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HENRY JOHNSON REUNION

MUCH of the reading space in this week's issue is devoted to the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, and young ringers will find in the admirable summary of the life of this worthy, given by Mr. Thomas H. Reeves in his speech from the chair, inspiration and encouragement. And it is no little tribute that nearly 60 years after his death there should be such a large concourse of ringers from all parts of the country present to pay their tribute to this great ringer. Many found their way to Aston churchyard to his grave and to read the inscription over his gravestone: 'This stone is erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of Henry Johnson, to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is widely indebted.' Below is the text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

The phrase that is particularly impressive is 'the ringers of England.' It was not only in his death that Henry Johnson received national recognition; there were banquets in his honour given on his 77th and 80th birthdays attended by the leading ringers of England. The commemoration dinners year by year have more and more assumed the proportion of national gatherings. An attendance of 246 from all parts of the country was counted on March 5th at Birmingham; there would have been at least another 100 if more dining accommodation had been possible. They were drawn together by that magnetism of friendship which is the great feature of our Exercise. The snow and unpleasant climatic conditions were forgotten in the warmth of good comradeship.

The spirit of Henry Johnson remains in Birmingham to-day, carefully nurtured and preserved by St. Martin's Guild of this generation. During his lifetime he rang 139 peals, of which 88 were composed by himself, and it was in the realm of composition that his lasting contribution has been made. To emulate the standard of Henry Johnson has always been an aim of the Guild, and had he heard the report of Mr. Albert Walker on the achievements of 1948, particularly the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques, he would have been proud of the present generation. While the standard of accomplishment to-day is good, the high tradition of service is something better. A characteristic of St. Martin's is that the office-bearers are also the peal ringers. Individual pleasure of peal ringing is accompanied by a sense of obligation and service to the general body of ringers. Thus we find that Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, at the conclusion of 20 years' service as Guild secretary, is being succeeded by Mr. Henry E. Fearn, who last year participated in 108 peals. A feature of the Guild is also a desire of service to the community at large. A former secretary of 20 years' standing, Cclr. A. Paddon-Smith, enters vigorously into the political and civic life of the city. The service, however, which was very dear to the Editor's heart was the formation of a panel of lecturers from among younger men who have visited various church organisations and other bodies and in simple non-technical language told the fascinating story of bells and the art of change ringing. This is, indeed, valuable propaganda, and is likely to give its dividend in due season. The more the love of bells and the purpose of ringing can be inculcated into the community the more staple and permanent will be the foundation of ringing, and as the dust of Henry Johnson mingles with that of Aston the message will not cease to ring forth from the neighbouring steeple.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

JOYCE S. ENGLAND ... Treble	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
JILL BRITAIN ... 2	*HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 3	TONY PRICE ... 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	JOHN F. GALYER ... 9
DAVID PARSONS ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

*First peal of London Royal. A birthday peal for the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and F. E. Darby.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band, for the Association and in the North of England. Rung without previous practice.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*RAYMOND SUART ... Treble	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... 6
JOHN WOODS ... 2	JAMES E. BURLES ... 7
ELIZABETH M. SUART ... 3	W. THOMAS TURNER ... 8
JAMES METCALF ... 4	ALAN CAPSTICK ... 9
JOHN BAGNALL ... 5	THOMAS METCALF ... Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

*First peal. To mark the attainment of 50 years' service in this tower by Mr. Thomas Metcalf, the present leader.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	*CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 5
*RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 2	HARRY G. KEELEY ... 6
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

*First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, the peal being a birthday compliment to him.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PETER LAFLIN ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	ALAN A. POTTS ... 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT E. HANCOCK ... Treble	*NORMAN BENNETT ... 5
*GORDON TURNER (15) ... 2	*CLEMENT NICHOLL ... 6
JOE GREENWOOD ... 3	W. GEORGE TURNER ... 7
LEONARD HEALEY ... 4	JOHN PEARSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

*First peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS B. M. TOMLIN ... Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
MISS BORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 6
†SIDNEY A. WHITE ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	BERT W. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Bridget M. Tomlin.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*JEAN BROWN ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 5
JOHN WORTH ... 2	HAROLD WALKER ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	*ROY BROOM ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

*First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*RICHARD C. MITCHELL ... Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 5
CHARLES BRASIER ... 2	FRANK HAMMOND ... 6
†JOHN A. TURLEY ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	†MAURICE E. HAMMOND Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble	MISS MARGARET ROWLAND ... 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2	PATRICK HARRIS ... 6
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
Mrs. J. THOMAS ... 4	*ALBERT HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

*First peal on eight bells. The first peal on the recently augmented ring of eight.



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CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 5
*LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*VALERIE L. A. WALLIS...Treble	ROBERT PALMER 5
EDNA M. SILLS 2	JOHN L. F. UPTON ... 6
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 7
LUTHER HONESS 4	FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First of Major. First of Major as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*FRED BUCKLEY Treble	FRED MELLOR 5
†VERNON SYKES 2	IVAN KAY 6
GERALD DARE 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD ARMSTRONG ... 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILD. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

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

BUCKLAND, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Johnson's Variation.

ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 6
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 3	†WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside bell. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

*BRIAN BLADON Treble	*WILLIAM A. GODWIN ... 5
†MISS E. LLOYD ROBERTS 2	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 6
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER 3	*PETER ANGER 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 4	FRANK L. HARRIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 8 cwt.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Mrs. KATHLEEN JONES Treble	TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 5
*PETER MARRIOTT (13) ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 6
*ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 4	WILLIAM MINOR Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal of Triples. First in the method by all the band.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
JOHN W. BEST 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	HARRY PYE 7
FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged by J. W. GRIFFITHS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* 100th peal. First peal of Major in the method by all.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 3	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Fisher.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN CHAMBERS Treble	JOHN KING 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
†BRYAN LEWIS 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
*WILLIAM WILBY 4	CHARLES UNDERWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTON (C.C.C., No. 59).

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. A birthday compliment to the 6th ringer.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 2	*ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 6
STANLEY SLANEY ... 3	†JOSEPH SAXTON 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in method. † First in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Walter Allwood and Jeffrey Saxton.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK T. PARRY ... Treble	*ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 5
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 2	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 6
†ROBERT S. F. P. HARRIS 3	*JOSEPH GODDARD ... 7
†A. TREVOR SUTTON ... 4	WILLIAM DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEX. J. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. † First peal of Major. § 50th peal. A welcome home to the Rector, Rev. W. J. Allen Price, and Mrs. Price, married at Bromborough on February 12th. Also a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Goddard.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*DAVID MARTIN Treble	†DENIS N. LAYTON ... 5
†JANET MATTINSON ... 2	\$PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
*HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 3	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 7
JOAN HOLDSWORTH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal in the method. § First peal of Cambridge Major.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

Ilkeston Variation.	Tenor 13 cwt.
SYDNEY FLINT Treble	RONALD KENRICK 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD 2	THOMAS HAMMOND ... 6
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... 3	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 7
GEORGE SKELLAND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Spliced on an 'inside' bell.

**RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
ERNEST BURNETT	Treble	*BETTY E. STRUTT	5
GEORGE F. NEWTON	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
DENNIS R. AIREY	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	4	THOMAS HILL	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal in the method.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MISS K. BURCHNALL	Treble	*FREDERICK FLINT	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	*ARNOLD HILL	6
HAROLD DENMAN	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	7
GEORGE E. FOSTER	4	*HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Midwinter. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LAKER	Treble	REGINALD K. JOHNSON	5
*ERIC H. KNAPP	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,*

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ilkerton Variation.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
*BERNARD O. MANN	Treble	GEORGE DOBBS	5
*COLIN P. BRADFORD	2	*W. ARTHUR CROWDER	6
G. LESLIE A. LUNN	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
FRED JEFFREY	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in two Major methods.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ARTHUR FOWKES	Treble	*PHILIP L. PARROTT	5
*GIRLING RIGBY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
THOMAS W. WHEAT	3	CHARLES CARR	7
*HENRY ROGERS	4	*WILLIAM MIDWINTER	Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal in method. † First peal on eight bells.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RONALD SQUIRES	Treble	HARRY WILD	5
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
*CLIFFORD ELLISON	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
WILLIAM BARTON	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal of Surprise. 100th peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ambler, the wife of the conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER	5
†ERNEST TREAGUS	2	BRIAN D. PRICE	6
RAYMOND P. WOOD	3	HAROLD F. WOOD	7
R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON	4	LEONARD STILWELL	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

**DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
*JOAN E. MAY	Treble	PETER J. EVES	4
†HERMON J. OLIVER	2	†WILLIAM S. MAY	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	*ERIC EVERETT	Tenor

Conducted half and half by F. B. LUFKIN and P. J. EVES.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Faith,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT FREEMAN	Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
TREVOR E. NEWBURY	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Feb. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Rodbourne Cheney,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.	
J. CHARLES SMITH	Treble	BERYL J. STRANGE	4
BERNICE M. STRANGE	2	JOHN E. MANNERS	5
THOMAS I. HOLBOROW	3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Bounds, sexton.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	Treble	*JOHN E. SKERRITT	4
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
*BRIAN S. COPE	3	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in seven methods. The ringer of the 2nd has now twice circled this, his native tower.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*CECIL HINTON	Treble	*ERNEST LINES	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	HERBERT A. ALEXANDER	5
*MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	3	*WILLIAM YATES	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Minor on the bells.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*MARGARET BAKER	Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT	4
EDNA M. SILLS	2	†ALFRED CHAPMAN	5
†VALERIE L. A. WALLIS	3	*DANIEL G. SAUL	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court and Kent T.B., two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
LEONARD WOOLARD	Treble	*ALAN S. PIPE	4
ALDERMAN LING	2	JAMES SMY	5
ARTHUR SMITH	3	HARRY HALL	Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

* First peal.

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BOURNEMOUTH.—On Feb. 7th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Booth 1, F. Price 2, Doreen Wiggins 3, B. Rogers 4, Rev. J. Coutts 5, H. Atkins 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter by 1, 3 and 5.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Baddley (first quarter) 1, F. Bennett 2, A. Humphrey 3, G. Church 4, J. Whitehead 5, G. Ades 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, F. Pullen 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Purkess 1, J. Hull 2, E. F. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, J. Purkess 5, G. Parker 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Woolley 1, P. Jones 2, F. J. Bailey, jun. 3, H. Cassel 4, L. I. Hubert 5, T. Yeomans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, I. Davies 8. First of Stedman 5 and 8. A farewell to the conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barratt 1, S. Dawson 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, A. Williams 4, F. W. Stone 5, H. Letts 6, G. Warrington (cond.) 7, A. Butler 8.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 27th, at St. John's, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, A. W. Appleton 2, C. E. Wilmington 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, T. H. Francis 5, J. Phillips 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Prior 8. First quarter in method by 2 and 3.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Cowlin 2, E. G. Tonkin 3, W. H. Joiner 4, J. E. Pennells 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. Piper (first on eight bells) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 20th, on the Minor Eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joyce Edgington (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes 2, E. Markham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, Miss Doreen Coker 5, Miss Sylvia Coker (first quarter as cond.) 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dodds 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, N. Hollingworth 6, D. J. Charnley (first of Cambridge) 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 4.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Backshall 1, W. Small 2, J. Feist 3, A. Backshall 4, P. Romney (cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Backshall.

KING'S SUTTON, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Wyatt 1, A. Adams 2, E. A. Wyatt 3, H. G. Lawn 4, J. W. Barber (cond.) 5, J. S. McGinlay 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A compliment to N. Wyatt on his engagement.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire): A. W. Gibbons 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, W. Vann 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Haycock 6. A first birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Seville (13) 1, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 2, J. W. Eyre (16) 3, Miss Marjorie Fielding 4, L. Eyre 5, P. A. Wells (16) 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8. First quarter of Triples by all except the conductor.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wilton 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss B. Roberts 3, A. Tickner (first 'inside') 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, W. W. Danniell 6. In memoriam Dennis Looker.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Smith 1, D. Nock 2, G. W. Anker 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, H. Dickens, jun. 5, N. Eaton 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8. Rung on back six. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Daniell 1, Miss Richards 2, W. Trueman 3, W. Carter 4, J. Manners 5, W. Kynaston 6, G. Wells 7, C. Hathaway 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Minchin 1, P. Minchin 2, C. Cavalot 3, J. Woodruff 4, W. Carter 5, J. P. aister 6. In memoriam for Dennis Looker.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, E. T. Smith 4, G. W. Hughes 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, A. M. Pickering 8, H. Howell 9, A. V. Pearson 10. A birthday compliment to the Vicar of Walsall and the conductor.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Lawson (first in method) 1, D. R. Whittton (first quarter) 2, Miss Gwen Robinson 3, M. Bennett 4, C. H. Whittton 5, S. E. Bennett (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Ridgeway 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. Howson 3, W. Yates 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. C. Case 6, J. A. Green 7, A. J. Green (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells and by all the band.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 24th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: T. H. Francis 1, T. E. Davies 2, A. J. House 3, L. H. Bowler 4, A. Cutler 5, T. J. Lock 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, C. W. Roberts (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 7. Also 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative by the same band, which was the first of spliced by C. E. Jeffries.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Newing (first of Triples) 1, W. Bottrill 2, A. Gambrill 3, W. Terry 4, D. J. Ogilvie 5, W. Goldup 6, J. Wells (cond.) 7, J. Kemp 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Everitt 1, R. A. C. Ba' 2, F. Marchant (cond.) 3, J. Parler 4, H. Noakes 5, E. Hunt 6. To mark the 80th birthday and retirement from Post Office of Mr. F. J. Farris, the oldest member of the band. More quarters on back page.

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No. 3 Version of London Royal, recorded in our peal columns this week, was composed by Mr. George Baker. A correspondent writes: 'The first version of London Royal was rung in 1926 and included in the Central Council's reports for that year.'

Mr. A. J. Brown has 'completed the circle' at Bowdon, Cheshire.

Mr. James George is now out of hospital and has returned to 118, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Ringing in Salisbury looks brighter in the future. A contract for a conversion into eight bells for St. Paul's Church has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. Edwin J. Lindley, of Epsom, who is at present stationed in Cheshire, scored his 100th peal at Malpas. He has rung 50 each on tower and handbells.

The peal at Rotherfield on February 22nd was originally intended as a birthday compliment to Mr. John A. Turley and was attempted on November 27th, 1948. It was lost nearly half-way through owing to a shift course.

Previous to restoration of the bells at Beoley, Worcs., in the spring of 1948, the tower possessed a 'stone' band. Since then younger elements have joined the company and by visits to other towers have made themselves sufficiently proficient to score their first peal.

On ringing Cambridge Surprise Minor at Desford, Mr. Sidney O. Cheney has joined the select band of those who have rung Cambridge Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Mr. Alfred Ballard accomplished this at Leicester on February 20th, others qualifying for this exclusive fraternity on tower and handbells in the Leicester Guild being Miss Jill Poole, Messrs. Harold J. Poole and Peter J. Stanforth.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The lovely ten at Dalton-in-Furness were rung to a peal of Grandsire Caters on the last Saturday in February to celebrate the jubilee of service of their conductor, Mr. Thomas Metcalf. His well-wishers and friends in the North-West region gathered together to make up the band. Service of 50 years in one tower is worthy of commendation, and the occasion was one for both a peal and a dinner afterwards.

Mr. George L. Roden has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The employees of Rolls Royce have rung their first peal at Alvaston. The same team hope to ring peals in higher methods than Plain Bob Minor.

The peal at Steyning, Sussex, on February 26th, is claimed as a first Surprise peal by a resident Western Division band of the Sussex Association.

After having rung 49 peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. Joseph Goddard decided to break new ground. His 50th peal at Bromborough, Cheshire, which was a 74th birthday compliment to him, was of Plain Bob Major.

A reunion peal to mark the return from the Forces of Messrs. H. J. Hunt, R. J. Harding, D. E. Lee and L. E. Hitchins was rung at North Bradley, Wilts, on February 26th. This band is now at full strength again.

Mr. Charles Littlewood, whose 86th birthday was honoured by a peal, is believed to be the oldest ringer in Leicestershire. He is the only surviving foundation member of the Goscote Society of Church Bellringers and was present at the first meeting at Syston in May, 1832. Mr. Littlewood rang 120 Grandsire before the peal started and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

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 FLOURISHING YEAR

CENTRAL figure at the 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Mar. 5th was Mr. T. H. Reeves, who presided. This year he retired after 20 years of faithful service as secretary of St. Martin's Guild, and there was a record attendance of 246 present from all parts of the country to pay tribute to his selfless work for the promotion of ringing. A cheque was presented to him during the evening, Mr. Albert Walker, the retiring Master, being chosen to hand over the gift with the love and affection of the Guild.

Organisation of the event fell upon the shoulders of Mr. George E. Fearn, the new secretary. To seat the company two dining halls were necessary, and there were about another 100 ringers who applied too late for tickets. The presence of the B.B.C. recording apparatus was another new feature. Birmingham ringers were unsparing in their efforts for the welfare and enjoyment of their guests; the week-end fully maintained past traditions—even to the snow that fell during the day.

The secretary read apologies from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Canon C. Guy Rogers, Mr. Yates, the Rev. Bryan S. Green, Canon S. Blofeld, Messrs. F. B. Yates, J. H. Shepherd, Herbert Spencer, George R. Newton and C. Price.

The toast of 'Church and State' was honoured on the call of Mr. John Freeman. He said he supposed that the Church and State were the two institutions that were likely to have most influence upon them. No one would deny the power of the State in the time of national emergency when the individual and his resources were at the disposal of the community, but many would question whether it was right that such resources in these days should be placed so unreservedly for the common weal. He disagreed with those who said that the Church had no influence. They had evidence in Eastern Europe of the concern of the State for the influence of the Church.

The Archdeacon of Birmingham, in reply, said the relationship of Church and State was debated recently in the Church Assembly. The Church of England was anxious for certain privileges which many thought were important to its life, but they were all concerned that any difference between the Church and State would be disastrous. It would mean a repudiation of religion by the State and they had seen something of the results of such a policy in other countries.

In a word of thanks to ringers for their services to the Church, the Archdeacon said they represented something to the outside world that their human voice could not do; when they rang Sunday by Sunday they reached the hearts of a great many people who never darken the doors of the Church and reminded them that men and women were praying for them and there was a God in heaven.

HENRY JOHNSON'S LIFE.

The toast of the memory of the late Henry Johnson was submitted from the chair. Mr. Reeves said that until a few years ago this toast was always entrusted to someone who knew Henry Johnson well and they had with them that night two who knew him. He supposed that the only person knew Johnson well was Tom Miller, who was now in his 92nd year. His father was a personal friend of Henry Johnson and rang several peals with him.

Henry Johnson was born at Lichfield on February 28th, 1809, and moved to Birmingham in his early boyhood to settle in the Aston district. He started work in his father's business, but later he was employed by a firm of



MR. T. H. REEVES.

timber merchants and in the course of time became general manager. He received his first instruction in ringing from the sexton of Aston Church, a man named R. Roberts, who was only a rounds ringer. Later he became acquainted with Joshua Short, a well-known character.

In 1830, Henry Johnson rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples at Aston, conducted by Thomas Day. In February, 1832, he conducted a muffled peal in memory of his old friend, Joshua Short. The next incident was one that influenced him very much in his study of composition and proof scale. On October 1st, 1841, when he conducted his first peal of Stedman Caters at Aston, he had previously submitted the figures to Thurstans, who said it was quite a good peal and true. It later turned out to be false. He immediately set out to master the principles of proof, and it was recognised that as far as standard methods were concerned he could tell at a glance whether a peal was true or false.

In 1844 he became the recognised leader of St. Martin's Youths, and his reputation extended throughout the country. He composed peals in all the recognised methods of that time. His last peal was rung in 1887—Stedman Caters at Aston.

At a dinner in honour of his 77th birthday he was presented with his portrait and an illuminated address subscribed to by the ringers of England. The great event, however, was on his 80th birthday, when invitations were sent out by Sir Arthur Heywood to a banquet in honour of the old man. Henry Johnson died on January 7th, 1890, and was buried at Aston. The headstone in Aston Churchyard that marks his resting place was subscribed by the ringers of England. Birmingham had produced many great ringers, but Henry Johnson was the most famous of the lot.

REMEMBERED HENRY JOHNSON.

Two ringers who remembered Henry Johnson were asked to stand and received an ovation from the assembly. They were Messrs. Charles Williams and George Mitchison.

Mr. Albert Walker, as retiring Master, proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and extended a very hearty welcome to the guests. Reviewing the past year, he said fortunately they had had only one loss by death, and that was a serious loss, in Mr. George F. Swann. He need not tell them his capabilities as a ringer and conductor. He was one of the smartest conductors he had met,

and only a fortnight before his death he took part in a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques.

They had had a very successful year. Practices had been well attended and Sunday ringing in the city was regular. Another feature was their lectures; two or three of their younger members had given lectures with excellent results. As a result of Mr. George Fearn's lecture at Tanworth-in-Arden, the bells there were being made into a ring of eight.

At Yardley the ring of six was to be recast into a new ring of eight. At the Cathedral two additional trebles were added through the generosity of Mr. Frank B. Yates, and they were now a splendid 12.

During the year 80 peals were rung, but Mr. George Fearn was not satisfied; he rang another 28 on top of that! Three of their peals were outstanding. One was the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques, another was Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus at Walsall, rung without any previous practice, and the last the peal of Rutland Surprise Royal.

Another feature of the year was that they had changed their officers and they were loath to change. Mr. Reeves had given up the secretaryship and had been succeeded by Mr. George E. Fearn, who had been sentenced to 20 years' service straight away. Mr. Edgar Shepherd was the new Ringing Master in place of Mr. Fearn. He was a talented composer and conductor. Mr. J. F. Harvey had been appointed librarian in place of the late Mr. Swann.

Mr. George E. Fearn, who replied, expressed his pleasure at the splice of the two new trebles at the Cathedral. 'I am perfectly satisfied,' he said, 'and if I am satisfied it is a good job.' They all regretted that Mr. Yates was unable to be present through illness.

'PRINCE AMONG SECRETARIES.'

Mr. Walker then made a presentation to Mr. Reeves. In his long experience of the Guild they had had only three secretaries. The first was Mr. W. H. Godden, who resigned 40 years ago. In January, 1909, his friend, Mr. Paddon Smith, was elected secretary, and for 20 years he carried out his duties with the greatest efficiency. Mr. Reeves was appointed his successor, and the St. Martin's Guild never did a better job of work when they appointed Mr. Reeves. He was a prince among secretaries—one any Guild might be proud of.

Cler. A. Paddon Smith fully endorsed Mr. Walker's appreciation of Mr. Reeves' services and recalled their boyhood days when they cycled into St. Martin's for practices.

Making the presentation of the cheque, Mr. Walker said: 'It is with the greatest pleasure I give you this cheque, which has been subscribed to by many friends of yours as a small token of their deep respect for you for the services you have done for the Guild. . . . We wish you well in your retirement; we wish you good health and good luck.'

Mr. Reeves' health was then drunk with musical honours.

Acknowledging the gift and good wishes, Mr. Reeves said he was overwhelmed with the words they had said regarding his services to their ancient Guild. He assured them it had been a labour of love because he had had the assistance of all the members in the work of the Guild. He must say that he felt very much easier than he did 20 years ago. He would buy with their generous present a gift his family would select and have placed on it a plaque recording that it was given to him by St. Martin's Guild for services rendered.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes proposed 'The Visitors' and said the growth of the dinner

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was in many ways very gratifying to St. Martin's Guild. The growth of the number of people interested in change ringing had in a sense produced in him a state of alarm. He was alarmed because he would not be surprised to find, if the number of ringers and peals began to multiply, that it would not be long before somebody brought in a private member's Bill for the abolition of bellringing, which with a certain section of the community would be welcome.

There were ringers there from all over the country. They came because they were ringers and interested in ringing.

Miss Marie Cross and Mr. Donald Mears, of Hitchin, responded. Mr. Mears referred to the help and friendliness he received from Birmingham ringers during the war.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd proposed 'The Ringing World' and thanked the committee and the Editor for their work. In a tribute to Mr. Trollope, he said he was the greatest authority on method construction they had ever known.

Mr. T. W. White, in reply, mentioned that three weeks ago he announced that they were in a position to take 300 more subscribers. Already 100 of that number had come forward. At the end of the next four monthly period it was possible that paper would be sufficient for a 16-page issue weekly, but the cost of production would not meet the existing revenue. Methods of finding additional revenue would have to be explored, and it seemed to him that if it was the wish of the Exercise for a larger paper, then there would have to be an increase in price to 4d.

The concluding toast, 'The Chairman,' was honoured on the call of Mr. Walker.

The entertainment included songs by Mr. C. J. Hemming, duets by Miss B. Marshall and Mr. W. C. Dowding, and handbells tunes by Mr. E. Mansell's band. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung by members of St. Martin's Guild: E. C. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, Albert Walker 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8, F. E. Haynes 9-10, G. E. Fearn 11-12.

THE COMPANY.

Supporting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reeves were the Ven. S. Harvie Clark (Archdeacon of Birmingham) and Mrs. Harvie Clark, the Rev. P. F. G. Warman (Aston), the Rev. B. G. Hodgson (St. Chad's), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, Mr. A. Walker, Cdr. A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. G. H. Codrington.

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LETTERS

FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT WOOLWICH

Dear Sir,—On reading the account of the 100th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative at Woolwich, I was reminded of a story related to me some 15 years ago by the late Mr. Edwin F. Pike, a well-known London ringer. On October 11th, 1849, the band who rang the Superlative also accomplished the second peal of London ever rung, and both are, I think, recorded on the same board. Mr. Pike said that an old ringer had told him—it may have been the conductor, William Bannister, who survived well into this century—that two of the band, Samuel Teasel and George Cleveland, were soldiers garrisoned at Woolwich at the time, and that within a matter of days after the peal of London both had to leave with their regiment and were subsequently killed a few years later in the Crimean War.

I do not, of course, know whether this is just a legend, but as both men were College Youths, perhaps someone connected with that Society could throw more light on the matter. Certainly neither man appears to have taken part in subsequent peals at Woolwich, nor were any other local Surprise peals rung. Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

EXPANDING TENORS

Sir,—I must comment that Mr. Frank Warrington appears to be 'a don-hand' at increasing the weights of bells without recasting them. The tenor at Yaxley is given as 16 cwt. The last time these bells were rehung, in 1931, the tenor was stated to be 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb., a fact known to local ringers.

The tenor at St. Mary's, Peterborough, is 8 cwt. 3 lb., and has always been published in peal reports as 8 cwt. What good purpose can be served by Mr. Warrington adding another 2 cwt. to it unless he thinks the headstock, clapper, wheel and rope should be counted in as the weight of the bell? The founders, however, think differently.

I should be very much surprised if Eynesbury tenor is anything like 14 cwt. I put it nearer 9 cwt. when there at a meeting two years ago. Northampton. P. AMOS.

(Continued from previous column)

Mesdames Marshallsay, Richardson, H. J. Pitter, N. Davis, J. H. Jones, E. G. Fletcher. The Misses M. R. Cross, Froggatt, J. Houldsworth, M. Reay, J. Pett, B. Millhouse, Addison, M. L. Tutt, L. Lloyd, B. Sutton, M. Barraclough, Thompson, Rhodes, B. Marshall, N. Price, E. Fletcher, R. Russell, T. J. Warner.

Messrs. A. A. Clark, W. F. Judge, F. A. H. Wilkins, W. T. Froggatt, P. Gray, W. Rogers, C. Dean, C. Williams, G. H. Williams, D. T. Matkin, W. G. Young, A. D. Cook, J. F. Harvey, T. Francis, J. H. Jones, O. Pearson, C. Rouse, P. Laffin, H. M. Howard, F. C. W. Stevenson, B. Newson, R. Davies and A. E. Laker, Capt. E. F. M. Samson and Messrs. D. C. Mears, L. Fidler, G. W. Cecil, T. G. Fox, W. Williams, J. Freeman, E. J. Lindley, F. E. Haynes, J. Scott, G. W. Critchley, J. S. Mason, H. H. Fearn, L. Tuffrey, H. J. Morris, E. T. Allaway, T. Hemming, C. Skidmore, J. Chilcott, D. G. Clift, H. Howell, H. T. Haslam, H. J. Turner, A. Morris, W. Scott, E. Drew, W. G. Chaplin, S. O'C. Holloway, A. Short, G. T. Mitchinson, P. L. Taylor, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, L. W. G. Morris, E. G. Fletcher, F. W. Rishworth, W. L. Whiston, J. Bass, A. D. Fellows, J. Coxill, C. W. Cooper, H. Harding, A. C. Simfield, B. F. Sims, R. J. Sharp, H. Parker, H. J. Pitter, A. H. Fitter, L. Lloyd, R. Brain, E. J. Woodhall, W. Allman, J. Worth, J. Bibby, G. J. Hemming, A. E. Norman, S. G. Chaplin, G. J. Lewis, F. Hyde, P. K. Williamson, W. T. Elson, T. M. White, T. Russell, W. Leeson, W. E. Box, A. E. Hughes, T. E. Hughes, L. Mole, N. R. Summers, G. E. Large, A. S. Downes, H. Withers and T. W. White.

À Remedy?

Dear Sir,—There is another way of saving your space in addition to that mentioned by Mr. Cannon, and that is to refrain from publishing letters as pointless as his. We have, during the last nine or ten years, become accustomed to the rationing of most of our pleasures, but to suggest peal rationing seems to me quite ridiculous. Why 25 a year? Why not 10 or even one? How many unsuccessful attempts would he allow?

If Mr. Cannon had ever been attached to one tower for any length of time he would have realised that, on the whole, the more ringing that takes place in a tower the fewer the complaints. People become accustomed to consistent ringing, but an isolated peal at many towers provokes an absolute uproar. Perhaps Mr. Cannon can call to mind one such tower!

It is, of course, customary for ringers to criticise theoretical articles which they are unable to understand—and as far as the recent series on London Royal is concerned, Mr. Cannon has my sympathy—but he will probably admit that without such articles the Exercise would never have advanced far beyond the stage when the summit of a conductor's ambition was to call Holt's Original.

With regard to his suggestion that a vote be taken among peal ringers only before the style of peal reporting is changed, this is an insult to those readers who are not peal ringers, but have an equal right to express their views on matters concerning 'The Ringing World.'—Burgess Hill. F. I. HAIRS.

SUGGESTED GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Dear Sir,—At the committee meeting of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild it was revealed that the date chosen for the South of England Ringers' Rally this year at Christchurch was the late Mr. George Williams' birthday—May 7th.

A proposal will be formally moved at the dinner for the function to be known from now on as the 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner,' and we shall have this Grand Old Man of Ringing very much in our minds this year.

We hope many of his friends will feel persuaded to attend this year's rally to pay further tribute to Mr. George Williams' life of service to the Exercise.—Yours faithfully, ARTHUR V. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

BROADCAST APPRECIATED

Dear Sir,—Having just heard to-night's programme on the B.B.C. Home Service (Wednesday, March 9th), 'In Britain Now,' I was very pleased to hear that one of the items was excerpts from the proceedings at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner last Saturday. Such publicity is very good for the art—let us hope the B.B.C. will give us more publicity on occasions of this type.

May I congratulate those who took part in the Stedman Cinques on handbells. The striking was excellent and we heard the ringing for about two minutes to the end of the touch. The tune ringing, too, was very good and well recorded.

The announcer's technical data was quite accurate except that we were informed, to my surprise, that Stedman Cinques is rung with the tenor turned in!

Anyway, congratulations, Birmingham? —Yours sincerely, PETER N. BOND. 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7.

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED

Dear Sir,—I thank you for the publicity given to my letter of February 11th, headed 'Identity Wanted,' and also Mr. Preston for his reply on February 25th. Having given Mr. Sharpe the information he asked, he has identified the book as 'Campanalogia,' which was published in 1677. I also thank Mr. Sharpe for the trouble he has taken in this matter.

Charing, Kent. CHARLES F. GOOD.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
HARRY COMMINS ... Treble | FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 4
*PAMELA WOOLLEY ... 2 | CLAUDE TARR ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 3 | JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... Treble | ERIC NAYLOR ... 4
*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... 2 | FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 3 | TREVOR A. CROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College Single, Single Court, Double Court,
St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

MISS JEAN METHAM ... Treble | KENNETH W. MAYER ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2 | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
CHARLES F. BROWN ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob,
Single Oxford and Plain Bob, each different. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL ... Treble | MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4
*SYDNEY CARNELL ... 2 | JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
*MISS JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3 | HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First in four methods.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
*HEDLEY E. BEST ... Treble | *CECIL T. CLARKE ... 3
RONALD D. SHORT ... 2 | FREDERICK W. SWEET ... 4

WILFRED R. KENT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.

* First peal. First on five by all. First peal on the bells. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. P. T. P. Barker.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.
EDMUND J. WHITING ... Treble | JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2 | *FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 5
R. FRANK BAKER ... 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents Spliced St. Dunstan's and Plain Bob, four Grand-
sire and St. Simon's, six St. Dunstan's and New Bob, eight Reverse
Canterbury and St. Nicholas, eight Place and Accrington, ten St.
Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKE ... Treble | STUART SMITH ... 3
DEREK WHITFORD ... 2 | CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 4
ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
KENNETH HARTLEY ... Treble | A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 4
MARY WALSHAW ... 2 | CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 5
JOSEPH PORTER ... 3 | ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

A 21st birthday compliment to Herbert Stanway of the local band.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.
JOHN H. THOMAS ... Treble | F. PETER ROCK ... 4
*JOHN F. BEDFORD ... 2 | LESLIE EVANS ... 5
JOHN CLEMENTS ... 3 | GEORGE CORBETT ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal 'inside.'

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.
WILLIAM SIMPSON ... Treble | *R. WILLIAM GARNER ... 4
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 2 | FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
CHARLES WALKLATE ... 3 | ALFRED MOULD ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor size 11 in G.
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5-6
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. PATTERSON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First in the method by all 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | *ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | FRED PRICE ... 7-8
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
A compliment to F. S. Wilson on his 74th birthday. Ruug on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN (cond.) ... 5-6

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS',

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. MORRIS' Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
*ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4 | JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First handbell peal.

5,039 Grandsire Caters

COMPOSED BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

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First rung, tower bells, at Solihull, April 14th, 1945; first rung, handbells, at Bourne-mouth, December 20th, 1948, conducted by D. T. Matkin.

THE STAMPED ENVELOPE

Dear Sir,—Now is the time when secretaries of towers are beginning to make their arrangements for annual ringing tours and days. As an incumbent who often is asked for permission to ring on his bells during such an outing, may I suggest that those responsible for writing for permission should send a stamped addressed envelope with their request? Some do, many don't, but I'm sure *all* ought to, if only as a matter of courtesy.—Yours sincerely, K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

METHOD EXTENSION

The second instalment of Mr. W. Taylor's article on Method Extension is, owing to pressure on our space, held over until a subsequent issue.

Another 'Ten' for Lancashire

Saturday, March 5th, was another red letter day for Lancashire ringers. The Lancashire Association had fixed their committee meeting to coincide with the opening of the augmented ring at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Lancaster.

When it became known that this fine ring of eight with its 25 cwt. tenor was to be augmented to 10, there was much speculation as to whether it would be a successful splice owing to the peculiar weight of the bells, but all doubts have been removed, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their work, for it was the unanimous opinion of all who attended that they are a grand ring of ten.

The Cathedral is situated on high ground overlooking the Lune Valley, with a background of trees. This enhances its beauty and enables the bells to be heard by the surrounding countryside.

Over 60 ringers attended, despite the very bad weather, and all were served with tea. In response to a vote of thanks for the tea and general arrangements, Mr. J. Woods extended a hearty welcome to all ringers who happen to be in the Lancaster and Morecambe district, on holiday, during the coming season.

P. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the branch brought about 30 members together at Bradpole on February 26th, with visitors from Queen Camel and Hartington Mandeville. The Rector (the Rev. B. N. Carver) was assisted at the service by the Master, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and gave a plain-spoken address on a ringer's duty of worship.

Tea was enjoyed in the Forster Institute, followed by the business meeting with the Master in the chair, supported by the Rector, the Revs. C. F. Chase and O. C. Willmott, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Lathey) and Messrs. H. D. W. Bishop and H. G. Keeley (Ringing Masters).

The next meeting was fixed for Hawkchurch and Thorncombe on July 6th. and notice was given of the annual meeting of the Guild, to be held at Dorchester on May 21st. The following new members were elected: The Misses Vera Legg and A. Scott (Loders), Messrs. Jackson House and Geoffrey Deane (Powerstock).

Cordial thanks were expressed to the Rector for his welcome and address, to Mr. B. Elsworth, the branch organist; also to Miss Robinson, who, with the local ringers' wives and friends, had provided and served the ample tea.

Three courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis members, who also gave a demonstration of the 'rise and fall' and the 'whole pull and stand' on ten.

Methods rung ranged from call changes to the four standard methods, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

WEDDING

The wedding took place at Blo'Norton, Norfolk, Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th, between Mr. Eric G. Bennett, of Garboldisham, and Miss Violet M. Anness, of Blo'Norton. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. R. N. Hawthorn, and was fully choral. There was a large congregation present.

After the ceremony the bells were fired and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by Kathleen Harrison (Diss) 1, A. G. Harrison (Diss) 2, C. J. More (Palgrave) 3, F. C. Roper (Winfarthing) 4, W. G. Saunders (New Buckenham) 5, W. A. Lock (Yaxley) 6.

Afterwards the ringers went to Garboldisham where the reception was held, and rang a peal of Minor on the bells of the Parish Church.

The bridegroom is one of the most popular and well-known members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. W. A. L.

OBITUARY

MR. E. W. MENDAY.

The death occurred in January of Mr. E. W. Munday, of Caversham, Reading, aged 83. He was associated with St. Peter's, Caversham, since boyhood when he sang in the choir. He joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1884 and was elected to the Ancient Society of College Youths ten years later.

He was a member of the celebrated Caversham band, which included at different times Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Richard T. Hibbert, and rang many peals up to London Surprise in the 25 years before the 1914 war.

MRS. R. WHITE.

The 'March 4th' celebration at Appleton was this year marred by the death at 8 a.m. on the day of the meeting of Mrs. White, the wife of Mr. Richard White. Many ringers, from past presidents of the Central Council to the humblest beginner, have always received a homely welcome from Mr. and Mrs. White if they called at the house. She will be much missed for her unfailing hospitality to all ringers.

The funeral service was at Appleton, Berks, on March 9th. After the service 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung by C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. White 3, G. Bishop 4, F. Messenger 5, B. L. Brown 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holfield (cond.) 8, F. C. White 9, F. White 10. Friends will join us in an expression of deepest sympathy to the family.

PROGRESS IN CORNWALL

The 'Pydar Rovers,' an unattached band of ringers from various towers in the Deanery of Pydar, N. Cornwall, have succeeded in making history for the Truro Diocesan Guild. Under the instruction of Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross this roving band has frequently figured in the peal columns since June last. Twelve months ago only two or three of the band knew anything at all of method ringing, but progress has since been rapid, and most of the members now have several peals to their credit.

Ringing has been mostly confined to five and six-bell work, and the last peal at Crantock, on February 12th, one of Doubles in 15 methods, clearly reveals the extent of the band's progress, and is a striking tribute to the untiring efforts of their instructor. Practices are held at various towers, and often quite long journeys are involved, but in spite of rain and wind and long cycle rides, the band has managed to keep going.

One gratifying feature of its activity is the new sphere of interest that it has presented to round-ringers in the area, a number of whom are now taking the first steps towards change ringing. The band will welcome any offers of ringing assistance from those more experienced in the art who may be coming to this locality during the next summer, and Mr. F. D. Teague, School House, St. Columb, Cwll., will be pleased to hear from prospective visitors and to arrange suitable ringing excursions.

CLEWER, BERKS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Henley 1, R. Purchase 2, D. Pearce 3, R. Ponnert 4, J. Brooks 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First spliced quarter by all the band except the treble.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Tringles: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, C. C. Mayne 4, P. D. Beedie 5, J. R. Mayne 6, H. G. Hart (first as cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia McFarlane (first quarter, age 11) 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, J. Gill 3, J. Brent 4, H. Colcombe 5, F. Colcombe 6, F. Dodson 7, D. Silver 8.

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.

SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED.—One or two youths age 15 to 16 and young men age 20 to 21 willing to become bellhangers. Must be good mechanics with initiative. Ringers preferred but not essential. —Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Bell Foundry, Croydon. 4947

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of H. P. Raynor from April 1st will be c/o A. Berry, Esq., Lendy, P/O Marandellas, S. Rhodesia. 4948

MISCELLANEOUS

ARE YOU LEARNING TO RING? Start right by keeping all your records neatly in one volume. For details of 'Delight' Ringers Record Books write William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

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.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ring-day in Somerset, April 21st. Old members and visitors welcome. Details from E. Mary Bliss, 4, Arlington Mansions, Bristol 8. 4945

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. H. Woolley, 8, Grove Road, Camberwell, S.E.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 4943

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Churchchurch Branch. — Quarterly meeting TRANSFERRED to CHRISTCHURCH instead of at Lyndhurst on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m.—A. V. Davis. 4925

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting at North Curry (8), Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4901

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringer, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4900

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—St. Paul's, Hounslow (two minutes Hounslow West, Piccadilly Line), on Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short business 5. Tea nearby cafes.—F. A. Finch, Sec. 4908

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches. —John J. L. Gilbert. 4913

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, March 19th. Dedication of bells after complete overhaul and rebanging. Service at 3. Tea at 5. Ringing after service. Social in evening. Church is 5 mins. from Blackwater Station. Good train and bus service.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 4903

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, March 19th, 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4910

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eastrington, March 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. P. Powls, Rose Neath, Eastrington. 4916

BREDFIELD, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of two trebles and recast bells by Gillett and Johnston, Sunday, March 20th, 6.30 p.m. Ringers attending, please notify Rev. H. W. S. Cotton, Bredfield Rectory, Woodbridge. 4906

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rededication of augmented ring of six bells at Butler's Marston, near Kineton, Warwickshire, will take place on Monday, March 21st, at 6.30 p.m., by the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. All ringers cordially invited to attend. 4933

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Saturday, March 26th, Wrexham Parish Church. Bells (10) available 2.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30, Phillips Cafe (2s. 6d. per head). Please notify W. Cathral, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by March 22nd. 4919

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual supper and social of the South and West District at the Catholic Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 26th, at 5.30. Tickets (9s. 6d.) available from tower secretaries or from F. A. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, Ealing, W.13. All applications by Tuesday, March 22nd. 4909

GRUNDISBURGH.—Dedication of two new trebles and retuned eight bells in new frame and fittings, March 26th, at 3 p.m. Subscribers and helpers specially invited to service and tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 210a will leave Old Cattle Market, Ipswich, 2.20 p.m. Those requiring tea and bus must notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 4904

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Mangotsfield (8), March 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4924

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Chalford (6 steel), March 26th, 3.30. Names for tea by March 22nd Mr. S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 4923

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—East Hoathly (6), March 26th. Bells 2.30. No teas available.—F. H. Hicks, Ass. Sec. 4943

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual nomination meeting at Armley on March 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4937

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Southill, March 26th. Induction service 3 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 and after service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4946

THANINGTON, CANTERBURY.—The ring of five bells, recently augmented, available to all ringers on Saturday, March 26th, from 6 p.m. Note the date, only information.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4931

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Hot tea provided free. Names to J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4928

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Atlantic Cafe.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4944

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson. 4927

ST. PAUL'S, SALISBURY.—Dedication service for two treble bells will take place on Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome. 4929

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, March 26th, Chalfont St. Giles 3, St. Peter's 6.15. Names for tea Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4930

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Husborne Crawley (8 bells), Saturday, March 26th, 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock.—Fred Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 4932

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Hemingford Grey, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, Grey Hall Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4938

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 26th, Morton (6). Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. Holdgate, 6, Sitwell! Villas, Morton, Derby. 4940

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest at New Mill, Saturday, April 2nd. For teas notify N. Tinker, Eastfield, Mearhouse, New Mill, Huddersfield, by March 26th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4922

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Great Addington, Saturday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by March 26th, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4926

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Revival of annual dinner at Fleece Hotel, Cheltenham, Saturday, April 2nd, at 7 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. Bells available, Prestbury (8) 2.30, Cheltenham (12) 4.30.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4936

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Meeting, Aston, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Aston Tavern, 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4941

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), April 2nd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent, not later than March 31st. 4942

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary. Annual general meeting, St. Neots, Easter, Monday. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. See 'R.W.', April 1st, for full particulars. Names for lunch (about 5s. 6d.) by April 6th.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 4935

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