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A BISHOP ON ESSEX BELLS

THE Bishop of Colchester (the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough) gave a particularly striking address at the annual meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford Cathedral on Whit Monday, which we quote in extenso:—

One of the things which attracted me most when I arrived in Essex was the local county patriotism. I learned it in my native land of Norfolk and I am glad I have not had to transfer it far. It would be a shame if the bells in so many steeples were silent through lack of ringers. My own love of bells is due to the fact that I was brought up within sound of St. Peter Mancroft at Norwich, and other beautifully named churches. Now, in middle-age, I am intensely proud of the bells in my own Archdeaconry of Colchester—such bells as Saffron Walden or Thaxted, and of these bells at Chelmsford. I would think also of the smaller churches of Essex such as Greenstead Green, the bells of which greeted me and warmed my heart when I went to hold Confirmation services there. They not only greeted me, but the villages around, proclaiming the fact that more young villagers were being confirmed.

A church has a personality much in the same way as has a ship or a railway engine. Some are dignified, some majestic, some quaint, and some even comic in a lovable kind of way; but they stand dumb until the bells make them spring into life, for what living things bells are! I would remind you of the words of Alice Meynell:—

Brief on a flying night
From the shaken tower,
A flock of bells take flight,
And go with the hour.

Like birds from the cote to the gales
Abrupt—O hark!
A fleet of bells set sail's
And go to the dark.

Sudden the cold airs swing
Alone, aloud,
A verse of bells takes wing
And flies with the cloud.

And the bells take one by surprise sometimes from some of the Essex turrets. Black Notley taught me better than that soon after my arrival in Essex, for, foolish and ignorant, I did not know of the sturdy structure in these small towers which carry the weight of the bells. If time allows I always show myself to the ringers, not because I am the manifestation of something wonderful, but because I like to see you absorbed in your task, uttering your wild cries, too absorbed to notice, and I am much too impressed to do other than grin or nod sheepishly and go down again.

Of course, I used to hope that I would be able to meet some of the ringers in the church afterwards, but it is a hope so far deferred. There must be something wrong if ringers restrict their activities to the towers only. The bells do more than I have yet said. Few can resist their appeal, especially at such times as harvest, or Easter, or at a memorial service, when they sound like an echo of trumpets on the other side.

You make the most ancient music of all. We can see the Middle Ages revealed in the architecture of ancient churches, but you make it audible. I will quote from some of the finest prose written by the historian James Anthony Froude:—

'And now it is all gone like an unsubstantial pageant faded; and between us and the old English lies a gulf of mystery which the prose of the historian will never adequately bridge. They cannot come to us, and our imagination can but feebly penetrate to them. Only among the aisles of the cathedral, only as we gaze upon their silent figures sleeping on their tombs, some faint conceptions float before us of what these men were when they were alive: and perhaps in the sound of the church bells, that peculiar creation of mediæval age, which falls upon the ear like the echo of a vanished world.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
*ALBERT WALKER ... 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6	EDWARD LLOYD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Rung strictly non-conducted.
Referee: Mr. Ian D. Hall, who called 'Go' and ticked off all Bobs and Singles and Course-ends throughout the whole of the peal, and 'Stand' at the end. * 400th peal on twelve bells. Tenor 37 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

*PETER G. PARROTT ... <i>Treble</i>	†CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 6
†PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 2	HORACE C. GOODENOUGH ... 7
‡HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 3	HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES ... 8
THOMAS A. BLOW ... 4	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 9
DAVID R. PARSONS ... 5	‡GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

JOAN SALMONS ... <i>Treble</i>	†REV. K. W. H. FEIESTEAD ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	*ROY FAITHFULL ... 7
*MAURICE BUTLER ... 3	*TOM PAGE ... 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 5	REGINALD A. REED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Ten. First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. The first peal in the method on the bells since being augmented to ten. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	†FREDK. E. DUKES ... 8
*IAN D. HALLS ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 9
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5	JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by A. WALKER.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells. H. H. Fearn's 250th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
†MISS HAZEL DALE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Superlative. † First Surprise peal. To commemorate the coming-of-age of the Diocese of Portsmouth. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	†ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 200th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William Short.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK LITTLEFAIR ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD BLAKEY ... 5
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK CLEGG ... 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON
ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JAMES BENNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Containing 1,440 changes each of London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	*HARRY HOVERD ... 6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal in six Surprise methods. First in six methods by the Association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASS. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RUSSELL G. SPEARS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
NORTHAMPTON.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ERIC NOBLES ... <i>Treble</i>	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.



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MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST DIDSBUY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN	Treble	*ALEC CAIRNS	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	†RONALD AIREY	6
ALFRED FROST	3	BURLEY WALSHAW	7
JACK CLEGG	4	RICHARD BENSON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN W. L. SLACK	Treble	FRANK YATES	5
JOSEPH WHITTAKER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON	7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	4	*FRED HORSFIELD	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells, which were dedicated on May 1st, 1948. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	Treble	†NOEL J. DISERENS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
*MISS A. B. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
MRS. A. DISERENS	4	PERCY J. DYKE	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	Treble	*FREDERICK PRECEY	5
A. LESLIE PEARSON	2	*G. FRANK HAYSON	6
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt. 24 lb.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB-WITH-EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*LEONARD C. C. WARREN	Treble	*THOMAS W. KIMBER	5
MISS ANNIE BROWN	2	ALFRED E. REEVES	6
†MISS BERTHA JORDAN	3	JACK CARMAN	7
EDWIN J. BROWN	4	RAYMOND C. SEAGER	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*SYDNEY G. KING	Treble	*JOHN H. DAVEY	5
HAROLD L. PARFREY	2	EDWARD J. FRY	6
*ELISABETH M. HANNAN	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
*BRENDA H. YOUNG	4	*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS SENIOR	Treble	*GEORGE F. NEWTON	5
†JOYCE GAYMER	2	*JACK R. WORRALL	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	W. NORMAN PARK	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

A. W. DICKERSON	Treble	LIONEL A. LESTER	5
*HERBERT C. BOGGIS	2	REGINALD H. DRANE	6
ALBERT PEGG	3	†DENNIS POYNTZ	7
*THOMAS SIMMONS	4	GEORGE POYNTZ	Tenor

Composed by J. NICOL. Conducted by GEORGE POYNTZ.
* First of Treble Bob away from treble. † First of Major. A bi-th-day compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Annable's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VICTOR BOWEN	Treble	†JACK HOLLOX	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	ARTHUR ROLFE	6
†STANLEY G. ELSEY	3	§EDWARD BARKER	7
*HARRY FOLLEN	4	WILLIAM ROSE	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. § 50th peal for Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK	Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (120). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

RANDWICK, SYDNEY.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Anzac Day, Apr. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5520 CHANGES;

Being 15 extents of Plain Bob, 11 of Grandsire, 8 of Old and 6 each of Antelope and April Day. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS BETTY SLOAN	Treble	*RONALD S. ROWE	4
†MISS RUTH E. DONNELLY	2	JOHN DUNCAN	5
NORMAN G. ROBINSON	3	*WILLIAM PEVERELL	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD S. ROWE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First muffled peal to be rung in Australia. Greatest number of changes ever rung in Australia.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
*HENRY N. VAUGHAN	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	FRANK H. HICKS	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Norwich, London, Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FLORRIE WYMAN	Treble	KENNETH SNELLING	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PATRICK HARRIS	Treble	JOHN THOMAS	4
FREDERICK NURDEN	2	PETER BAKER	5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
DONALD CHADWICK ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 4
HAROLD DENMAN ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND E. LEWIS ... Treble	C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	FREDK. A. MERRICK ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

Rung on the opening day after rehangng, being the first peal on these bells since 1926.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION

On Mon., May 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4½ cwt.

E. GLYN HOLDGATE (17) Treble	ERIC J. STERLAND (17)... 4
*HAROLD FRANKLIN (17) 2	PETER H. WRIGHT (17)... 5
R. M. E. RICHARDS (15) 3	B. A. RICHARDS (17) ... Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in method by all the band.

SANDHURST, KENT.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wed., May 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*J. OWEN SAUTER ... Treble	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 4
MISS RUTH LENEY ... 2	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN COOK ... Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
HARRY FOLLEN ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

* First peal, aged 15.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOLTON-ON-SWALE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS D. M. KILLINGLEY Treble	†DENIS FRITH ... 4
*MISS BETTY E. STRUTT... 2	ROGER SPENCER ... 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First of Minor and of Plain Bob. First peal as conductor.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE HULATT ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 4
NORMAN INSKIP ... 2	ERIC SHARP ... 5
LEONARD WILLIAMS ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., May 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JEFFREY B. WEBB ... Treble	WALTER J. COPE ... 4
MISS JOAN BERESFORD... 2	DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5
†PETER BERESFORD ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor. A sixteenth birthday compliment to the conductor.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 4
BRIAN S. COPE ... 2	RAYMOND H. IDLE ... 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grand sire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS DORIS SHEPPARD ... Treble	THOMAS WITTS ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	*TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 5
HAROLD HOBBS ... 3	†MARLOW SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* Has now 'circled' the tower. † First peal.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ANTHONY E. BROOKS ... Treble	PHILIP BARNES ... 4
GEORGE E. FEINR ... 2	FRANK LORD ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*THOMAS JACKSON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 4
†URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 2	WALTER F. DOWNS ... 5
LEONARD E. SHARPE ... 3	RONALD G. BUGG ... Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal other than tenor behind. † Has 'circled' the tower. Birthday peal for tenor ringer.

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW Treble	†ANDREW R. ROUTH ... 4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	†DAVID GALLOP ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 3	†PETER W. B. SEMMENS Tenor

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HAMEX,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE BROWN ... Treble	*MISS BETTY MORELAND 4
ALBERT MILLS ... 2	ALLAN SMITH ... 5
ALWYN TAYLOR ... 3	JAMES TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal in three methods. First as conductor in more than one method. Rung half-muffled on the anniversary of VE-Day.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Marple and Wilsden Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (3) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (4) Braintree and Wragby Delight; (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (6) Morning Star and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. C. K. LEWIS ... Treble	*ERIC SIMPSON 4
MISS YVONNE BOTHAM... 2	*ARTHUR HIBBERT 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in 20 methods. Forty-nine changes of method.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., May 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

First peal of London Minor by all.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Treble	WILFRED YOUNG 4
STANLEY MURPHY 2	WILLIAM FAY 5
ERIC SMITH 3	DUDLEY PAUL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

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LITTLE WITTENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of: (1) Chearsley Slow Course; (2) New Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) St. Matthew's; (5) St. Mark's; (6) London; (7) Union; (8) Stedman; (9) Eynsham; (10) St. Leonard's; (11) Cassington; (12) St. Peter's; (13) St. Columb; (14) Clifford Pleasure; (15) Southrepps Pleasure; (16) St. Nicholas; (17) St. Giles; (18) Winchendon Place; (19) St. Miles; (20) St. Blaise; (21) Fortune; (22) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (23) Northrepps Pleasure; (24) Antelope; and two extents each of (25) St. Simon's; (26) St. Martin's; (27) Plain Bob; (28) Kennington; (29) Old; (30) Norfolk; (31) April Day; (32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (33) Grandshire. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.) in B.

HARRY W. BADGER ... Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 3
NORA HONEY 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4
ALAN R. PINK Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 33 methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*A/C2 G. C. BAGLEY ... Treble	+A/C2 DAVID J. COX ... 4
A/C2 FREDK. J. JACKSON 2	*A/C2 R. E. MANTON ... 5
A/C2 ERIC A. DENCH... 3	*A/C2 ALAN ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC DENCH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SANDIACRE, NOTTS.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... Treble	GIRLING RIGBY 4
DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

First peal in method by all the band and for the Association.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the
year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

A new Doubles record has been established by Mr. Alan R. Pink and his Oxfordshire band. They have now reached 33 methods. This was established at Little Wittenham, Berkshire. The bells had not been rung for two years and the second double clattered on occasions.

A query from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Is the handbell peal at Morrision the first in Wales?

All who rang in the peal of Minor at Elstow, Bedfordshire, served in the Army in the last war.

Mr. James George was visited by Bournemouth ringers recently, who found him much better and able to sit up in bed and ring 5-6 to several 120's.

Bournemouth is a rare place for bringing handbell ringers out of retirement. Mr. Albert H. Ward, of Derby, rang his first peal 'in hand' for 32 years!

The Essex Association have sent their congratulations to Mr. Alec Chalk, of Elsenham, a promising young conductor and grandson of one of the founders of the Association, on having gained an exhibition to Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Peterborough bellringers gained notoriety in connection with their visit to Stamford, Lincs. According to a national paper, when they stopped ringing to catch the last bus at 9 p.m. they found the belfry door locked from the outside. To their bangs and shouts the neighbourhood was deaf. They eventually smashed the lock and by sprinting caught the bus.

The peal of London Surprise Major at Whitley Bay for the Royal Silver Wedding was not the first in the method ever rung here by a local Sunday service band. The last peal in the method was rung on October 13th, 1924, when six members of the Goffton family, George Holmes and Stephen Stratford took part.

BELFRY GOSSIP

First R.A.F. peal comes from Broad Hinton, Wilts. The band came to grief in a previous attempt after 2 hours' ringing. It has now been split up, the majority being posted to Cranwell, Lincs.

Correction.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Bridgend on April 26th was W. T. Petty and not as printed.

Participating in the peal of St. Clement's Minor at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, was 82-year-old Mr. John Perkins, the village blacksmith.

It is hoped that Leeds Parish Church bells will be broadcast before the evening service at 7.45 on Sunday, June 6th, on the Home Service.

The peal of Treble Ten at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 8th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. George Williams, who was 91 on the previous day. He is probably the oldest 'youth' still on the active list.

The peal at Bigby, Lincs, was in remembrance of Arthur Craven, of Sheffield, and Albert Edward Craven (died April 27th) and Harry Williams, of Leeds. The wife of the Vicar of Bigby is the daughter of Harry Williams and niece of Arthur Craven, both of whom were well-known ringers 30 years ago.

The North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild extended congratulations to their secretary (Mrs. Mary Lewis) on her recent marriage when they met at Bowdon, Cheshire. New members elected were the Misses Joan Taggart (Marple), Joan Brentnall and Ethel Fernley (Norbury) and Barbara Smedley (Worsley).

With reference to Mr. W. A. Stote's question re weight of Hatfield tenor, Mr. A. Lawrence, the local captain, writes that the correct weight of the tenor given by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1938 when the ten bells were re-tuned and rehung in ball bearings was 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., and not 26 cwt. as was supposed to be before 1938.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL IN LONDON (continued)

BOB OR PLAIN BOB SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB: MR. CASHMORE'S SUPPORT BELLS AND RADIO
 'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS AN INVITATION TO YORK

MR. C. DEAN reported that the number of peals rung during 1947 was as follows:

On tower bells	1,953
On handbells	221
Total	2,174

Details were available for inspection by members of the Council. Included in the tower bells was a peal of Minor in two methods, one of which was Grandsire Minor, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise on January 18th, 1947, was understood to have been brought round by a Single. These peals were both included in the list. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded and said he understood that this committee were blamed for having the word 'Plain' put in front of some peals. He did not know why it had been done; it was the first he had heard of it.

The Secretary: I think it can be answered in a few words. If anyone has a collection he will find that the method is described as Plain Bob.

Mr. C. Woolley: The name of the method is not Plain, but is Bob. I, for one, cannot see any reason for altering it.

Mr. W. Ayre: As a member of the committee I have no recollection of any order being given. It struck me as being very funny at the time, but it is very useful.

The President: The answer is given in the Council's own book. It is Plain Bob Major, so the committee thought the same terminology should be used in 'The Ringing World'.

The President added that it was a recommendation of the Standing Committee that peals in Treble Bob methods in which singles are used be not recognised.

The Rev. Felstead: It is very awkward for me to get up and defend this as the conductor is not able to be present. Will this be a new recommendation or has there been some actual recommendation in the past apart from the general knowledge that it is not usually done?

The President: We cannot find anything in the decisions about Treble Bob Major methods.

The Rev. Felstead: I would like to put in a plea for it. It has been described as a wangle, which, of course, it is in a way, but in an attempt to get a different composition for Cambridge Major is it any more of a wangle than parting the tenors? ('Yes.) I don't think so.

Mr. P. J. Johnson declared himself strongly opposed to admitting such a peal. He would say that the Council dropped a great brick when they decided to admit Bankes James' composition of Cambridge Minor. The people who rang this peal were leading the Exercise up the garden path. The peals had no value except as freaks. There were plenty of peals of Cambridge in which the traditional method and calls are used.

SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore: Mr. Johnson has stated that the reason why singles are not used in Treble Bob methods is that they are not necessary; but singles are not necessary in Plain Major methods unless a length in excess of 20,000 is required, which is not very often, but this has not stopped their use. In my opinion, the reason why composers have not introduced singles in Treble Bob methods is that their use tremendously complicates proof.

This debate has arisen over Mr. Price's peal of Cambridge, but the real question is whether singles should be used in Treble Bob methods generally, and I propose to approach the matter from that angle. In actual fact, I forestalled Mr. Price by some 15 years.

I produced two similar compositions, each coming round with a single at the Wrong lead, one a 5,090 and the other a 5,058. At

the time I was seeking to produce something which would be an advance, musically, on Middleton's composition, but had I used a little thought before I started I should have realised that with the single in that precise position it would not be possible to improve on Middleton's peal as all the composition with the exception of the last two rows would have to be in the orthodox 25 true courses.

Having failed in what I set out to achieve I threw the figures into the fire and I think that Mr. Price would have been well advised to have done the same with his, not because he had used a single, but because the peal was no advance on Middleton's.

If it can be shown that singles in Treble Bob methods generally can produce some advantage, why should they not be used? We all know that there are many fine Treble Bob methods of good construction which will not produce 5,000 changes with bobs only, but they might if singles were used.

Let me turn to another device which is in common use in peals of mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. This consists of substituting Kent places for Oxford places or vice versa, and the effect on the subsequent lead-end is precisely the same as if a single were used—the lead-end is out-of-course and the bells remain out-of-course until the next substitution takes place when they come back into course. Now one result of this device is that the symmetry of the lead is destroyed, which is not the case when an orthodox single is used, and for this Council to permit something which alters the nature of the lead-end and destroys the symmetry of the lead and yet frown on an orthodox single which has the same effect on the lead-end, but is perfectly symmetrical, seems to me to be illogical.

I suppose it would be true to say that every innovation which has been introduced since bells were first hung in a tower has met with stubborn opposition from the die-hards of the day. Half pull ringing, the 'turning in' of the tenor, and the substitution of the treble bob hunt for the plain hunt were, I have no doubt, regarded as things which would undermine the Exercise and bring it crashing to the ground. In my opinion, there can be no objection to the use of singles in any method, provided that their use produces some advantage which could not otherwise be obtained.

Mr. C. K. Lewis pointed out that Ilkeston should not be considered as 'spliced,' but as 'laminated.'

The President advised members to read Jasper Snowdon's remarks on Treble Bob. He reminded the members that the motion before the meeting was that peals in Treble Bob methods in which Singles are used be not recognised.

Mr. Harold Poole: In view of what has been said by Mr. Cashmore, would it not be better for the committee to go into it thoroughly? I am against it; I think it is only a trick. He moved that it be referred to the committee and this was agreed to.

The report was then adopted, and elected to this committee were Messrs. C. Dean (convener), Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. W. Ayre.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.
 The President reported that during the year the committee had dealt with 32 towers, but as none of these involved new principles he did not think it was worth while going into details. Most of the enquiries related to the regulation of sound.

Mr. F. Sharpe said he had an architect friend who was anxious for old bells to be hung dead and all sound by Elacombe hammers. He would urge the reprinting as early as possible of the Council's publication on the Installation and Preservation of Church Bells.

The President: We have already powers to spend money on its reprinting.

Mr. George Williams: Some years ago at this Council meeting it was advocated that something should be done by the way of getting a rope or rail up staircases.

The President: We shall recommend it in the new edition.—The report was adopted. Messrs. E. H. Lewis (convener), E. Alex. Young, F. Sharpe and W. Osborn were re-elected.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING.

In the period under review references to bells and bellringing have been of special interest in the provincial Press. The respective claims of youth and age in the belfry frequently attract the attention of journalists. Paragraphs in 'News of the World' have raised the question whether either Brafeld or Westhoughton can boast of 'the youngest team of bellringers in Britain'! According to a statement appearing in the April number of 'Home Words,' this distinction may fall to the four ringers of Gaywood Church, Norfolk, aged 9, 11, 12, 13. A more cautious claim has been asserted in the 'Church Times' for Sam Quintrell, of St. Columb, aged 92, as 'Cornwall's oldest bellringer.' Matters of interest in connection with bells continue to figure prominently in the 'Church Times,' which one week published a letter from a Dorset Rector paying a glowing tribute to the good qualities of ringers and their valuable service to the church.

An article of exceptional interest appeared last year in 'The Guide,' giving a description of ringing at High Wycombe, in which a number of Girl Guides take part. One statement in a London newspaper credited a band with the feat of ringing 3,900 changes on Christmas Eve in half an hour, but in the main the general Press has shown a praiseworthy degree of accuracy in its treatment of the mysteries of the belfry. We are glad to note that the Irish Press has been especially enterprising in directing attention to the subject of bells and the activities of ringers.

With regard to broadcasting, during recent weeks an abnormal proportion of Sunday services have been broadcast without any sound of bells, but at an earlier date ringing was broadcast from a number of churches. Most of the striking was distinctly good, though call changes from one Devonshire village did not quite come up to the standard traditional in that county.

Of outstanding merit were the broadcasts from Bath Abbey, Twerton and Diss. The broadcast of bells on Christmas morning from different parts of the British Isles as well as from Bethlehem was thoroughly representative and satisfactory. On the other hand, it is to be regretted that the greatest festival of the Christian year was allowed to pass without a single ring of bells finding a place on the programme. Interesting matter has been introduced into some of the programmes with illustrations both of church bells and handbells. Notable among them was a visit to Taylor's Foundry, with a description of the making and ringing of bells, and the Loughborough Carillon was heard to full advantage.

It remains to record with deep regret the passing from our midst of one of the foremost contributors to the literature of the Exercise. By virtue of wide experience and indefatigable research the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope had amassed an unequalled store of information on the subject of bells and the history of ringing, besides bringing a high degree of ability to bear on problems of method construction. His book on Stedman is well known, and his 'History of the College Youths' will retain a lasting place of honour as a work of classical importance.

Moving the adoption of the report, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards regretted that when bells were

used in connection with broadcast services they were never mentioned in 'The Radio Times,' and, secondly, when bells were put on the air it was often done under a heading which had nothing to do with bells, so ringers had a legitimate grievance.

Another point was that there was no system in regard to the broadcast of bells for religious services. Bells should always be included in the programme of the great Christian festivals. They had an example on Whit Sunday of a broadcast from Bristol Cathedral which had no bells. It would have been better if the broadcast had been from a cathedral with good bells.

Mr. Paddon Smith seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Hazelden: What I find most disturbing is the unnecessary talks while the bells are on. The report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convener), Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker, re-elected.

PEAL BOARDS.

Mr. W. Wilson reported having received details of 277 old peal boards recording 308 performances of 1825 or earlier in 128 towers. Of these, details of 145 boards recording 160 performances have been typed.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. G. W. Steere said at the meeting at Exeter it was mentioned that there was an old Cumberland peal board in the ruins of All Hallows', Barking. He wrote to the Rev. 'Tubby' Clayton asking for permission to remove the board to a place of security. He replied that he could not possibly let it go, but granted permission to copy the board. Mr. Steere said he replied that their concern was over the preservation of the board. In the end he received a note stating that it was placed in some place of security where it would not be damaged by the weather.

The report was adopted, and Messrs. W. G. Wilson (convener) and Walter Ayre and the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg were re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

The report stated that an effort had been made to complete the records of members of the first Council, and they were still without particulars of the following members: F. W. Thornton, G. F. Attree, G. Walker, L. Newton, W. Baron, C. E. Malin, J. Holden, C. Hounslow and G. T. McLaughlin. Information would be welcome. The committee have secured the services of an expert photographer who is reproducing photographs loaned to the Council. Photos were still required of Ald. J. S. Pritchett, G. H. Phillott, F. E. Dawe, R. T. Woodley, G. Newson, J. Rogers and E. F. Strange.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hazelden said he had one bit of bad luck. He had collected a number of photographs, including Mr. J. A. Trollope's. On the way to the photographer's he lost them; in spite of a reward being advertised he had been unable to obtain any information of them. If any member had a photograph of Mr. J. A. Trollope he would be pleased to have the loan of it.

The report was adopted, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden (convener) and Mr. W. Viggers were elected to the committee.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the 15 months ending December 31st were presented by Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Receipts were: Rolls Publishing Company, £1,220 1s. 9d.; postal subscribers, £1,152 1s. 3d.; advertisements, £247 11s. 1d.; notices, £330 9s. 6d.; sale of 'College Youths,' £51 9s. After meeting expenses there was a net profit of £186 8s. 1d. With the balance brought forward from Sept. 30th, 1946, of £950 12s. 6d. this resulted in £1,137 8s. 7d. being carried forward.

Mr. Fletcher said that in spite of three increases in cost of production and paper they had managed to pay their way. From the final figure of £1,137 there were likely to be some reductions, as they had not settled their

tax position. The audit of the accounts was very nearly completed and responsibility for the delay must rest with him. With regard to the audit, the Standing Committee recommended that a fee be paid to Mr. Turner of £5 5s. for each year, making a total of £21.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the accounts were adopted, subject to audit.

Mr. Turner asked for his fees to be paid to the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund of the Middlesex County Association, as he had no wish to benefit financially from his services.

The President made a full statement regarding the acquisition of 'The Ringing World' and the dealing of the late Mr. Trollope. He said that the statement was presented to the Standing Committee the previous day, who resolved that a vote of confidence be passed to 'The Ringing World' Committee for the way in which it had acted in all matters connected with the journal.

Mr. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. F. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report. 'The Ringing World' Committee was elected as follows: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. This motion was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the latter remarking, 'We all feel that the committee have done a very good job of work. The increased circulation of "The Ringing World" is due to their efforts.'

Mr. F. W. Perrins said he would like to make one suggestion for the committee to look into to see whether they could not do something towards getting the peals up to date. He wrote some months ago suggesting three columns of peals to the page. He thought the peals could be contracted. Instead of 2 hours 46 minutes 2.46 could be given. If the names were displayed as at present the number of the bells could be deleted.

Mr. Harold Poole. Are we losing time?

The President: We get behind on special occasions. We did not get any relief from peal ringing during Lent.

Mr. Poole: Could we help the Editor by asking that we hold up for a month?

Mr. F. Hairs suggested that the margins of white on the pages could be reduced.

Mr. Nolan Golden advocated doing away with the title block.

The President promised that all the suggestions would be considered.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

A ballot took place for the election of members of the Standing Committee and resulted as follows:—

Elected: Messrs. A. Walker 124, F. Perrins 122, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 122, Messrs. H. Poole 120, J. F. Smallwood 117, J. T. Dyke 116, G. E. Debenham 115, A. Paddon Smith 114, P. J. Johnson 113, F. I. Hairs 113, A. H. Pulling 101, J. W. Clarke 89. Not elected: Mr. C. F. Johnston 78.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded that in Rule 13 the words 'ringing papers' be deleted and 'The Ringing World' be inserted instead, as 'The Ringing World' is the official organ of the Central Council.—Agreed.

HANDBELL RINGING.

The following resolution was also in the name of Mr. Dukes: 'That the book on handbell ringing suggested at the 1939 Council meeting be completed and printed at the earliest opportunity.' He said he had had many requests from their ringers in Ireland for instruction in handbell ringing.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. Hooton said he understood that the book had been revised considerably during the past two years.

Mr. C. Woolley: That is quite right. I have been rewriting the book and preparing it for the press.

Mr. Hairs: There are several ways of ringing handbells. There is the old-fashioned way and there is 'the new look.' Are both included?

Mr. Woolley: The book will consist of a record of the old-fashioned way and another

on the new way. There will be a lot about ringing by position, which I take it is what the speaker meant as the old-fashioned way.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

STEDMAN CATERERS AND CINQUES.

Mr. George E. Symonds proposed that the late Mr. John Carter's broadsheets of peals of Stedman Caterers and Cinques be reprinted and included in the list of publications on sale by the Central Council. He thought it would be a fitting memorial to such an illustrious ringer.—This was agreed to.

Arising therefrom, Mr. Harold Poole felt that something should be done in regard to Mr. Lindoff's London. All the manuscripts of Mr. Lindoff were in Dublin and he thought they should be available to the Council.

The Chairman moved that the Peals Collection Committee be asked to examine Mr. Lindoff's work in a similar form. Mr. Poole seconded and this was agreed to.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Hon. Secretary reported that an invitation had been received to visit Cheltenham.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he believed he was right in saying that there was a definite rota of places—once in London every three years and then meetings alternately north and south of Birmingham. He asked the Council, provided the Yorkshire Association could make the arrangements, to hold the next meeting at York.—The Rev. C. O. Ellison supported the invitation.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded that the next Council meeting be held at York, subject to satisfactory arrangements.

Mr. F. W. Perrins asked the Standing Committee to reconsider holding meetings in London once every three years, as accommodation was now most difficult.

MEMORIAL FUNDS.

The Council agreed to a sum of three guineas being voted to the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund, and a similar amount to the J. W. Parker Memorial Fund.

DAYS OF MEETING.

Mr. Perrins said that at various times there had been conversations as to the best day to hold a meeting. He enquired whether Monday would not be a better day than Tuesday.

The Rev. Edwards: It would be impracticable for any of the clergy to attend.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and Warden of the Skinners' Company for giving the Council such wonderful accommodation. This was due to the advocacy of Mr. Hughes, who, besides being one of their honorary members, was a member of the Skinners' Company. He also thanked the Deaf of St. Paul's and the incumbents of the various towers and the towerkeepers for having the bells in readiness. He also expressed his personal thanks to Mr. Fletcher for his help.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the president and Mr. Hughes for kindly arranging and providing tea during the meeting.

Mr. Lewis was thanked for presiding on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes.

QUARTER PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On May 2nd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss C. Dunnington 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, K. Norman (first 'inside') 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, D. Adams 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8.

NORTHWRAM, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): H. Wright 1, A. Hancock 2, W. G. Turner 3, J. Greenwood 4, N. Bennett (first quarter) 5, Pearson (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor and 3.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion L. Lidgely 1, G. W. Tavson 2, Joan Withey 3, A. Carver 4, E. V. Williams 5, E. W. Sanders 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. First of Stedman for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JEAN M. WARD Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 4
JOHN B. BENNETT 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
CHARLES V. CATTELL 3	ALAN CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

Varied callings, seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.	
JOHN PERKINS Treble	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 2	STANLEY GILBERT 5
DEREK SANDERSON 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*JOHN BEDFORD Treble	†JOHN CLEMENTS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	FREDERICK MERRICK 5
JOHN THOMAS 3	†THOMAS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. William Ranford.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.	
*MISS P. FERNANDO ... Treble	*NISSANKA FERNANDO ... 4
*PATRICK CROSS 2	*JOHN F. LLOYD 5
HENRY T. WILSON 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the good wishes of the band to Mr. J. F. Lloyd and Mr. D. Mayell, who are both going abroad shortly.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.	
ROGER LEIGH Treble	DAVID MANN 4
RONALD H. LAWRANCE ... 2	*HARRY F. CHURCHMAN 5
*MISS G. A. A. SMITH ... 3	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours,

AT 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten different callings.

PETER BERESFORD 1-2	DENNIS BERESFORD 3-4
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*JEFFREY B. WEBB 5-6

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

Witness: Miss J. BERESFORD.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor. For the Royal Silver Wedding.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., May 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in F flat.

*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 1-2	TOM HARRIS 5-6
*EDWIN J. BROWN 3-4	*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 7-8

*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 9-10

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.	
FREDERICK E. DUKES 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST McGRATH 5-6	

Conducted by A. ERNEST McGRATH.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT SUNNYVIEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.	
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	SIDNEY BROWN 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

The conductor has now called a peal of Major off each pair.

MORRISTON (SWANSEA), GLAM.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (three callings) and 30 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.	
LEONARD JONES (15) ... 1-2	ARTHUR HOARE 3-4
JULIAN MORGAN (15) 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.

Witnesses: A. EDWARDS and L. PELZER.

First peal on handbells by all. First for the Guild.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., May 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM J. R. BROWN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.	
ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.	
GEOFFREY DODDS 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5-6
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 3-4	*MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Witness: B. D. THRELFALL.

* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.	
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 1-2	†GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal on a pair of working bells. 25th peal as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7-8

*DENNIS W. TOWNHILL... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method and first on ten bells.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., who died on May 24th after a painful illness.

Mr. Groombridge collapsed when nearing the end of a peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on Easter Monday and was taken into the Nottingham City Hospital a few days later where he was until his death.

The funeral was at Basford Cemetery on May 28th. Representatives attended from Leicester, Derby, Refford, Ilkeston, Radcliffe and the local churches. The service was taken by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of the Association, assisted by the Vicar of Basford. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by ringers from Daybrook and St. Peter's, Nottingham.

Among the floral tributes was one from the Southwell Diocesan Guild, of which he was general secretary, and it may be said founder, as he had done so much on its formation, also one from his brother ringers of St. Peter's.

Tom will be greatly missed, especially by those of Nottingham, who have improved so much under his leadership. F.A.S.

MR. W. C. FINNEY, SEN.

The Lancashire Association has lost an old and respected member by the death of Mr. W. C. Finney, sen., of Prescott Parish Church, at the age of 80. Except when absent for ill-health he maintained his service ringing until the end. He had several peals, chiefly Plain Bob, to his credit.

MR. F. MITCHELL.

Mr. Frederick Mitchell, verger for 41 years at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, one time member of the local band, died on May 6th and was laid to rest on Wednesday, May 12th. That evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Vandepeer¹, Mrs. T. Taylor 2, Joan Butcher 3, J. Builes 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, L. Stacey 6, G. J. Butcher 7, D. Stacey 8.

MR. C. W. TAYLOR.

A familiar figure at ringers' meetings in Hertfordshire and wider afield was Mr. C. W. Taylor, of Watford, whose death at the age of 63 is reported this week. He was invariably accompanied by his bag of handbells.

'Charlie' was not a ringer, but he loved ringers' company, and the sound of bells, particularly handbells, was very near to his heart. His other hobby was model engineering, and his knowledge on that subject was sound.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT BIDEFORD.

The Guild's annual meeting at Bideford on Whit Monday attracted an attendance of about 250. The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Durling) in his address at the service said, 'The desperate need to-day in this world of wangling and wrangling is for 100 per cent. Christians and for evangelism. One valuable evangelistic weapon is the art you practise. Church bells do more to keep the ideals of Christianity before men than we can possibly estimate.' A guest at the luncheon was the Mayor.

At the business meeting the President (Preb. E. V. Cox) said that work during the year had been encouragingly progressive. Membership totalled 575, compared with 525 the previous year.

The report of the hon. treasurer (Mr. T. Laver, Heavitree) stated that the Bells Restoration Fund stood at £188.

Preb. E. V. Cox was re-elected president. Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, hon. secretary, and Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mid-Devon, was elected treasurer. Tribute was paid to Mr. T. Laver, resigned through illness after eight years as treasurer. The work of Mr. Smale was also eulogised.

MR. GEORGE F. SWANN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George F. Swann at his home, 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield, on May 23rd, after a short illness. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Nicolas', Boldmere, on May 26th, and the interment followed at Oscott New Cemetery, his ringing colleagues acting as bearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by G. E. Fearn, W. A. Barber, A. Walker and M. J. Morris.

Mr. Swann's readiness to further the art of ringing in all its phases and his modest demeanour endeared him to all who knew him. The Exercise is the poorer for his passing. He was 69 years of age and to his widow is extended the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. H.C.S.

A peal in his memory was rung at St. Barnabas', Erdington, on the same day.

MR. ALFRED PRIOR.

After an illness of seven weeks' duration, Mr. A. Prior, of Leytonstone, has died, aged 74.

With his father and two brothers he learnt to hold a bell at Takeley, Essex. As a young man he joined the Great Eastern Railway and was for many years foreman at Liverpool St.

Coming in contact with the late Mr. J. Moule, he was persuaded to join the Leytonstone tower in 1911 and soon made good progress in Surprise Minor ringing. A prominent member of the Essex Association, he served on the committee and was for 15 years Master of the S.W. Division. He was also a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The funeral service was held at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, on May 21st, and in addition to the family mourners there were 15 ringers present, Mr. Chalk, Master of S.W. Division, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of L.C.A., and others from Woodford, Barking, Walthamstow, Leyton, Waukeston, Hornchurch and Mr. A. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, Devon.

After the funeral 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung by A. W. Brighton 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. Faulkner 3, R. Slannard 4, C. Willington 5, F. V. Gant 6, J. H. Crampion 7, G. Dawson 8. G.D.

Mr. Alfred Prior's peals:—Grandsire Doubles 1 (conducted 1); Bob Minor 3 (3); Surprise Minor 31 (5); Grandsire Triples 3 (2); Stedman Triples 9 (4).

Bob Major 2 (2); Treble Bob Major 4; Double Norwich C.B. 6; Cambridge Surprise Major 8; Superlative Surprise Major 2; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2 (1); London Surprise Major 3; Grandsire Caters 3 (2); Stedman Caters 7; Erin Caters 1; total 85 (conducted 20).

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The picturesque city of Bangor was the venue this year for the annual meeting of the North Wales Association on Whit Monday.

The service at St. David's Church was conducted by the president and Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Wright), who gave the members a most cordial welcome.

At the business meeting which followed the president was elected to the chair and all the officers were re-elected with one exception, Mr. J. Dean, Rhuddlan, being appointed secretary of the Rhyl District. Mr. A. J. Hughes was elected Central Council representative for the next three years. The Rector of Portmadoc was added to the list of vice-presidents. The balance sheet showed a credit of £17 3s. 10½d.

The Association was invited to Buckley for its next annual meeting, and it was also decided to hold a half-yearly meeting at Bodelwyddan on the first Saturday in September.

A motion on the agenda to reorganise the Association into North and South Districts did not lead to much discussion, as it was the unanimous opinion that the Association retain the three districts as now divided, i.e., Bangor, Rhyl and Wrexham.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

BIRTH

DARVILL.—On Tuesday, May 25th, 1948, at Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans, to Kathleen, wife of Reginald Darvill, the gift of a daughter (Pauline Joy). 3591

DIAMOND WEDDING

BACON—WELLS.—On June 2nd, 1888, at St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, Helena Ella Wells to Edward Atherton Bacon. Present address, 49, Englands Lane, Loughton, Essex. 3599

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. H. J. Millatt is now c/o 121, Old Heath Road, Colchester, Essex. 3608

Mr. H. W. Perkins now resides at The Gardens, East Pennard, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. 3611

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Ringer marrying in August requires accommodation with own kitchen within daily travelling distance of Welwyn Garden City. Good references. All letters gratefully acknowledged.—Burgess, 7, Coneydale, Welwyn Garden City. 3531

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, Es. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, Es. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 3573

MISCELLANEOUS

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Stedman, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples, also Duffled. K.T.B. Major, etc. All welcome. Frequent bus service, Haywards Heath Station five minutes. 3466

CORNWALL.—Will all ringing brethren of the Craft coming to Cornwall during the summer kindly write to the undersigned? It is hoped to arrange for some peal ringing for the Craft in the county.—E. V. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth. 3322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Will members in future please send details of peals direct to the peal secretary instead of to the general secretary as required by the rule. The several conductors who have not sent details of compositions rung in 1947 are asked to do so without further delay. Attention is drawn to the requirements of Rule 18.—P. A. Corby, Peal Secretary, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23. 3588

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted (6), June 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3520

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly, Cuckfield (8), June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. 3555

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Trains from Chatham 1.54 p.m. and 3.54 p.m. Bus No. 489 from Gravesend 7 minutes past every hour.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3553

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Acton, Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 3539

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Buses from Bridport every hour.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 3561

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3574

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyt's on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 3579

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, previously advertised at Newport Pagnell on June 5th, will now be held at Stony Stratford.—R. H. Howson. 3613

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, June 7th, a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3627

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Harwell, Saturday, June 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Tuesday, June 8th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3515

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Congregational Church Hall. Numbers for tea by June 8th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 3572

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw, June 12th. Usual arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Notifications by 9th D. Sleet, Fuchsia, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3577

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Eckington, June 12th. Tea for a limited number who notify G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 8th. 3563

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, All Saints', Fulham, Saturday, June 12th, 4 p.m. Bells available from 5.20. Summer outing, July 10th, to Cuckfield and Lindfield. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3623

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea by June 5th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 3564

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Carmarthen (8), June 12th. Bells 1.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4. Names by June 5th to C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly. 3557

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by June 7th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3580

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Bourn (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3589

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), June 12th. Tea for those who notify Rev. C. H. Valentine, The Vicarage, West Hoathly, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 3592

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—East Isley (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by June 9th to Mr. C. Hibbert, East Isley, Newbury. 3593

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Pocklington, June 12th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Station Hotel, only to those who notify Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, near York.—Albert E. Sellers. 3586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Wigan and Liverpool branches at Halsall (6), Saturday, June 12th, at 2.30. Tea at small charge. Names to A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirck. 3594

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Langdale, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3618

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Contest at Penistone, June 12th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than June 8th Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 23, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3620

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Scorton, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 9th, to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, near Preston.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 3621

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 12th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3595

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Peter's, Walsden, on Saturday, June 12th. Bring own food, cups of tea provided in school. Subscriptions due, reports to hand.—I. Kav, Secretary. 3596

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Brockworth (6), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. Presentation to late branch secretary.—W. Sidwell. 3597

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, Saturday, June 12th, 2.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3598

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, All Saints', Poplar (10), Saturday, June 12th. Ringing 3-4.30, 6.30-8. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements.—R. H. Begrie, District Sec. 3600

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Arley, near Coventry, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 8th to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 3601

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandv. 3615

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Meeting, Seaford, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications by 9th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Burgess Hill. 3616

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, June 12th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace South, Sunderland, by June 10th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 3602

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Sawley, June 12th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to W. E. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Road, Sawley, by June 9th. 3605

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Reedham, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Burgess, Elm House, Reedham, by June 9th, very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3560

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted (8) on Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by June 10th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 3626

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Lulington (6), June 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by June 8th to W. H. Curson, Grangewood, Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent. 3628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Be sure to send your name in to D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring, by Wednesday, 9th inst.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 3629

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service and tea to follow. Please notify for tea by June 8th N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 3614

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 2s. each for those notifying Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, by 8th. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 3612

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Brockenhurst, June 12th. Bells from 2.30, Lyndhurst after tea. Names for tea by June 9th.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3610

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, June 12th. St. Mary-le-Tower 2.15-3 and 4-8.30; St. Margaret's after 6.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Tudor Cafe. Business meeting after. All cordially invited. Names for tea without fail by Wednesday, June 9th.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 3609

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Reepham, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the I.X.L. Restaurant. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 15th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3603

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Dunstable, June 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, names for which must reach Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable, by June 15th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3604

N.E. ESSEX and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, June 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 4.15. Names to Edward G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3606

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A-hford District.—Quarterly meeting, Folkestone (8), June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 16th to Mr. J. Willis, 7, Salisbury Villas, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone. 3605

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, June 19th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. with business to follow.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3585

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford.

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Quarterly meeting, Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Tea only for those who notify me by 16th (caterers' request).—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Purleigh (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3622

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District. — District meeting, Ropley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2. Service 4. Tea in Village Hall followed by meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, June 14th. Members are asked to consider a possible candidate for secretary since present secretary has to resign due to forthcoming service in H.M. Forces.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day, Saturday, June 26th. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion, Sunday, June 27th, Kilmersdon, 8 a.m. Please notify me if you intend to be there. Breakfast at the Joliffe Arms for those who send their names by June 23rd.—E. H. Nash, Mells, near Frome.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, July 3rd. Fuller particulars later. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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