,' and to this end, as we increased in proficiency, encouraged us to ring double-handed with our eyes shut. Unfortunately, we cheated occasionally, an easy thing seeing that he was occupied ringing his pair and religiously observing the rules. He became suspicious, and instituted the practice of sitting back to back facing outwards. We became enthusiastic, and the desire for novelty resulted in an attempt at a course of Bob Major by four people in separate rooms. It proved successful, and we rang on several occasions Plain Bob or Treble Bob Major, with one in the front room, one on the stairs, one in the kitchen and one in the scullery.

I can confidently recommend this idea to all ringers who are keen on acquiring the habit of 'listening to them.'—Yours faithfully,
58, Picardy Road, Belvedere, Kent. C. BRETT-SMITH.

MR. W. PYE'S RECORD RECALLED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris' number of peals for the M.C.A. is far from being a record. William Pye was Master of the Middlesex County Association 25 years, for whom he rang 1,114 peals, conducting 859. Amongst these were 15,264 of Bristol (record), 10,440 Cambridge Royal (record) and 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on a 53 cwt. tenor. Also he conducted for the association peals of Spliced Surprise Major from three to twelve methods.—Yours faithfully,
Castle Hedingham, Essex. E. W. PYE.

CONDUCTING FROM OUTSIDE

Sir,—There is another case of a conductor being outside the tower. Mr. H. Withers, if my memory is correct, conducted such a peal, ringing a bell fixed in the belfry for a bob. He had a wonderful ear.

Mr. W. H. Barber had an ambition to blindfold four handbell ringers, place eight bells in the centre between them, and then ask them to pick up any two bells by chance and ring the Original silent. The writer has to admit that his ear was not good enough.
Guildford. A. H. PULLING.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NEW SECRETARY OF TONBRIDGE BRANCH.

Mr. R. Whitehead was elected hon. secretary of the Tonbridge District at the annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 5th. He succeeds Mr. T. Saunders, who kept the district together during the war and whose retirement was regretted. Another retirement was that of Mr. A. Battin, district representative, whose place will be taken by Mr. E. Ladd. Mr. B. Collinson, the other district representative, was re-elected and he also agreed to serve as Ringing Master.

Among other business transacted was a decision to revert to the rule of quarterly meeting. Meeting places chosen were Edenbridge for January, Marden for April, East Peckham for July and, of course, the annual meeting at Tonbridge in October. The secretary was requested to prepare a draft scheme for a rota of visits to towers for submission to the January meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob and Stedman with varying success, but with uniform enjoyment to the assembly.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Rochester on October 12th and was attended by 81 members and their friends. The bells of the Cathedral and the eight at Prindsbury were rung during the afternoon and further ringing at these and the Chatham towers took place during the evening. Tea, provided by the association and taken in the City Cafe, was followed by the business meeting, over which the Dean of Rochester presided.

Matters coming before the meeting included the secretary's report and accounts, the election of four new practising members and one honorary member, the election of Mr. B. May (of Keithston, Keyool Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne) to the office of hon. district secretary, and Messrs. E. A. Allen, of Prindsbury, and Walter Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, as the district representatives for the coming year.

Three notices of motions, circularised to all districts, came before the meeting for consideration. These were fully debated and the definite opinion of the members ascertained for report to the annual committee meeting to be held in November.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on a convenient date in January.

CANTERBURY HAS MORE MEMBERS THAN PRE-WAR.

Not only has the Canterbury District recovered its losses of membership arising from the war, but now the corresponding figure in 1939 has been passed. This was a gratifying item contained in the report presented at the annual meeting of the Canterbury District on October 12th at Canterbury. An average of 57 (higher than before the war) had been present at meetings during the year, attributed by some members to the development of the social side.

Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected secretary, Messrs. H. R. French and J. W. Unwin district representatives, Mr. R. G. Post Ringing Master, and Mr. J. A. Russell chairman (a new post). Ash was chosen for the next quarterly meeting with a by-meeting at Birchington before the end of the year.

Eighty members and friends attended. Ringing was at St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's, the service being held in the former church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Miller). Among the many thanked at the meeting were the donors of B.U.s!

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWARK DISTRICT SUGGESTION.

The suggestion to create a Newark District of the Southwell Guild aroused keen interest among the 60 ringers attending the meeting of the Southwell Guild at Newark on October 19th, Mr. H. Pailing, of Daybrook, presiding.

After an exhaustive discussion on the possibilities of a district embracing Newark, Southwell, Sutton-on-Trent and Barnby-in-the-Willows, Mr. J. W. Reilly volunteered, with the assistance of Mr. F. J. Hooper, to convene a meeting of representatives of the 14 towers in the area and report the result to the meeting which it is hoped to arrange at Southwell on Saturday, December 14th.

The North Notts district meeting for November was fixed for Tuxford on November 16th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his personal welcome (which he climbed the 90 steps to the belfry to deliver), and to Mr. E. C. Thrale for his help in the arrangements.

Ringing included a variety of methods from Grandsire to Cambridge

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Several members who have been serving in H.M. Forces were welcomed at the quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District at Oakley on September 28th. There was an enthusiastic air about the proceedings. The service was conducted by Canon Jeudwine and ringing also took place at Deane. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge York and London Surprise Minor.

WEEK-END IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

A very successful ringing tour, was the verdict arrived at by the members of a band which went into the Lake District and rang, for the Lancashire Association, three good peals and a miss during the week-end commencing October 5th.

We left Manchester on the Friday evening and arrived at Keswick in time for supper. After supper handbell ringing was undertaken, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Double Norwich were well and truly tapped out. Saturday morning saw us back to Ambleside to tackle the heavy weights, and a good peal was secured of Cambridge Surprise. A quick return to Keswick on the most unfrequented side of Thirlmere gave us a glimpse of the beauties of the Lake District.

Our friends at Keswick had ready for us a beautiful peal at St. Kentigern's, where a well-struck peal of Double Norwich was scored in good time. After dinner an attempt was made on handbells for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief very unexpectedly after one hour and ten minutes.

Sunday morning saw us back to St. Kentigern's for a 500 of Superlative and a good touch of Stedman with the local band. A lovely drive in beautiful weather gave us some good views on our way down to Lancaster, where lunch was taken, and on to Oswaldtwistle for a further peal to finish in time for Sunday evening service. A peal of Superlative was secured, after which service touches were rung with the local band of Double Court and Kent Treble. Dinner followed and to finish the trip a quarter-peal of Bob Major was struck on handbells.

The band's thanks are due to our conductor, Mr. John Worth, who held the team together in a masterly fashion, and the Vicars and ringing friends for their help.

F. DUNKERLEY.

BEVERLEY RINGING SOCIETY

Complete justification for the formation of this society was forthcoming at the second monthly meeting at Hesse on October 12th, when over 50 members attended, a considerable increase over the previous meeting. Nineteen different towers were represented as follows: Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Brough, Barton-on-Humber, Cottingham, Ferriby, Goole, Hull (Holy Trinity and St. Mary's), Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-Wolds, Nunburnholme, Patrington, Pocklington, Rotherham, Sutton-on-Hull and Hesse.

The service at All Saints' was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. J. Day), and Mr. A. H. Fox, of Kirk Ella, president of the Eastern District, was the organist. Members were entertained to tea by the Hesse company.

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the meeting, when reports were received from the secretary (Mr. A. E. Sellers) and the Ringing Master (Mr. Clem Glenn). Acknowledging a vote of thanks, the Vicar wished the society every success in their efforts to promote efficient ringing. The local company were thanked for providing tea and making the arrangements.

GREAT TEY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like through 'The Ringing World' to announce that the bells of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, cannot be rung owing to three of the bells being in a dangerous position. Expert advice has been obtained and the work is in the hands of a bell firm. Some £300 is required to put them in order and I would ask all those ringers who have some time or another had the privilege of ringing on this fine old peal to remember us. The raising of this sum requires a great effort for a small parish, but with a little outside help I'm sure it can be done.—Thanking you,
J. W. DYER.

The Chase, Great Tey, Essex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Although the ringing was not always first class, excellent practice resulted from the meeting of the Farnham District at Yorktown on October 12th, when there was an attendance of over 50. Mr. R. Hasted was in charge of the ringing, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Paterson).

The Vicar presided at the meeting, which followed tea, when officers for 1947 were nominated and three new members elected. The by-meeting in December will be at Seale. Surprise visitors in the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye, of Bagshot, who although not enjoying very good health, were able to drive to the belfry door and listen to and watch the ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Melksham on October 5th. The attendance was rather disappointing, 24 attending. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. Mark White, Guildford, who had assisted the local band during the months he was training with the R.N.A.S. at Melksham, also Mr. Scott of Aldershot. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Sangster).

At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. E. Parker. Meetings were arranged as follows: Holt for November, Seend for December, and Westbury for the annual in January. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise.

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OXFORD GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** and **ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**.—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Framlingham, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business meeting to decide on Bell Restoration Fund. — C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Lee, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 6.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Next meeting, Barking (8), Oct. 26th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Help given to anyone who wants to progress. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask. — J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOUTH NORMANTON, Oct. 26th.—Presentation to Mr. J. W. England, for invaluable service to the association. Presentation by Mr. J. Hobbs, President, at 5 p.m. Chairman, Rev. T. H. Evans, Rector. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 5, Station Hotel, Droxford. Most important.—R. J. Stone, c/o W/O and Sergeants' Mess, Martinique Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD. — North and East District.—St. James-the-Apostle, Prebend Square, Islington (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service. Tea. Further ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Wisbech (10), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Quarterly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. — Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Braughing (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and service.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Battle, Oct. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Chippenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham St. Paul's (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m.—H. Marsh, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Cary Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Evening meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Monday, Oct. 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13. (Perivale 5320.)

SURREY ASSN (N.-Western District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSN.** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by service. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent, by Saturday, Oct. 26th.—D. Cooper and A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by 31st inst.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual General District Meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 30th to A. Gillings, Police Station, Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Norton (8), Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory. Bring food. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe. Double Norwich, Cambridge S. and the learner catered for. — N. Heaps, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly meeting at Abbot's Leigh, Nov. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Tea at The George approximately 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Snaith (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 2 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—The next meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Tea will be provided to all who notify Mr. R. Preston, 35, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, before Oct. 30th. Annual committee meeting at 4 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wainfleet (St. Mary's), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. H. Wright, 1, Council Houses, Burns Bridge, Wainfleet Bank, Skegness, by Tuesday, Oct. 29th. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Meeting at Sandhurst on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.30.—B. C. Castle.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Chicheley, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Sandy, St. Swithin's.—The new Rector of Sandy will be inducted on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. Bells available at 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., and again after the service. Refreshments before and after the service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 30th to Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I. of W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea. Those requiring tea please advise.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malhouse Road, Crawley.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell (8 bells), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. S. Cawley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Haslingden (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Practice meeting at Penkridge, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The next meeting will be held in the Vestry of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. A. Taylor, M.A. A wreath will be laid at the base of the tower to the memory of Benjamin Annable, Master in 1746. Business meeting at 3.15 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, at 5.30 p.m. Annual luncheon, Nov. 23rd, Bridge House Hotel, 1.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.—Dedication of the two new trebles by the Bishop of Liverpool, Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Service at 10.45 a.m. at St. Helen's Church.—S. Flint.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—The monthly practice at Tonbridge will in future be held on the first Wednesday in each month, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Weybridge (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road,

Walton-on-Thames, by Nov. 5th. Nomination of district officers for 1947 at this meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Saturday, Nov. 9th, Higham (6). Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Names to me by Nov. 4th.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

NORWICH ASSN.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch at Acle (6) on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Bring own food. Cups of tea supplied.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—William Saunders Memorial Fund.—Will all ringers and friends interested kindly send their donations to Mr. T. J. Belk (Hon. Treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (Hon. Sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

MEETING AT SELLY OAK.

The usual quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild took place on October 5th at the Parish Church, Selly Oak. Ringing on the tower bells was restricted to the afternoon and this probably accounted for the attendance not being as large as usual, 28 members and friends being present. The Guild's form of service was taken by the Vicar.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presided. Amongst the visitors was Mr. W. H. Barber, who was on holiday from Newcastle-on-Tyne. The tower election of Mr. Dennis Roe, of Keighley, was ratified. The next meeting, being the annual, is to be held at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, on Saturday, January 4th. It was also decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 1st, 1947.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for arranging the tea and making the local arrangements, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by the secretary.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On October 3rd, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, T. Millstead 2, Betty Solly 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, F. Gadsden 6, A. Hinkley 7, G. Swain 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On October 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Iris Ewins 1, A. Birch 2, Miss Ruth Lund 3, W. Eastwell 4, W. Henley (conductor) 5, D. Pearce 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On October 3rd, at the Church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Hadwick 1, C. Kennington 2, V. Bromfield 3, A. Swain 4, J. Willows 5, W. Mumby 6, J. E. Kennington 7, A. Pashley (conductor) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Kentish (conductor) 1, D. Price 2, A. Lawrence 3, R. Kenrick 4, A. Burgess 5, D. Ellingham 6, A. White 7, Miss H. Snowden 8, T. Lock 9, L. Cull 10.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On October 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Sanger (conductor) 1, T. Kimber 2, E. H. Nash 3, J. E. Melcalf 4, P. Hull 5, D. Target 6, J. T. Dyke 7, R. G. Beck 8.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Gibbons 1, S. R. Cockell 2, A. W. Angell 3, R. H. Sigg (aged 83), 4, A. J. West 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, H. Smith 7, C. Gibbons 8.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawkins 1, P. Underwood 2, W. A. Goldstone 3, D. Sleet 4, R. J. Andrews (conductor) 5, H. Kingston 6. First quarter as conductor.

SOUTHAM, GLOS.—On October 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. I. Eaton 1, Miss E. Hall 2, Miss M. M. Lyon 3, R. J. Edden 4, J. R. Ball 5, W. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th, and first as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. M. Lyon.

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JOINT MEETING AT WOOTTON BASSETT

The Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild and the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association met at a joint meeting at Wootton Bassett on October 12th. Ringing in the standard methods and Double Norwich and Cambridge Major was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, and a sumptuous tea was provided. In response to an appeal from St. Thomas', Salisbury, for their bell restoration fund, a collection realised £2 6s.

Ringers were present from Aldbourne, Bristol, Broad Hinton, Bishops Cleeves, Blunsdon, Bishopstone, Chippenham, Calne, Chiseldon, Cirencester, Chew Magna, Fairford, Lynnhall, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Rodbourne Cheney, Slough, Swindon, South Cerney, Stratton St. Margaret and Wootton Bassett. W.B.K.

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