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CANADA'S MESSAGE

Placed here on high we serve the town,
Beneath the Crown, beneath the sky.

Differing in size, in note, and weight
Yet, small or great, we harmonise.

With measured speech, well timed and true,
Our message there we tell to each.

Brief, clear, and bold, we say our say,
And then straightway our peace we hold.

O mortal race, our lesson learn,
Each has his turn, and time and place.

These lines were sent to us from Vancouver, British Columbia, and they appeared in the 'Vancouver Daily Province,' heading a full page article on ringing in general and the bells of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in particular. Associated with the article is Mr. A. C. Limpus, who spent his boyhood days at Twickenham and rang peals at Macclesfield for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, King Edward's Coronation and death, and for the Coronation of King George V. With him at Vancouver is Mr. J. Watts, who learnt his ringing at Wigan and also has English peals to his credit.

The story of these bells at Vancouver is interesting. The first seven bells were cast in Savoy, France, and hung in 1900. Mr. Limpus interested the clergy and congregation on the importance of having a proper octave. Five years later the new bells were installed, the old ones having been shipped to Llewellin and James, of the Castle Green Foundry at Bristol, and recast. On seeing the bells unloaded at the docks Mr. Limpus thought his troubles were about over. 'While loading the eight bells on to a huge dray,' he writes, 'I was stopped by a customs officer, who wanted 30 per cent. duty. We naturally had a few words, as church bells had always entered Canada free, but while the bells were away, there had been a readjustment of the whole Canadian tariff, and church bells were not either in the dutible or free list, having been overlooked. An appeal was made to the Surveyor of Customs for Vancouver without success; the Member of Parliament for Vancouver (Mr. R. G. McPherson) was then approached and, after some delay, he managed to get a special order-in-council passed, placing church bells on the free list, an order which is, I believe, still in force.'

The finest ring of eight bells in Canada, according to Mr. Limpus, are those installed some years back in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. They were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who expressed the opinion that they were 'sorry to see them leave England, as they were the finest toned bells they had ever cast.' This peal is in the key of D flat, and the tenor weights 30 cwt., and is named after King George V., and another after Queen Mary. The six larger bells are the gift of Mrs. May Geraldine Mozley in memory of her brother. The two treble bells, recording the life and work of two honoured residents of Victoria, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Robert Meredith Matson, are the gift of Ada Teresa Matson, in loving memory of her husband and son.

The special message of Mr. Limpus through his newspaper feature article is the need for recruits. Those who ring the Holy Rosary bells are men who are in and past the prime of life. It appears that the magnetic attraction of the belfry has no lure to the young men of Vancouver. We feel certain, however, that whether from this country or from Canada itself will be found recruits, men and women who believe that bells are the 'music bordering nearest heaven' or like the character of Anton Chekhov's, who 'was a rationalist, but he had to confess that he liked the ringing of church bells.' Canada loves her bells, and there is sufficient love of English custom and home life to ensure that they will not remain silent.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs. Nov. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR BOTTERILL	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	WALTER R. HUGHES	9
GEORGE E. OLIVER	4	EDGAR T. SMITH	10
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	11
ALFRED ADAMS	6	WILLIAM A. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. HOWELL.
* 30th peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. M. Fox Harrison (aged 88 years), for 46 years a churchwarden at this church.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1946, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*PETER NIX	*Treble*	FRANK W. BROWN	6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	WALTER NICHOLS	7
†J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	3	T. VERNON JENNISON	8
GEORGE E. PADGETT	4	FREDK. A. SALTER	9
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5	RICHARD J. BOWLER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal 'inside.'

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	JOHN JACKSON	6
THOS. W. HAMMOND	2	ARTHUR HATCH	7
WM. SHARPLES	3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	8
*JOHN CHARNOCK	4	*FRED ALMOND	9
THOS. H. HORRIDGE	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. (25). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. This composition is rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*EDWARD C. WEAVER	*Treble*	†MORRIS J. MORRIS	6
†ALLAN SHORT	2	‡FREDK. W. RISHWORTH	7
†GEORGE F. SWANN	3	*J. WM. PETTIGREW	8
‡JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	4	‡RICHARD C. INGRAM	9
*TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	†FRED PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. F. SWANN.
* First peal of Erin. † First peal of Erin Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Erin Caters.

POPLAR, LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 6 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN G. NASH	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. GREEN	6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER	2	JAMES BULLOCK	7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER	3	HERBERT J. ANDREWS	8
WILLIAM J. ELLIS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
ERNEST W. FURBANK	5	SQUIRE CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham, and 40th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

MARIE R. CROSS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	6
*JAMES HIGGINS	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	8
*STANLEY E. DARMON	4	RICHARD A. POST	9
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER H. RAXTER	*Treble*	DENIS R. MORRIS	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	GEORGE AMBLER	9
REGINALD WOODYATT	5	FRED CRUMP	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

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NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	6
CHARLES GREEDY	2	ALFRED W. HEATH	7
*TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	ALFRED PARNELL	8
LESLIE BAINHAM	4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	9
GEORGE LARGE	5	WILLIAM MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. STITCH.
* First peal on ten bells. First as conductor on ten bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Dean of Monmouth, Canon Joseph Gwyn Davies.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDMONTON, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

VICTOR D. WOODARDS	*Treble*	ERIC A. DENCH	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
WALLACE COUSINS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	*WILLIAM ROGERS	5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
*FRANK H. HICKS	3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
*ALFRED W. DURHAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	†ALAN F. THIRST	5
†LUCILE M. HUBBERT	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
†PERCY J. SPICE	3	ALFRED W. DURHAM	7
†ALAN WHITE	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

RUBY GIBBONS	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. WEST	5
STANLEY R. COCKELL	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	6
CHARLES F. ANDREWS	3	HAROLD SMITH	7
ARTHUR W. ANGEL	4	CYRIL GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
Rung as a farewell peal to Canon F. H. Sangster, who is retiring after 12 years' ministry in this parish.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

THOMAS SENIOR	*Treble*	*JOSEPH GIBSON	5
GEORGE F. NEWTON	2	JAMES T. TITT	6
RICHARD BUSBY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
ROLAND PARK	4	THOMAS COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY	*Treble*	†G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* 100th peal and first of Yorkshire. † 50th peal this year. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	RONALD FOWKES	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	7
*HAROLD DENMAN	4	ARTHUR E. CHILTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

*BRIAN P. MARSHALL	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	5
JOHN E. CLARKE	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
CHARLES MARSHALL	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
J. LESLIE WILLARS	4	GEORGE V. DEACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal (age 13). Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Robert Woods, who was inducted at St. Thomas' the previous day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*FREDK. A. MUNDAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	*HAROLD A. MAY	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
PERCY NEWTON	2	ARTHUR NEWTON	6
*DAVID COX	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
HARRY WINGROVE	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John Evans, who was interred on November 29th.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS BETTY MORTON	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	GORDON LAWRENCE	6
THOMAS H. MATHER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
REGINALD W. WORRAL	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.
* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. THORLEY	*Treble*	J. LUNHAM	4
S. FLINT	2	W. DEACON	5
T. FOSTER	3	G. SKELLAND	6

R. GUY ... ... *Tenor*
Conducted by W. DEACON.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	*RICHARD G. R. PEGG ...	4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	5
*DAPHNE E. GOOD ...	3	RONALD W. STEWARD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. COOK	*Treble*	ROBERT W. PARKER ...	4
JOHN F. PEARSON ...	2	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ...	5
*CYRIL WARD	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE...	*Treble*	*ALBERT WALKER	4
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD...	2	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, and also to the conductor.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge, two of Oxford, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

ARTHUR PEAKE	*Treble*	ALAN D. STEEL	4
WILLIAM F. GIBBONS ...	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
FREDK. WILSHAW	3	NEVILLE HOLLAND ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEVILLE HOLLAND.
First peal as conductor.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*P. TAMBLING (St. Peter's Hall)	*Treble*	†HELMUT VON DER HEYDE (B.N.C.)	5
*PETER SEMENS (Exeter)	2	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's)	*Tenor*
ANNA SELLORS (St. Anne's)	3		
BETTY SPICE (Sommerville)	4		

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	*Treble*	†MISS E. FAULKNALL ...	4
ALFRED BALLARD	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	5
HENRY HOLLIS	3	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WALTER J. HINTON ...	*Treble*	*MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ...	4
CECIL HINTON	2	*ERNEST LINES	5
*REX GRAINGE	3	WM. YATES, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES, JUN.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Annable's. Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	7-8

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.
First peal of Major as conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH	1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ...	7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10
Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH	1-2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	MRS. J. THOMAS	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes.
AT BARIAN, CAWPER ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

*E. CHARLES TURNER ...	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
†WALTER J. CLOUGH ...	5-6		

Conducted by A. BALLARD.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First of Stedman Doubles.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	*PHILIP J. COWARD	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 16th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hilton 1, Betty Solly 2, L. Porrit 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, F. Reeves 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Millstead 8. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th and also birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. J. Lambert, sen. 1, S. H. Green 2, F. Bromley 3, H. J. Hammond 4, T. E. Sone (conductor) 5, E. Bromley 6, R. T. Lambert 7, A. W. Durham 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTER.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Flint 1, G. F. Ball 2, R. C. Tipler 3, W. R. Drury 4, C. E. Carr (conductor) 5, C. Cooke 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Nov. 14th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. James 1, Miss D. Churcher 2, A. Atkins 3, W. Johnson 4, R. Abery (conductor) 5, H. Hearn 6. First quarter 'inside' for ringer of 3rd. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the ringer of the treble.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: Miss M. R. Jaycock 1, Miss J. Hearn 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss J. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, C. A. Burgess 6, J. D. Taylor 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Murkitt. First quarter in the method by the St. Peter's Society.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Pullin 1, A. H. T. Parker 2, Mrs. E. A. Walker 3, J. Weaden 4, G. Prescott 5, H. A. Price 6, H. W. Knight (conductor) 7, W. H. Court 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): B. Gillatt 1, J. Bray (conductor) 2, Mrs. J. Bray 3, G. Thompson 4, A. Tomlinson 5, G. W. Moody 6, P. Barnes 7, W. B. Bray 8. Rung immediately following the interment of Sir B. D. G. Sheffield, patron of this church.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 26th, at Holy Nativity, Knowle, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cocks 1, F. J. Sampson 2, D. C. Clibbens 3, R. G. Hooper 4, J. M. Stallard 5, N. A. Purnell 6, R. C. Seager (conductor) 7, W. Cocks 8. Half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. E. Feltham, donor of the bells. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3, 6 and 8. First quarter of Triples for ringer of 2.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 27th at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Sansom 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, M. V. Chilcott (conductor) 3, J. Sansom 4, Horace Belcher 5, P. Woodgyer 6. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Woodgyer's wedding (parents of the 6th ringer).

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Elsigood 1, S. Stone 2, J. Webb 3, E. Nobles (conductor) 4, G. Webb 5, V. Parry 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. Seldon 4, G. E. Retter (conductor) 5, J. Salway 6, A. G. Betts 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Trapnell, died 1716.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On Nov. 23rd at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Gardiner 1, Miss M. Richards (conductor) 2, W. Truman 3, Miss N. Davis 4, J. Berry 5, I. Truman 6, W. Carter 7, W. Daniell 8. Also 1,280 Kent Major.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Parker 1, F. Benfield 2, J. Dunkley 3, S. Earl 4, G. Allard 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 of Doubles (540 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 120 Union), half-muffled: E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Meates 2, H. L. F. Derrick (conductor) 3, C. Kortright 4, E. F. Shearn 5, R. E. Durbin 6. In memory of Mrs. T. King.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, at St. Lawrence's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hilton 1, Miss B. Solley 2, L. J. Hilton 3, L. A. Porritt 4, S. J. Gee 5, J. Russell 6, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 7, A. Curling 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS. — At St. Paul's on Nov. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Munns 1, L. Page 2, W. Theobald 3, I. Mussell 4, L. Harris (conductor) 5, R. Turner 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: E. A. Andrews 1, Miss D. Corke 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, H. Baker 6, R. Collins 7, S. Etheridge 8.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE. — On Nov. 25th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Madeline M. Lyon 1, G. Rathbone (first quarter) 2, R. J. Edden 3, F. I. Eaton 4, J. R. Ball 5, W. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. Shadrack 1, Miss A. White 2, J. Myhill 3, E. Runter 4, J. K. Shadrack 5, H. W. Shadrack (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, who was home on leave from Palestine. It was also his first quarter-peal.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Nov. 20th, at Sketty Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 1 and 2 leading: F. W. Buttery 1, C. Crane 2, L. Knight 3, A. Edwards 4, J. Edney 5, D. J. Williams 6, A. Hoare (conductor) 7, G. Rees 8. Rung for induction of new Vicar.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 24th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: K. Jones 1, D. A. Bayles 2, L. Hansell 3, C. Sayers 4, T. Southam 5, W. J. Arnold 6, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Sprague 8, R. F. Ewer 9, B. Cornell 10.

TRYSULL, STAFFS. — At 'The Bell' on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: A. V. Pearson 1-2, H. Howell (conductor) 3-4, A. G. Newman 5-6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Birthday congratulations to Mr. J. W. Jones, who was 81 on December 5th. Two days before he rang the treble to the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Woolos', Newport. He rang the treble well and deserves all best wishes for a happy birthday and a successful peal on Saturday at his own tower, All Saints', Newport,' writes the conductor.

Christmas greetings will be a feature of our next issue. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

Little Bob Major is coming into fashion. Quarter-peals have been rung this week at Burnham, Willesden and Wye (Kent).

We have received good news from Surfleet. Mr. Rupert Richardson is making progress, but is not allowed to do anything.

Within six days of his 78th birthday, Mr. John E. Clarke rang a peal at South Wigston on November 30th. Since the bells were installed in 1901 he has been a member of the local band and takes a second place to no one in keenness and regular attendance for service and practice ringing.

Interest will be taken in the publication in our peal columns of a peal of Minor at Sefton, Liverpool, with the tenor covering. It is left to the Peal Analysis Committee to interpret the ruling. The conductor informs us that it was rung after meeting short for Major and not to open up a new field of controversy.

With the peal at South Wigston, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, has completed 50 peals this year. They cover all numbers from Doubles to Maximus in the methods Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, London, York, Yorkshire and Bognor Surprise. The total also includes the record long peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford Cathedral.

The Exercise did not forget the 93rd birthday of Mr. James George, of Birmingham. This issue contains peals in honour of the event rung at Poplar, London; Handsworth, Birmingham; East Markham, Notts; and Allesley, Warwickshire.

Ideal Christmas gift to your ringing friend—a year's subscription for 'The Ringing World.' Send name and address and 17s. to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

The Smiths are reputed to be the biggest family in this country. At Biggleswade, Beds, five members of one family participated in the following 1,260 Grandsire Triples on Nov. 30th: O. Smith (aged 14) 1, Miss Betty Smith 2, A. Oldfield 3, R. Smith 4, S. H. Wallis 5, H. Smith 6, C. J. Smith (first in method as conductor) 7, N. Bett 8.

Mrs. M. A. Nunn, mother-in-law of Mr. P. E. Clark, a member of the band of St. Mary's, Ealing, attained the age of 100 years on Nov. 22nd. The event was commemorated by 1,260 Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Mary's on November 24th by the following band: J. P. Kent 1, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 2, C. J. Tricker 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

Welsh determination won through in regard to the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Woolos', Newport, on December 3rd, which was rung as a welcome to the new Dean of Newport, the Very Rev. J. G. Davies. The first attempt was on the day of his induction, October 18th; another was made on the following Tuesday, which came to grief after nearly two hours' good ringing. The peal was the first Mr. E. Stitch had conducted of Caters; he had never called a Bob in Caters previously.

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EDITORIAL POSTBAG—from Australia, Devon, Oxford and Sussex

An Outspoken Letter

'THE STRANGE GOD CAMPANOLOGY.'

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' causes deep reflection, for I feel that the root of the whole matter goes very much deeper than merely an attack on our towers and bells by an outside business interest.

I think, perhaps, that it would be wise to say at this stage that I have just recently become converted, and am writing with a full and trusting belief in Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and my outlook on many, indeed all things, has been so changed that most of those who have known me in the past as an ardent peal ringer may be quite surprised and perhaps shocked by this letter, and if at first this seems irrelevant to the subject under discussion, I hope you, sir, will do me the honour of publishing it in full, involving as it does the negation of former loyalties on my part.

I have, as many know, been ringing all over the country in the past twenty odd years, and I know full well the joys of good ringing, be it peal or service touch. I cannot now rid myself of the view that the lay clergy are right in all they say at meetings on this most burning question of attendance at divine worship, and I see now that most of the ringing done to-day would in God's sight constitute almost a heathen worship of the strange god campanology with our towers as his temple—how indeed can it be otherwise when probably not more than two in ten ringers give divine worship a passing thought, being content with the thought that 'We've done our job and now it's up to the parson.' This is, I say, the general attitude, though there are, of course, exceptions, and my Christian ringing friends will not quarrel with me.

Getting back to your leader, sir, I would ask then how are we as ringers fitted to withstand any attack from without? Are we not by this slackness on our part laying ourselves open to the very thing we fear?

Take the case of the tower with a good strong band of ringers—I know of many where the tower is the only part of the building of any interest to the ringers—suppose the 'powers that be' decided to put in an amplifier, what grounds would those ringers have to stand up to it. Are we not rather like soldiers going to battle with no training, or in ringing terms like a man ringing Surprise before he can handle a bell?

This, sir, is, I feel, the root of the whole matter, and I feel it is up to us ringers to make this Exercise a real service of Christ within His Church by becoming believers even at the cost of some of our ringing. By this I mean that every ringer should make himself a regular member of one tower and one congregation, and then only shall we, as Christians, be able to withstand any attack from without, for who *can* stand if the house be divided? In short, let us stop breaking the first and second commandments and let the Lord Jesus Christ come into the towers instead of confining Him to the east end of the church.—Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. POST.

Headington, Oxford.

YOUTH AND AGE AGREE

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in the letters expressing readers' opinions on the length of peals. Personally, I agree with Mr. Keeble, for if the length of the standard peal is shortened it will not be such an achievement, but on the other hand, if it is lengthened there will not be so much peal ringing done. Also, peal ringing is a strain and I do not think we want the strain increased.

I should like here to send my best wishes to Mr. Keeble, although I do not know him.—Yours sincerely,

STELLA M. WICKENS.

Blackstone, Henfield, Sussex.

Pancraswyke

SOME VERY HAPPY MEMORIES.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that your query regarding Pancraswyke will elicit prompt information from the Holsworthy and Bridgerule ringers, but as I lived in the shadow of this tall tower for several months in 1935, I can at least testify to its existence.

Although the house we lived in belonged to the churchwarden, who was likewise captain of the ringers, I never succeeded in seeing the bells, despite many suggestions on my part. I understand that there are (or were) five in ringing condition, but heavy going, weight unknown (to me). In the period of my residence, which included the Silver Jubilee celebrations, I never heard the bells. They were only rung on special occasions by a band gathered for the purpose—never for service or practice.

Pancraswyke is on the main road to Bude from Holsworthy, about two miles or better from the latter town. It is reached by a narrow road running to the northwards, which connects with the Bradworthy road a mile or so away. There is (or was) only one bus a week on the main road to Bude. The church is served from Bradworthy.

I have very happy memories of the parish and its genial Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Dobson, but I am writing this letter chiefly to recall the hospitality and good fellowship of the enthusiastic ringers at Bridgerule, two or three miles away, who made me regret that my sojourn among them had to be so short. They had the kindness to arrange a farewell peal for me at the neighbouring tower of Pyeworthy, in the record of which my name had the highly unusual footnote, 'First peal in England,' all my previous peals having been rung at St. Patrick's in Dublin.—Yours truly,

Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

YET TO BE VISITED.

Dear Sir,—I enjoyed the geographical quiz concerning the whereabouts of Pancraswyke that appeared in Belfry Gossip on November 25th. I have been acquainted with the position of Pancraswyke on the borders of Devon and Cornwall for 60 years, but the church has escaped inclusion in my list of Devon towers where I have rung because arrangements organised by various friends have not materialised. Twice this year I have had disappointments.

Once a motor-coach failed in the early stages of a tour with the resulting elimination of Pancraswyke and the imposition of a five miles' walk back to the starting point. As a member of the party who always plumps for a third-class ride instead of a first-class walk, I had an unexpected experience of both. Another time delays necessitated a shortening of the programme, and with my usual self-denial I agreed to the cutting out of Pancraswyke so that others could have the pleasure of ringing at Holsworthy.

However, like Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Mikado,'

'My object all sublime
I shall achieve in time.'

It is to ring in all available five, six, eight, ten or twelve bell towers in Devon and incidentally to improve my knowledge of local history. My total to date is 363. Pancraswyke and three others will complete the round.—Yours respectfully, A. W. SEARLE.

20, Mount Dinham, Exeter.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Annual and quarterly subscribers are reminded that subscriptions become due on January 1st.

A Tour in Australia

STIMULATING INTEREST IN CHANGE RINGING.

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' reports of outings by the various towers and associations in England. Perhaps it would be of interest to your readers to learn something of the activities of the N.S.W. Association.

Nine members of the association paid a visit to West Maitland, a country town 125 miles north of Sydney, for the week-end of November 9th and 10th. Two cars made the trip, one leaving on the Friday night at 7.30 p.m. and arriving at West Maitland at midnight. On Saturday morning these ringers donned overalls and gave the frame and bells a good overhaul and oiling for the week-end.

The bells are a set of cast steel bells with a tenor of 14 cwt. by Vickers, Ltd. The tower is separate from the church building and is of brick, being 80ft. high. To enter the tower one must climb a steep stairway on the outside of the tower to ringing chamber about 20ft. up. The ringing chamber is about 15ft. square and the ceiling approximately 15ft. The ropes fall in a good circle, nicely spaced, making it quite a comfortable tower to ring in.

The other car left on the Saturday morning and arrived in the early afternoon. On arrival we were pleased to find that there were four of the local chaps who had taken on ringing since our last visit, the result being that the bells were much easier going than last time.

We were cordially welcomed by the Rev. Mr. Stretch, his wife and family. The ringing started at 2.30 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon. A number of 120's of Doubles were rung in different methods, also a touch of Plain Bob Minor. Ringing finished at 5.30 p.m. and the band adjourned to the hotel for dinner. We rang again on the Saturday evening.

Sunday morning the bells were rung half-muffled for Armistice Day, and rung open at the close of the service. Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells for the benefit of the congregation. Quite a large percentage of the people had never heard handbells before and enjoyed the novelty very much.

More ringing on the Sunday afternoon until 4 p.m., after which we had afternoon tea in the church grounds, Mrs. Stretch doing the honours. We left at 5.30 p.m. for home, a detour being made to inspect the Cathedral at Newcastle, where there is some talk of a ring of ten bells being installed.

We arrived in Sydney at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable week-end, much of its success being due to the wonderful hospitality we received at the hands of Rev. Stretch and family.

One thing our visit did accomplish, that was to arouse the interest of the local ringers in change ringing, the secretary of the N.S.W. Association undertaking the job of sending information by post to the more enthusiastic members of their band.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM M. ROWE, Hon. Secretary,
N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Mr. L. W. Andrews (aged 87) has been a ringer at Longparish, Hants, for 70 years, and up to the age of 79 had not progressed further than ringing the tenor behind. When nearing his 80th year he decided that he must take a lighter bell. This meant learning change ringing, which he successfully accomplished despite his advancing years. He is now a reliable ringer of Minor on the treble. On December 1st he took part in his longest length of 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire, each 120 called differently. It was the first quarter in three methods by all the band, which consisted of L. W. Andrews 1, F. Tonge 2, J. Pearson 3, J. Holloway 4, V. A. Jarrett (conductor) 5, G. Brown 6.

SOME NOTES ON CONDUCTING

Singles

We have so far considered only the effect of bobs. The difference in function between bobs and singles is that the former affect three bells and the latter only two. The practical effect, as far as the conductor is concerned, is that once a single has been called an entirely new series of possible coursing orders is introduced. When a second single is called the bells are immediately returned to the original series of possible coursing orders. We may for convenience refer to the series without singles as even and to the other series as odd. The older terms, still widely used, describing the nature of the changes before and after a single are 'in-course' (even) and 'out-of-course' (odd). It will be realised that, in a sense, one single is cancelled by the calling of another.

If a conductor can tell with certainty whether the bells are, as we say, in-course or whether they are out-of-course, he is already well on the way to knowing at any moment in a touch or peal whether the bells are right or wrong. It is the invariable rule in even-bell methods that if an odd number of singles has been called the bells are out-of-course, and if an even number the bells are in-course. The implication of this is that if you have called an odd number of singles you will never get the bells round at backstroke with bobs only. In other words, in any touch or peal in an even-bell method there must either be no singles at all or there must invariably be an even number of singles.

Singles are not required in treble-bob methods, i.e., methods in which the treble has a dodging hunt, because the treble strikes twice in each position on its way up and twice in each position on its way down. Both odd and even changes are obtained with the treble in any given position, whereas in plain methods all the changes when the treble leads at backstroke are of the same nature until altered by a single. For the purpose of the present articles we are merely accepting the truth of the mathematical laws which govern change ringing. There have been several learned expositions of these truths and the reader is particularly referred to 'Ropesight' and 'Treatise on Treble Bob' in the Snowdon series and to the articles which have appeared from time to time in the columns of 'The Ringing World' especially during the war years.

We shall return later to the means of recognising whether the bells are in or out of course, but first we will consider the effect on the coursing order of singles at the various positions of the tenor.

At the Wrong lead-end, as we saw last time, if no call is made the third makes seconds over the treble, the fifth dodges 3-4 up and the second dodges 3-4 down. At a single, the third makes seconds place as usual, the second makes thirds and back, and the fifth makes fourths exactly as he would have done if the call had been a bob. Considering once more our plain course coursing order we remember it to be 7532468. After a single at Wrong it becomes 7235468.

Similarly at the Middle from 7532468 a single produces 7536428, and at the Home from 7532468 a single produces 7542368.

Singles are not called at the Before lead as they would have the effect of reversing the coursing order of the seventh and tenor. It is customary for the seventh always to follow the tenor, and it is not considered acceptable musically for the tenor to follow the seventh. It may be noted, however, that the truth of a touch would not necessarily be affected by a single Before. The bells could still be got round at backstroke provided another single Before was called to return the seventh and tenor to their normal coursing.

We are now able to transpose the effect on the coursing order of any call, bob or single, at any of the orthodox calling positions, and at this stage the student would be well advised to take a set touch of, say, Bob Major and call it, noticing the transpositions of the bells as he makes the calls. It should be emphasised that Bob Major is only taken as an example, and that calls in other methods at the same positions have precisely the same effect, although, of course, it is not always possible to apply the same touch unless the calling positions fall in the same order. For instance, in St. Clement's College Bob Major the Middle comes at the first lead.

A short two-course touch involving calls in all positions may be useful for practice.

23456	W	B	M	H
54362	—	1	—	S
23456	S		—	—

The various coursing orders involved are :—

At the start	7532468
After the Bob Wrong	7325468
After the Bob Before	7632548
After the Bob Middle	7635428
After the Single Home	7645328
After the Single Wrong	7546328
After the Bob Middle	7543268
Would be produced by the Bob Home, but the bells would be round before it could be seen	7532468

A longer touch, giving a full course with the bells in a particular coursing order, would be to call three Wrongs, three Middles, and three Homes. Between the last of the three Wrongs and the first of the three Middles the bells would be in the plain course, and similarly between the last of the three Middles and the first of the three Homes. Thus it may be seen that the whole of the plain course is present in the touch, but divided into three sections. If the touch is too long to ring at one attempt, call it on three different occasions. Call the three Wrongs only, and on another occasion call the three Middles, and on the third occasion call the three Homes. The calling of the basic touch is given below, and the student is advised to work out the various coursing orders on paper as shown above, and then to check them during the ringing.

23456	W	M	H
52436	—		
35426	—		
43652	—	—	
63254		—	
42356		—	—
34256			—
23456			—

This is a touch of 784 changes, and may be doubled by calling a single instead of the last bob and repeating the whole. If the resulting 1568 is too long it may be shortened by omitting three consecutive bobs in the same position in one part only, giving 1,344 changes.

Successful conducting, like sucessful ringing, depends upon the proper co-ordination of practice with paper and pencil at home and practice at the end of a rope. You cannot have too much of either. BAYCROP.

(To be continued.)

BARHAM HAS A RING OF FIVE

Barham, some six miles to the south-east of Canterbury, has now a ring of five. The dedication of the new bell—a tenor weighing 14 cwt.—took place at evensong on Advent Sunday. Canon R. U. Potts performed the dedication ceremony, which was followed by the singing of Psalm 150.

The bell is the joint gift of Lady Broome and Mr. A. J. Ross, and the inscription on it reads: 'In thankfulness for deliverance, 1939-45.'

Mr. Albert Walker

HIS FIRST PEAL OF MINOR.

By ringing his first peal of Minor at Allesley, Albert Walker, of Birmingham, now joins the 'select circle' of those who have rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

It is interesting to note that although Mr. Walker has rung no less than 371 peals on 12 bells in 37 different towers, he had never previously attempted a peal on six bells. It will be remembered that about 25 years ago he conducted the first and only peal of Stedman Sextuples ever rung.

Some of his older ringing friends had long planned the particular peal of Cambridge Minor now under review, and so it was that the 'four Franks,' together with Mr. J. H. White, of Coventry, and Mr. Albert Walker, visited the delightful village of Allesley, near Coventry, to set matters right.

The peal was successfully accomplished, and afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Rainbow Tavern, where they were joined by several members of the local company and sat down to an excellent meal provided by Mr. F. W. Perrens and ably served by Mrs. H. Summers.

Whilst this was in progress the Rector of Allesley, the Rev. Frank Moyle, called in and congratulated the ringers on their success. He mentioned that strenuous efforts were being made to have the two new bells installed in good time for next Easter's ringing, and that the local company were eagerly looking forward to the practice of eight-bell methods.

The visitors were delighted by the splendid spirit of friendliness shown by the Allesley ringers, and much appreciation was expressed for the thoughtful hospitality of Mr. Perrens.

It was a great pleasure also to mark the occasion of Mr. James George's 93rd birthday, and the kindly thoughts of all were turned to this wonderful veteran of the Exercise and hopes expressed that he would be with us for many more years to come. Birthday wishes were also tendered to Mr. F. W. Perrens.

J. F. S.

LOOKING AHEAD.

The issue of December 27th will contain the history of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, written by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Notices for this issue cannot be inserted if received later than Friday, December 20th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The pros and cons of the advisability or otherwise of ringing meetings clashing were discussed on more than one occasion at the North and East District meeting held at Bishopsgate on November 30th. The experience on this particular occasion was that the average attendance of over 30 ringers was maintained, the striking and choice of methods was up to standard, and the pleasure of welcoming ringers from well outside the district was repeated. London and its vast urban areas raises a peculiar situation by reason of there being the activities of several ringing organisations, and so it follows that occasional clashing of meetings is unavoidable.

The thanks of the association were extended to the Rev. E. Richards, recently returned from duties in the Army, for conducting evensong, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Cochrane (Hatfield), C. Cousins and W. W. Cousins (Terrington St. John) and L. R. Tarr (Oxhey).

The Chairman (Mr. A. W. Coles) announced that Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas were leaving Edmonton and the association was thereby losing two very good and energetic ringers; other speakers, including Mr. G. Radley (Broxbourne), expressed regret, but wished them every success in their future.

The next meeting will be the annual of the district, which it is hoped will take place on January 18th.

Essex Association

DANBURY A POPULAR MEETING.

In spite of very inclement weather, the meeting of the South-Eastern District at Danbury on December 7th showed that the interest in ringing is not only being maintained, but is increasing, as witnessed by the number of young ringers who attended. Additional evidence of popularity of Danbury was the number of ringers who attended from towers outside the district.

After a bright and cheerful service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. S. Hopkirk, with Miss J. Thomas at the piano (the organ being completely destroyed by enemy action), a move was made to the Dainties Cafe for tea.

Before the business meeting, at which the District Master (Mr. H. J. Mansfield) presided, the members stood in silence in memory of George Cooper, a member of the Chelmsford Cathedral band, who had died since the last meeting. The Master also welcomed all the visitors and thanked the members for attending in such bad weather to support their district officers.

E. Rouse and K. Everett, of Burnham-on-Crouch, were elected ringing members, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Galleywood on January 18th, 1947.

The thanks of all present were expressed by the hon. secretary to the Rector and Miss Thomas and to Mr. E. Roast for making all the arrangements for the tea and meeting. It was also suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to Messrs. E. and A. Roast in the loss they had suffered by the death of their father the previous Wednesday.

The Rector, in reply, expressed his pleasure at having the association again at Danbury and assured them of a welcome whenever they could come.

Members and visitors were present from Boreham, Chelmsford, Broomfield, Burnham, Danbury, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Malden, Springfield, Great Waltham, Brentwood, Shenfield, Harwich, Feering, Kelvedon, Byfield and Bentley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

PRACTICE MEETING OF SALISBURY BRANCH.

On November 30th a practice meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Wilton and Barford. Ringing was at Wilton in the afternoon. Tea was served at the Greydawn Cafe, where the Rector joined the party and extended a hearty welcome to the members. After tea handbells were rung to an interested audience of ringers and other customers in the cafe.

Afterwards the ringers went on to Barford St. Martin, where the bells were kept going in various methods. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Minor to Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Ringers attended from Salisbury, Wilton, Downton, Breamore, Amesbury and Warminster.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. W. Knight 1, L. Pullen 2, J. Weaden 3, W. Kingcott 4, G. Prescott (conductor) 5, E. Fisher 6.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Nov. 17th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. H. Culver 1, H. Mackinder 2, A. Grove 3, A. S. Richards (conductor) 4, R. A. Johnson 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung after meeting short for Triples. First quarter of Minor by ringers of 3 and 5.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Nov. 24th, at the Holy Rood, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tocock 1, E. Williams (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Dorey 3, F. Precey (conductor) 4, H. Runyard (first quarter-peal) 5, H. Stevens 6.

WYE, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: P. Page 1, W. W. Ring 2, H. S. Wickens 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

St. David's Diocesan Guild

LLANSTEPHAN BELLS NO LONGER SILENT.

On November 30th the ringers of St. David's Diocese paid a visit to Llanstephan and spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening ringing the bells, which it is believed had not been rung for 16 years, except by the Carmarthen ringers, who rang them on VE-Day for a short while.

Some very good touches of Triples, Major and Stedman were rung, and Doubles and rounds for the learners. The going of the bells was very good, apart from the ropes, which needed some attention.

The Vicar (Dr. Islwyn Davies) visited the tower in the evening and shook hands with all the ringers present, and welcomed the ringers any time they care to come to Llanstephan.

It is to be hoped that although Llanstephan is a small place, a band will be formed in the near future to keep the bells ringing. Thanks are extended to Mr. George Morris and Mr. D. Curtis, of Carmarthen, for attending to the bells beforehand, and seeing everything was ready for the Llanstephan visit.

It is hoped to hold a monthly meeting of the Guild at Llanstephan in the near future.

C. H. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT CRIMPLESHAM.

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its monthly meeting at Crimplesham on November 30th, which was attended by members and friends from Downham Market, Elm, Hilgay, Hockwold, Marham, Shouldham, Terrington St. John, Walpole St. Andrew, Walsoken, Wisbech and members of the local tower.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob Doubles, St. Simon's, Grandsire, Stedman, Union and Bartholomew. Cups of tea, provided by local lady church workers, were greatly appreciated, as was the use of the church room for the meeting.

The annual branch meeting will be held at Walpole St. Peter on January 11th.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER MEETING AT ST. CHAD'S.

On November 30th the society held another successful meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley. The bells were rung up in peal at 2.30 p.m. and ringing continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Schoolroom.

The business meeting was held in the same room. Before the chair was taken, Canon Marshall read a telegram from Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (who was for some time transferred to Leeds and was attached to the St. Chad's company) sending his good wishes for the meeting.

The president (Mr. J. McGlenn) was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey and Bradford Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies for their services was proposed by Mr. McGlenn and seconded by Mr. F. Seager.

Canon Marshall, acknowledging the thanks, said he would leave his two churchwardens to make the formal reply. In their remarks they hoped all present had enjoyed themselves as they had recently signed a cheque for new bell ropes. Some people thought that bell-ringing was a nuisance, but they thought the Church would have to make itself a bigger nuisance before some people realised what it stood for.

The secretary gave his financial statement, and the final item was the Grundisburgh appeal, for which tickets were sold. The next meeting will be at Pudsey in January, 1947.

Bath and Wells Association

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wrington on December 7th, ringers being present from Bath, Chew Magna, Chilcompton, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Wrington, Yatton, etc. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The revised form of office was used for the first time, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Talbot), with Mr. David Yeo (Long Ashton) at the organ. Tea followed at the Golden Lion Inn.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master of the association (the Rev A. J. Hook), supported by the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke), Miss N. G. Williams (secretary of the Western Branch Ladies' Guild) and the local officers. The chairman referred to the loss sustained by the association and the Exercise in general by the passing of Major J. H. B. Hesse, the members standing in silence.

All retiring officials were re-elected, viz.: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight (Wrington); vice-chairman, Mr. L. Derrick (Nailsea); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. G. Yeo (Long Ashton). Sixteen new members were admitted, from Chew Magna, Clevedon, Kingston-Seymour, Tickenham, Wraxall and Wrington. It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Yatton, with intermediate monthly practices at Tickenham (January) and Easton-in-Gordano (March) and to cancel the February practice, as it would coincide with the date of the Bristol U.R.G. annual dinner.

After some discussion as to the advisability of altering the times of the monthly practices, it was passed by a majority to keep to the existing arrangement. A member asked why certain towers in the area of the deanery were affiliated to other branches, the general secretary explaining it was due to local facilities of travel.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the organist, closed the business of the meeting, and a return was made to the belfry, where the fine ring of ten were kept going throughout the evening in rounds and standard methods.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Annual and quarterly subscribers are reminded that subscriptions become due on January 1st.

THE CHURCH AND RINGERS

In accordance with a special programme of services with emphasis on the various church workers, evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, Wilton, Wilts, on December 1st, was dedicated to the bellringers.

After the voluntary, the service opened with a record of Bow bells played on a radiogram in the church. Hymns were specially chosen and some collects and prayers taken from the office of the Salisbury Guild. Lessons were read by Mr. C. Haines, captain of the Wilton ringers, and Mr. W. Theobald, branch secretary of the Guild. In place of an anthem the choir sang the carol, 'Ring out the bells,' and Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung by Messrs. Harris, Theobald and Manns.

The Rector, in his sermon, mentioned the special duty of bells and gave some interesting historical facts. During the taking of the collection a record of St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells was played, and after the service the victory bells.

Previous to the service was rung 1,440 Plain Bob Minor by the following: F. E. Manns 1, A. Haines (first quarter in method) 2, C. Haines 3, L. Page 4, W. Theobald (conductor) 5, F. Harris 6.

OBITUARY

MR. W. E. BASON.

It is with regret that we record the death at his home in Felixstowe on October 26th of Mr. William Edward Bason at the age of 59. By the death of Mr. Bason the Norwich Diocesan Exercise loses one who for over 46 years was an active member and for whom the highest respect was felt.

All his life Mr. Bason was identified with the furtherance of the art of change ringing, not only in his native county, but in the neighbouring counties of Essex and Suffolk. By his never-failing zest and willingness to put his knowledge and experience at the disposal of others, Mr. Bason fostered all that was noble in the change ringing community, and he leaves behind him a record of loyalty and friendship to a wide circle of friends and associates.

During his residence in Norwich he was for some time ringing master at St. Peter Mancrott Church, and it was at this tower that a muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on October 29th on the minor eight, one of his own compositions, by a representative company as a token of esteem.

The funeral took place at his birthplace, Garboldisham, Norfolk, on October 31st. It was at this tower that Mr. Bason rang his first peal at the age of 16, and as a fitting memorial a muffled peal was rung by a representative company.

Mr. Bason's peal performances, including several of his own compositions, appear below.

Doubles: Grandsire, rung 2, conducted 0.

Minor: Plain Bob 9, 5; Oxford Treble Bob, 1, 0; two methods, 2, 2; three methods, 2, 1; seven methods, 1, 0; Cambridge, 2, 0.

Triples: Plain Bob, 1, 1; Grandsire, 6, 5; Stedman, 5, 0.

Major: Plain Bob, 21, 14; Little Bob, 1, 1; St. Clement's, 1, 0; Oxford Treble Bob, 17, 4, Kent, 27, 3; Fulbeck Bob, 1, 0; Double Oxford, 2, 0; Spliced Plain, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Double Norwich, 1, 0; Double Norwich, 50, 7; Real Norwich, 1, 0; Superlative, 10, 1; Cambridge, 7, 2; New Cambridge, 2, 0.

Caters: Grandsire, 2, 1; Stedman, 7, 1.

Royal: Plain Bob, 8, 6; Little Bob, 1, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 2, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 10, 3; Ilkeston Treble Bob, 1, 0; Double Norwich, 1, 0.

Cinques: Grandsire, 1, 1; Stedman, 1, 0.

Maximus: Plain Bob, 1; Little Bob, 1, Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 4, 2; Superlative 1. Total: 214, conducted 62.

MR. ALBERT J. STEELE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Albert J. Steele, of Balcombe, Sussex, who was fatally injured when cycling to his home on the evening of November 25th.

A member of the Sussex County Association for many years, Mr. Steele began his ringing at the early age of 14 and rang his first peal when he was 16 years. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of Kent and Surrey Associations. He took a prominent part in all the activities in his native village of Balcombe.

The interment took place on November 30th, when a large number of his friends were present. Grandsire Triples on handbells were rung at the graveside, those taking part being R. Johnson, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. I. Hairs and A. E. Laker. Afterwards Bob Major (half-muffled) was rung on the tower bells.

MRS. A. HOLWAY.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Holway, of Honiton Clyst, Exeter, took place at the Parish Church, Honiton Clyst, on December 2nd.

The service, which was choral, was jointly conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch) and Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild). The church was filled with relatives and friends, and the coffin was borne by four fellow ringers. Among those present were B. Pidgeon (secretary), J. Glanville (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Deanery Branch); J. Arbury (secretary, East Devon Branch) and A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter Branch). There were many wreaths, one being in the form of a bell.

Mrs. Holway was a regular Sunday service ringer, and had been a member of the Devon Guild for many years.

After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following ringers: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, G. E. Retter (conductor) 4, J. Salway 5, A. G. Betts 6, W. Reeks 7, E. E. Retter.

Q. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT BIRCHINGTON.

In spite of bad weather, some 65 ringers and friends turned up to have a pull on the eight bells at Birchington for the Canterbury District meeting on November 30th. The somewhat confined space in the belfry was taxed to the utmost, one well-known member from Margate making himself comfortable by perching half-way up a ladder leading to the bells.

Ringing proceeded until 4.15, when the usual form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. M. Granville-Sharpe), who also gave an address. An excellent meal followed in the Church House, provided by the Parochial Church Council, those present including the Vicar and churchwardens, the organist, also Mr. George Wiltshire, fast approaching his 87th birthday, and although now unable to ring, appeared to be thoroughly enjoying himself, especially with the older members. At one time it was noticed that Mr. Wiltshire was with two other old regular attendants at meetings—Messrs. Harrison Smith and H. Sayer—their three combined ages totalling 247 years! Three new honorary members were gained and also one new practising member.

Before leaving the members thanked most cordially the donors of the tea, the Vicar for the use of the bells, the churchwardens for their interest and not forgetting the wives and mothers of the local ringers for their help at tea time. Further ringing was held during the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above was held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on November 30th. Members and friends from Banstead, Camberwell, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Beckenham, Carshalton, Bletchley, Epsom, Holloway, Barnehurst, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Melbourne, Merton, Oatlands Park, Streatham, Thames Ditton and Walton-on-Thames attended to the number of 40. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and good practice was had in a variety of methods during the afternoon. A short and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Leopard Cafe.

The District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, presided at the business meeting, at which five new practising members were elected and three compounding members. It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on February 22nd if convenient.

The following officers were nominated for the coming year: Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; secretary, Mr. R. Lathbury; treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr C. Dean; and for three places on the committee, Messrs. H. V. Young, R. Davies, W. Oatway, D. Parsons and W. Massey. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned for making the meeting such a great success.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., and methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major.

QUARTER PEALS

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 St. Simon's Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: V. Rose 1, H. May 2, H. A. Gummer (conductor) 3, A. G. Moore 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6. A wedding compliment to Sgt. L. Dixon, R.A.F., a local member.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — At St. Editha's Church on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. M. Chaplin 1, C. Pratt 2, L. B. Hodgetts 3, G. Peers, jun. 4, E. Elton 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. Peers, sen. (conductor) 7, S. Dunkley 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th, at the Abbey, 1,332 Grandsire Caters: W. Newman 1, T. Newbury 2, C. Rouse 3, O. Attwood 4, J. Attwood 5, W. Dyer (conductor) 6, F. Miles 7, L. Aston 8, J. Lewis 9, T. Davis 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled): G. Packham, sen. 1, C. Wickens (conductor) 2, G. Packham, jun. 3, E. Packham 4, F. Godsmark 5.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At 48, Uplands Avenue, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: A. V. Pearson 1-2, H. Howell (conductor) 3-4, A. G. Newman 5-6.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. R. Newton 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, J. Sansom (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, W. S. Langdon 6, J. Rumley 7, H. Belcher 8.

WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Elsigood 1, J. Webb 2, S. Osborne 3, V. Parry 4, W. Elsigood 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal Minor for ringers 1, 2 and 5. First quarter-peal Minor on the bells since treble added in 1920. The bells were rung 'up in peal,' touch rung and 'fell in peal' without interval.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.—For the centenary service of the Loyal Shelluson Lodge M.U., I.O.O.F., six friendly society members of the Guild rang 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, A. Clements 2, G. Berry 3, G. Finch 4, B. Cooper 5, J. Preastner (conductor) 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 24th, at St. Mary's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, A. Cutler 3, E. Lankester 4, M. Hodgson 5, H. Kilby 6, J. H. Botham 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, F. Dimond 2, J. L. Glanville 3, C. Deem 4, J. Skinner 5, J. Deem 6, W. Hayman (conductor) 7, P. Gatter 8.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

A. KNIGHTS (No. 377).

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23645			2	2
52436		—	2	2
65324		—	2	2
46253		—	2	2
23564	2	1	2	2
32465		1	1	2
25463	1			2
32654	2		1	2
56234	1	—		2
64235	1			2
25346	2	—	2	2
23456	1	—	2	2

4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths place. 5th, 6th the extent in 5ths Without. The 2nd in 6ths with all the 8-6's.

First rung at Sible Hedingham, Essex, on August 8th, 1946, conducted by E. W. Pye.

NOTICES

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Christmas Greetings will be inserted in issue of December 20th. Price 2s. 6d. 30 words.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas is now 29, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, Worcs.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District. — Saturday, Dec. 14th, Thrybergh, nr. Rotherham. Dedication of 6 bells (old five rehung and new treble added) at 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. —Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Heath (5), Dec. 14th. Cups of tea will be provided; bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Escrick (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN. — Hunts District.—Meeting at All Saints', Huntingdon (6), on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Other towers later.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Marden, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Names to Mr. J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Names to A. G. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222). — W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Sat., Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Atlantic Tea Rooms.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottages, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Dunsfold, dedication of recast bells (6), Sunday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Bells open for ringing after the dedication service.—A. C. Hazelden, Dis. Hon. Sec.

RINGING AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL on the third Saturday every month, commencing on Dec. 21st, from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rochester District.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practice for Dec. 21st is now cancelled.—P. Newton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Anstey (8), Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting and cups of tea 5 p.m. — W. J. Root.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District. — Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea at nearby cafes.—H. C. Hillyard.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Crewe Branch. — Sandbach (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. — Rich. D. Langford.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Whiston, Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., to all those who notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, nr. Rotherham, by Wednesday, 18th All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Bolton Branch. — The meeting arranged at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, has been cancelled. Next meeting, Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1947. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 4 p.m. — Frank Reynolds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —Next meeting at the Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Take own food. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Cirencester Branch. — Annual meeting, Watermoor, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Parish Church (12) after service. Names by Dec. 17th to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Gloucester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Wirral Branch. Monthly meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 21st. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Acting Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGSHIRE ASSN. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 28th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Come and ring out the old year. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W Price.

BOURNEMOUTH. — A Ringers' Rally and Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1947, under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. The Lord Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner in St. Peter's Hall (6.30 p.m.). Application for tickets, price 8s. 6d., with remittance, should now be made to: Arthur R. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

Among the miscellaneous performances recently are a number of first 720's. At Whiston, Yorks, Philip Coote (age 15) and Billy Thomas (age 13) have both rung their first 720 in Bob Minor from the treble, and Tom Cutts his first on the tenor. Conductors of these performances were Norman Chaddock and John J. L. Gilbert.

From Sedbergh, Yorks, first 720's in Bob Minor have been rung by Diana James and Jean Bone. Conductor, G. F. Woodhouse.

Miss B. Faulknell, of Leicestershire, while on a visit to Apsley End, Herts, rang her first 720 Bob Minor from the second. Conductor, W. Randall.

At Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, 720 Cambridge Minor: A. Walpole, S. Fenn, S. Goodswen, D. Fenn, G. Walpole (conductor), D. Long.

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