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METHOD EXTENSION

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PROBABLY more ink has been spilled, and more time and space wasted, over the question of method extension than over any other matter with which the Exercise has been concerned. There has lately been a recurrence of a controversy which arises periodically, regarding the extension of London Surprise from Major to Royal, and it was presumably to further the claims of one version of the Royal that a motion came before the Central Council at York. This motion was introduced by a speech of so complex a character that it is doubtful if the proposer himself was aware of its exact significance, and it is quite certain that most, if not all, of the other members present were equally in the dark. Moreover, as Dr. Hatcher was in attendance as a representative of the Kenty County Association, it would be interesting to know how the members of that body regard his appearance, at their expense, as the self-confessed mouthpiece of the Universities Association.

A certain section of the Exercise has, it would seem, been 'blinded with science' to the extent of believing that tedious argument using pseudo-mathematical jargon must inevitably possess greater accuracy than a discussion conducted in ordinary ringing terms. These people fail to realise that the experts of the past were quite capable of clear reasoning, and that they themselves have no monopoly of wisdom. All material arguments on the subject of method extension were put forward years ago, and it may safely be said that if in the past no agreement could be reached on what was the correct extension of a particular method, none is likely now. The recent series of articles added little or nothing to what was already known on the subject, except perhaps to propound the peculiar view that where the theoretically correct extension is inadmissible because it produces an irregular lead-head, the 'nearest possible' will suffice. This is obviously nonsense. Either an extension is or is not correct, and if it is not it has no claim whatever to the title of the basic method.

Luckily, in many cases no dispute arises, but it is unfortunate that London does not come in that category. Were the method a comparatively simple one, all dispute on the subject would have ended long ago, but London is so synonymous with maximum difficulty that both ringers and composers alike seem to succumb to the magic of its name. Thus peals in three different methods have quite incorrectly been published as of 'London Surprise Royal.' The Council had the courage to re-name the first of these, and it is a pity it did not insist on fresh names for the other two. However, now that we are threatened with a peal in a fourth version of the method, perhaps the Council, through the Methods Committee, will take the opportunity afforded by the motion passed in considerable haste at York to redeem some of its vacillations of the past by declaring unequivocally that London Royal as a legitimate method does not exist.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	*RONALD H. DOVE ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 10
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 11
*W. NORMAN PARK ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

*First peal of Bob Maximus. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 9
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 10
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
*DENIS A. BAYLES ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. in C.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	*RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	HAROLD WALKER ... 8
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 9
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 10
HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 5	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal of Maximus. *First peal of Treble Twelve. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JOHN N. LINDON ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 10
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 2	ALAN ELSMORE ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 8
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

To celebrate the birthdays of H.M. King George VI.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

GEORGE L. RODEN ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
*RHODA HEMMING ... 3	*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 8
JOSEPH H. BRITAN ... 4	GORDON HARRISON ... 9
*EDWARD J. WHITE ... 5	*WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal of Caters 'inside.' †50th peal. ‡First peal on ten bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	*WILLIAM WENBAN ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	*FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
*THOMAS J. CLARK ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method 'inside.' ‡400th peal. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley and Francis A. Smith.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES (Vice-President) ... Treble	
FREDERICK A. FINCH (District Secretary) ... 2	
*LEONARD H. BOWLER (Assistant General Secretary) ... 3	
ALBERT W. COLES (Vice-President) ... 4	
ALICK CUTLER (District Ringing Master) ... 5	
THOMAS J. LOCK (District Secretary) ... 6	
CHARLES W. ROBERTS (Ringing Master) ... 7	
TONY PRICE (Deputy District Ringing Master) ... Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

*50th peal for the Association. Rung by officers of the Association as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. Percival Gough, M.A., on his election as president.

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HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

TOM BROTHWELLTreble	ARNOLD HILL 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A compliment to Mr. J. H. Brothwell, who celebrated his 75th birthday the same day. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCKTreble	LEONARD H. BOWLER 5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	MAURICE HODGSON 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JEAN BELLTreble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE H. MOORE 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 6
EILEEN BRACEY 3	CHARLES H. MOORE 7
GORDON ELVIN 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

In honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. H. L. H. Townshend, of Hethersett. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.
*AUDREY B. CASTELL ...Treble	†JAMES P. BLOND 5
JAMES GORDON 2	DOUGLAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
HENRY L. BISHOP 4	FRANK CASTELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES GORDON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Twenty-seven courses.	Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.
HERBERT C. READ ...Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 3	†THOMAS SIMMONS 7
*SIDNEY MARSHALL 4	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 10).	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ...Treble	*TREVOR A. CROSS 5
*GEORGE H. SPICE 2	*ERIC NAYLOR 6
*WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*PETER NEWINGTreble	*JOHN H. BAXTER 5
PETER J. H. SMALL 2	THOMAS H. HOLMES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	*WILFRED C. F. GOLDFUP 7
WILLIAM BOTTRILL 4	*EDWARD J. WELLS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 19½ cwt.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*NORMAN MALLETT ...Treble	†GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 5
†ROGER KEELEY 2	HENRY G. KEELEY 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL 3	†PETER J. STANIFORTH 7
JILL POOLE 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise. Tenor 21 cwt.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. FLEMING ...Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT 4	WALTER W. MILLER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Rung on the 57th anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

LEONARD RODMELL ...Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN W. HOBSON 6
WALTER GODDARD 3	FRED OSGERBY 7
ALBERT E. SELLERS 4	CHARLES BARKER Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*MISS MAY SMITH ...Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
HARRY HILL 2	RODERICK J. LEES 6
*THOMAS TROMANS 3	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE 4	HENRY HUBBALL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS A. TOWNSEND.

* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Townsend.

WEATHERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Containing 1,312 Bristol, 1,184 Cambridge, 1,280 London and 1,376 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WALTER ALLMANTreble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
*MARGARET FIDELL 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGANTreble	CHARLES J. CLARKE 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	DENIS R. MORRIS 6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	CHRIS. F. BLISSETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEYTreble	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 5
JOSEPH BOYER 2	ARTHUR BURTON 6
RAYMOND SCOTT 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ROY COLLIER 4	*WILLIAM SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. In memoriam John Potter. Bells rung fully muffled.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS C. BELTON ... Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3	ALFRED MOULD ... 7
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Felix Sutton, in his 60th year as ringers at this church.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST WALLACE ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY POYNER ... Treble	JOHN R. SMITH ... 5
†G. STANLEY BREWIN ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
†BRIAN AUSTIN ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on tower bells. † First of Surprise Major on 'inside' bell.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. WHEAT ... Treble	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... 2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 7
ARTHUR FOWKES ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FRANK MORETON ... Treble	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 4
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 3	†LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN and LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Boh Minor on tower bells. First peal on the back six. The 720's were called alternately by the conductors, who shared the last extent. In honour of Ann Julie Trotman, christened at this church the previous day.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT W. BARBER ... Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 4
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2	BERT GOGLE ... 5
GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 3	VINCENT R. OVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT R. OVENS.

First peal as conductor in more than one method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob and one 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MISS JEAN WARD ... Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	JOHN BRAMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Gordon A. Oliffe.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 4
*DENIS A. BAYLES ... 2	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... 5
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 3	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, London, Cambridge, Beverley and York. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN E. JACQUES ... Treble	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4
*ROLAND BENISTON ... 2	†G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
*C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	†ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First in seven Surprise methods. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of seven Surprise methods for the Guild and in the county.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH BOOTH ... Treble	*MISS DOROTHY OSBORN ... 4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2	DAVID SMITH ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in four methods.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT A. COCHRANE ... Treble	†J. MARTIN PAGE ... 4
ERIC EDMONDSON ... 2	NATHAN PATMORE ... 5
†STANLEY HUCKLE ... 3	SYDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in four methods. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells and first peal since augmentation.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... Treble	LEONARD FIDLER ... 4
GEORGE CHERRY ... 2	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... 5
EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kunkler on the birth of a son.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

PEARL INSKIP	Treble	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

A compliment to Miss E. Steel on the eve of her 70th birthday.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT W. BARBER	Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	4
SIDNEY MARSHALL	2	BERT GOGLE	5
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	HENRY TOOKE	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor size 17 in A.
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. JOHN THOMAS	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4	RONALD H. BULLEN ...	7-8	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT 37, WARKWORTH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 1-2	†ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 5-6
GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4	JOHN A. ACRES... .. 7-8

*CHRISTOPHER MOOR ... 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First of Royal 'in hand.' † First on an 'inside' pair. First of Royal 'in hand' as conductor. In honour of the visit of the Chancellor of the University, F.M. Smuts.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF GEORGE WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN... 1-2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5-6
FRANK L. FISHER 3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4	*ROY C. HURST 7-8

WILLIAM ROGERS 9-10

Composed by ED. FRANCIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Royal away from the tenors.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

PAMELA MARTIN	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON	3-4
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*ROSEMARY SMITH 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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For Quarterly (4/3) and Half-Yearly (8/6) subscribers. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid having your 'Ringing World' stopped.

Miss Evelyn Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and well known in connection with the Ladies' Guild, participated in a peal rung in her honour on the eve of her 70th birthday on June 9th. Miss Steel is very fit and is to be congratulated on this as on many other occasions in not making a trip. After the peal, by kind invitation of Miss Steel and her sister, the band adjourned to Kings Close for refreshment.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, has called peals of Grandsire Triples from each pair.

First lady member of St. Andrew's, Nether-ton, Worcs., band to ring a peal is Miss May Smith.

With peals at Wakefield and Leeds, Mr. R. H. Dove has completed peals of Kent and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Apropos the peal at Wakefield, a reader asks, Is Mrs. Olive Rogers the first lady to ring a twelve-bell peal in Yorkshire?

The peal by servers commented on at the Central Council meeting was rung on Sept. 2nd, 1932.

Those who rang the peal at Wivelsfield, Sussex, were certainly under a misapprehension that the bells had not received professional attention since 1894. They were in the hands of the Whitechapel Foundry as recently as November, 1947, writes the Master of the Sussex County Association.

The claim submitted that Miss Margaret Fidell was the first lady to ring two Surprise peals in a day is incorrect. Miss Hilda Snowden did such a performance in 1933 or 1934, Mrs. Harold J. Poole twice in 1923, and Mrs. Sylvia Pipe on August 14th, 1948. We understand there are other ladies who have such a record.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Kenya writes Mr. Desmond G. Mayell: 'I must say how very glad I am to receive my "Ringing Worlds" and hear of the progress being made, although it is very disappointing not being able to ring in Nairobi. One never realises just how much ringing does mean until it cannot be had at any price.'

Mr. Arthur Firth has 'circled' Rotherham tower.

Congratulations to Mr. Peter J. Staniforth on his 100th peal. The occasion was the 100th Surprise peal for the conductor, Mr. G. Stedman Morris.

A correspondent desires to call Mr. F. Bennett's attention to another tower in Kent, Sandwich, where no peal has yet been rung. He adds that there is no likelihood of one.

A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at Ripon Cathedral on May 19th, 1934. The claim in last week's 'Ringing World' is thus a little out of date.

Regarding the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on May 7th, the ringer of the 8th was Mr. Walter Allman and not Mr. C. W. Lawton as previously stated.

By ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Blaydon-on-Tyne, Mr. F. E. Collins, of the Surrey Association, and Mr. John Anderson, North Staffs Association, have completed the cycle of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The organiser of the Exeter peal band replies to Mr. A. P. Cannon's quip in the following terms: 'Who wants to ring bad going bells to peals? Probably all Mr. Cannon succeeded in doing at Ticehurst was to leave an impression behind him that the bells did not require any attention. He gave himself a good hiding in the bargain!'

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT YORK (Continued from page 284)

RECORD LENGTHS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS RINGERS
'FAST DYING OUT' REFUTED 'RINGING WORLD' DEBATE

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

THE committee reported the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year:—

Tower bells. — 5,040 Longney Bob Major, Oxford Diocesan Guild; 5,088 Cheshire Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Spliced Oxford Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's and Double Court Triples, Sussex County Assn.; 5,184 Withyham Surprise Major, Sussex County Association; 5,040 Prittlewell Surprise Royal, Essex Association; 5,120 Shenley Surprise Major, Hertford County Association; 5,152 Stanton Surprise Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,088 Bayswater Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; 5,152 Stockport Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,088 New London Court Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; 5,152 Ramsey Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,120 Ospringe Surprise Major, Kent County Association; 5,152 Edinburgh Delight Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major (22 methods), Lincoln Diocesan Guild; 5,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,040 Rutland Surprise Royal, St. Martin's Guild.

Progressive lengths. — 5,600 Aldenham Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild. Handbells: 13,664 Double Norwich C.B. Major, Hertford County Association; 10,800 Plain Bob Royal, Ely Diocesan Association.

On tower bells peals of Doubles have been rung in 30, 33 and 42 methods.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. Harold Poole: What is the position of the Double Norwich peal? Is it allowed or not?

The Chairman: It is put down as a progressive length.

Mr. Poole: We have no authority to get over the Decisions.

Mr. Anderson: Can't we get over it by the members not being aware of the rules?

Mr. Johnson: Is there anyone who will say that ignorance is accepted as a plea in law?

Mr. Woolley: Have the Standing Committee any idea of revising these rules, as they are out of date? If the committee are not doing anything I should like to propose a motion to abolish them all.

The Chairman: A sub-committee has been appointed.

Mr. Johnson: The previous handbell lengths were subject to these Decisions, and while there is nothing to prevent a band ringing a record length without those who rang the previous one being told, it means that while those Decisions are on the books we cannot swallow our words. Once you have a decision you must adhere to it.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: When we rang our handbell peal we had people walking in and out during the whole time. You have your rules and you ought to stick to them. The trouble of this Council is that it is weak in saying 'No.'

Mr. Barnett: Last year this peal was discussed and it was agreed to accept it.

The report was then adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Chairman, in a verbal report, said the committee had dealt with 26 towers and had replied to enquiries by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings on the movement of towers. Last year the committee called attention to the need of sound control, and in five cases information was supplied. Mr. Osborn had called attention to the need of clapping so that all bells up to 25 cwt.

could be rung up in peal with clappers on the right side. A book in original calculation of horizontal forces had been reproduced photographically. He thanked Mr. Hazelden for his work in this direction.

On the question of sound control he would like to mention two cases with which he had been connected. In one of these towers the windows were blocked up with a layer of asbestos and other material at a cost of a little over £16. In the other case the ringers were able to scrounge asbestos sheeting and felt that furniture people use and a lining of plywood. The ringers did the job themselves and the total cost was about 30s.

Two years ago Mr. Newton gave some information about Liverpool bells and the possibility of those bells being finished. Mr. Newton had let him see a letter which the Dean of Liverpool had written, and without reading any part of that letter the substance was if the labour and material were available. Mr. Newton should be able to notify his friend that in 18 months' time it would be possible to make music at Liverpool. Permission has to be got, but the Dean is hopeful.

The Secretary said at the Standing Committee Mr. Lewis' book was examined by the members of the committee, and in view of the importance of the calculations it contained it was thought desirable that copies should be presented to some of the scientific bodies and the British Museum. The Standing Committee recommended that six copies be obtained.

Mr. Harold Rogers seconded and the report was adopted.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

References to bells and the art of ringing, both in the Press and in broadcast programmes, appear to indicate a wide and increasing interest in the subject, and it is satisfactory to note a marked improvement in accuracy. The part played by ringers last November in celebrating the birth of a Prince aroused enthusiastic interest among journalists.

Local newspapers in all parts of the country devote considerable space to events connected with the belfry. A recent instance is to hand in an article on the Henry Johnson Dinner published in 'The Birmingham Gazette,' with a picture of ringers holding their ropes in St. Chad's Cathedral. Lectures given by members of St. Martin's Guild have also been reported in the local Press, thus reaching a wider audience and creating a demand for more.

While 'The Ringing World' continues to flourish and increase its circulation at home, the New South Wales Association has produced a journal of its own under the title of 'The Ringing Towers.' We wish this praiseworthy enterprise all success.

With regard to broadcasting, we are glad to present in most respects a satisfactory report. Talks on bellringing have found a place in a number of programmes: one by a young girl telling of her introduction to the art was especially pleasing. Descriptions of the making, hanging and ringing of bells have been broadcast from foundries, with demonstrations of change ringing. Handbell music has been introduced in the Children's Hour and on other occasions. Christmastide broadcasts included both church bells and handbells in various places. The eight bells of Congresbury, Somerset, have been heard on several occasions. On one or two occasions ringers have been televised, and at the Henry Johnson dinner the B.B.C. recorded the speeches and also the Stedman Cinques rung on handbells, part of which was reproduced in the Round Britain series. In Ireland the bells of Christ-

church Cathedral, Dublin, were broadcast on New Year's Eve.

In the important matter of ringing before a broadcast service we are able to report some measure of progress. On Easter Day this year bells did appear in the official programme, though it was to be regretted that a Choral Eucharist was broadcast from a cathedral without any sound of bells. It is now the regular practice to allow a brief period of uninterrupted ringing, but in very many cases it is curtailed to little more than a minute. In the Midland Region a satisfactory understanding has been established between ringers and officials of the B.B.C., but in the West strong representations have been made with respect to the very short time allocated to ringing. The committee consider that two minutes without any sort of interruption is a reasonable period for broadcasting bells before a service.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said that as to broadcasting, some correspondence between the Devonshire Guild and the Rev. Martin Willson, of the B.B.C., had taken place, and it could be said that that correspondence had done good. In recent weeks a reasonable time had been allowed for the ringing before broadcasting programmes. The correspondents from the Devonshire Guild asked for five minutes. He was sure that was out of the question; it ought to be a good solid two minutes, and in that time it would be possible to get 40 changes and a few well-struck rounds. In recent weeks there had been some improvement and the bells had appeared in print on the radio programme.

Mr. Edwards read a paragraph from a trade publication dealing with the production of electronic church bells by a factory at Norwich commending the apparatus, as it replaced that specialist who was fast dying out, the bell-ringer. It was proposed to have the apparatus on view at the British Industries Fair. Mr. Edwards expressed the hope that the specialists in existence would keep a watchful eye on Norwich.

Mr. F. C. Smale said his Guild had had correspondence with the Rev. Martin Willson. In his last letter he asked for two minutes. The recent broadcast from Portsmouth was exceedingly good, but it lasted only 1 minute 15 seconds. For the present he was afraid they would have to be satisfied with one minute of uninterrupted ringing.

Mr. Fred Rogers said as one who took part in the broadcast, the Rev. Martin Willson's promise was to give one minute of uninterrupted ringing.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said the paragraph that Mr. Edwards had read out was only two true except that the specialists were dying out. He was rung up by the people concerned and they told him that they had their bells in a fit state to look at. He went to the factory and was not a little astonished to hear the most remarkable imitation of Grandsire Triples that he had heard hitherto. It was composed of eight pieces of piano wire and the electrifying device that connected with the amplifier, and one could hear the bells five miles away or just near one by turning a knob. It was not open to some of the objections because the Grandsire method required a certain human artistry to play this. He tried to smash the apparatus by playing chords. There were only one or two minor technical qualifications to be made before this instrument was capable of making precisely the same effect as a ring of bells. It seemed that the only thing they could do was

to get the Chancellors of dioceses to withhold faculties. It seemed to him the most serious competitor they had had to face.

Mr. Harold Poole asked if Mr. Thurlow succeeded in impressing the firm that bellringers were not dying out and did he succeed in selling one of his books? (laughter).

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Walter Ayre said he had heard nothing from the convenor of the committee and had received no report since the last meeting.

The Secretary replied that the fact was that there was nothing to report. The Standing Committee had had a letter from Mr. Wilson, who had resigned from the Council and intimated that the committee had not met since the war. The remaining members of the committee were requested to appoint a convenor and to obtain the papers in the possession of Mr. Wilson. They suggested that Mr. J. W. Clarke, of the Chester Guild, would be willing to serve on the committee.

The Council agreed to co-opt Mr. Clarke on the committee.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

A great volume of steady work has been accomplished during the past twelve months to fill in the gaps in our knowledge of early members of the Council. This has involved many hours of searching through old volumes of 'Church Bells' and 'Bell News' for information.

The problem of an efficient storage and filing system for the records has been tackled this year, and it was decided to use a large envelope for each person's records, filing them alphabetically.

During the existence of the 1945, 1946 and 1947 Councils questionnaire forms requesting biographical information were posted to all new members. Our knowledge is fairly complete, but 35 persons did not return the forms. New members of 1948-9 vintage have not yet been circulated.

The Secretary said that in the absence of Mr. Hazelden and Mr. Viggers he moved the adoption of the report.

'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of 'The Ringing World' showed a net profit of £227 3s. 5d. Income was: Rolls House Publishing Company, £1,979 9s. 9d.; postal subscribers, £991 16s. 6d.; advertisements, £195 11s. 2d.; notices, £321 16s. 7d.; sale of 'History of College Youths', £24 13s. 6d. On the expenses side there had been no charge for clerical assistance.

Presenting the accounts, the Hon. Secretary said they showed a profit of £227. That profit could be very misleading. In the first place they had 53 issues during the year and had only charged postal subscribers for 52. The second point was that they had had a considerable number of eight-page issues and obviously it did not cost so much to print them. If they had had all 12-page issues the accounts might easily have shown a loss of £250. There was another thing. If they were to pay for the work done by the Editor and his staff adequately a considerable part of the profit would disappear. He had arranged for the accounts to be audited by a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The Standing Committee recommended that such action be endorsed.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. N. Park suggested that the goodwill and blocks be written down from £200 to £1.

The Secretary promised to consider the suggestion.

Mr. F. V. Gant then withdrew the motion in the name of the Essex Association and said they were prepared to support the motion of the Guildford Guild.

Mr. G. L. Grover then moved the motion on behalf of the Guildford Guild: 'That in the opinion of this Council too much of the available space of "The Ringing World" is devoted to peal recording.'

He said the motion was not intended as hostile and aggressive criticism of either the

Editor or the Editorial Committee. The Guildford Guild was very proud of the fact that the Editor was one of their ringing members and they should be the last to say any word or take any step to cause him to think that his work was not appreciated to the fullest possible degree.

As for the Editorial Committee, many of the older members of their Guild were well aware and mindful of the difficulties which confronted them when they took the steps which led to the Exercise acquiring the paper and were able fully to appreciate the very deep sense of gratitude that ringers owed to them for their prompt action at the time when the discontinuance of the paper was almost an accomplished fact.

Peals had been printed in 'The Ringing World' for so long in the manner in which they now appeared that the style had become traditional, and until the committee were convinced by the vote of the Council that a large section of the readers desired a change in style there was no doubt that they would continue in that traditional style.

'This motion is not intended to demand any heads on a charger or that the Editor and his Editorial Committee should present themselves at the Minster to-night with their own ropes round their necks and the keys of office in their hands, but it is intended simply and solely to draw attention to the fact that if the feeling of the Guildford Guild is any guide to the general feeling throughout the Exercise, that although they pay their 3d. per week cheerfully, they feel at the same time that they are not getting their money's worth.'

An analysis of the space in 'The Ringing World' up to the time of the Guild's annual meeting showed that of 220 pages, 74 were for peal recording, 12 for quarter peals, 43 for news, letters, articles of a more or less general interest, 10 for technical articles, 81 for advertisements. Roughly about one-third of the paper was devoted to peal recording and about one-fifth for news, letters and articles of more or less general interest. Of the readers, he thought that probably less than 20 per cent. were regular peal ringers, which meant that one-third of the paper was devoted to recording their activities.

He was not attempting to discourage peal ringing or to suggest that peal ringers were not the very cream of the Exercise. He claimed to be in the ranks of the peal ringers, having rung quite a few, including two that week-end, and hoped to ring many more. He was certain that it was the incentive given by peal ringing which would enable the Exercise to continue as a live and vital force in the future. He left to the Editorial Committee methods by which the space allocated to peals could be cut down.

Mr. F. I. Hairs: In the absence of Mr. Hazelden, and I do not think we run any risk of it being passed, I second it.

Mr. F. E. Dukes suggested a number of methods for curtailing the space occupied by peals.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said this was not a fresh question. Years ago it arose in the time of Mr. Goldsmith. They had an editor who had been in the paper business all his life and had been trained to know what the public wanted. The main news of the day as far as ringing was concerned was peal ringing. The Editorial Committee was composed of business people and not any Tom, Dick and Harry. To run a paper was a highly financial job. He was going to vote against the motion, although it came from the Guildford Guild.

Mr. H. J. Poole: We sometimes talk about the nigger in the wood pile; can't we know what the committee have in view?

COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary said he thought the answer was to be found in the words of the proposer of the motion to leave it to the Editor and the Editorial Committee to get them out of the mess. Whatever was proposed was going to put more work on somebody. If the style of the peals was altered or set up in a different

form the Editor was going to spend a lot more time re-writing them. It was proposed that the two motions should be heard and then the Standing Committee would submit their recommendation.

When they took over the paper in 1942 Mr. Trollope was the Editor. Since Mr. White had been Editor the circulation had risen from 3,250 to 4,700. In the first place, what yardstick were they to apply? Surely if they had an increased circulation that was an answer. The second point was when Mr. White took over the arrangement reached was that he should work approximately two days a week. If they gave effect to the suggestions it would mean employing someone for a full week.

Would it not be better to honour the memory of the founder by retaining the style of the peals? The answer to the question was an increased paper. If they had a 16-page paper the space occupied by peals would not be disproportionate. Could those who support the motion say where they could get the extra income? The accounts next year would show a loss of from £200 to £250, and then they would not be reimbursing the editorial staff adequately.

The time had come when they must face their responsibilities. Could anyone point to a specialist publication at 3d. a week and no increase in the war years? They would not find one.

The Standing Committee discussed this the previous night and they decided in the first place that they reimburse the editorial staff for their work. They had not asked for it. Why should they live on charity?

The second point was, was 3d. a week enough and whether it would not be better to increase the charge to 4d. and maintain a 16-page paper weekly. Could anybody tell him that a ringer could not afford another 1d. a week? In the past ringers had had things done for them too cheaply. They did not realise what went on behind the scenes in the production of the paper.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, he proposed that as from January 1st next the price of the paper be increased by a penny to 4d. and that for the benefit of the postal subscribers the annual subscription be £1 instead of 17s., 10s. 6d. for the half-year and 5s. 6d. quarterly.

Mr. A. Walker seconded.

A member suggested that the space occupied by bellfounders' advertisements should be reduced.

Mr. Fletcher replied that the reduction of space of their advertisements in an eight-page issue was an act of grace. They were entitled to their space and he deprecated any alteration.

Mr. Fidler: Might I suggest that you ask the three bellfounders to withdraw their advertisements.

Mr. F. Rogers: Are the display rates increased in proportion to the increased sales?

Mr. Fletcher: How can we fix a rate with a circulation of 4,800?

Mr. Fidler: On this question of value, the value of 'The Ringing World' to the three bellfounders is nothing, because everybody knows who the three founders are.

Mr. George Pullinger: I suppose it is more beneficial to have postal subscribers?

Mr. Fletcher: We want as many postal subscribers as possible. We could deal with 2,000 under our present arrangement.

Mr. Blackwood said the motion of the Standing Committee was something in which they were absolutely unanimous, and in accepting that resolution they ought to express a debt of gratitude to the Editorial Committee.

Mr. G. L. Grover: In view of the report of the Standing Committee, I should be very happy to withdraw my motion.

The recommendation of the Standing Committee was then carried unanimously.

(To be continued)

ERRATA.—Page 284, col. 2, line 3. For Mr. Harold Rogers read Mr. F. W. Rogers.

St. David's Diocesan Guild

PRESENTATION TO THE ARCHBISHOP.

The occasion of the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, coinciding with a rehearsal service for Sunday's ordinations and the presence of many tourists and 'pilgrims,' resulted in the well-known Cathedral being well filled on June 11th.

The retiring Archbishop of Wales, who is president of the Guild, was present, and the service was conducted by Minor Canons J. V. Jones and E. Lewis, and lessons were read by the Dean and Canon in residence (Archdeacon of Cardigan). With the presence of so many people and the ringing of bells throughout the afternoon it was hard to realise that the location was a 'village city' and not a large centre of population.

At the business meeting His Grace was presented with a silver bell-shaped inkpot suitably inscribed as a token of appreciation of his practical interest whilst president of the Guild, and in thanking the members the recipient said he was proud to have been president of a body that was of such help to the diocese and hoped they would be successful in their efforts to increase the amount and raise the standard of ringing. In providing memorials he said that nothing better could be considered than a bell or ring of bells. He expressed the hope that very soon the Guild could have tea at his residence at Abergwili.

A discussion took place on a proposition that financial assistance should be given to persons capable of instructing to enable them to attend isolated churches needing tuition. Reference was made to the distances between such rings of bells at St. David's and Haverfordwest, Tenby and Carmarthen, and how so many people learnt how to swing a bell and then, not having proper tuition, lost interest and drifted away.

This idea of financial assistance found no support and it was referred to committee.

A suggestion was made that before the monthly practices at Carmarthen members should be notified of the method to be practised so that books could be read. This was thought to be impractical, but the Master of the Guild (Mr. H. Jenkins, Tenby) said it was important for ringers to study at home and not turn up for practice ignorant of the fundamental rules of the method.

The annual reports of the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. P. E. Sage, Burry Port) were adopted. The officers and committee were re-elected with the addition of Miss Trehearne from the newly-formed branch at Llanstephan and the Ringing Master (Mr. W. L. Williams, of Carmarthen Branch).

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 18s.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Llanbadarn Fawr, where the bi-centenary of the bells was to be commemorated on September 10th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A special general meeting of the above Association was held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 28th, and attended by 51 members.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Renshaw.

At the meeting the Master, Mr. Dan Cooper, occupied the chair, and the proposition that Rule 17 should read 'The treasurer of the district shall remit to the general treasurer 50 per cent. of all subscriptions received,' not 75 per cent. as at present, was passed.

Rule 8 was amended as follows: 'An honorary member shall pay a subscription of not less than 5s. annually, or one donation of £2 2s. to become a life member. The subscription of a ringing member resident in the county of Surrey shall be 2s. 6d. annually,' not 2s. as at present.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to Mr. Blow for making all the arrangements and to the Vicar of St. Peter's.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

SILVER JUBILEE MEETING.

The jubilee of the Guild was celebrated on Whit Monday at Peterborough with the annual meeting. The Guild form of service was conducted in the Cathedral by the president, the Archdeacon of Northampton, the lesson was read by the Dean, and the address was given by the patron of the Guild, the Bishop of Peterborough. A group photograph was taken after service in the cloisters.

One hundred and fifty-eight were present at tea, most of the branches being represented, and the president took the chair for the business meeting. Others present were the Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore; Mr. B. J. Saddington, auditor; Mr. W. Rose, Central Council representative; Mr. R. G. Black, Guild secretary and treasurer; the Rev. Morley Wells, the Rev. S. F. W. Powell, Mr. G. Hancock and Mr. G. S. Valentine, branch chairmen; Messrs. A. Bigley, E. G. Orland, E. Nobles, G. E. Watson, G. W. Jeffs, W. H. Waldron and F. W. Hancock, branch secretaries; Mrs. E. S. Powell, Miss Thursfield, Mrs. H. J. Poole and several ringers from neighbouring guilds and associations.

The officers elected were: President, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., the Archdeacon of Northampton; Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore; auditor, Mr. B. J. Saddington; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Ronald C. Noon.

The following grants were approved from the Bell Restoration Fund: St. Giles', Northampton, £10; Kingsthorpe, £10; Long Buckby, £10; Pottersbury, £10; and Raunds, £5.

The Chairman referred with some very apt remarks to the resignation of the secretary and treasurer, and asked Mr. Black to accept, with their best thanks, a small present showing appreciation of all he had done for the Guild as secretary over a period of 23 years, previous to which he was a branch secretary for four years. He then handed Mr. Black a cheque for £33 8s. 6d.

The recipient, who was completely taken by surprise, suitably thanked all the members for this present and also for their support for the many years he had held office. Mr. Black was further honoured by being elected an honorary life member of the Guild. Among the veterans present were Messrs. G. Jeffs, sen., A. Y. Tyler, W. Perkins and H. Clarke.

The bells rung during the day were St. John-the-Baptist's and St. Mary's, Peterborough; St. Andrew's and St. Mary's, Whittlesey; Oundle and Woodston.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GUILD

Some 15 past and present members of the Royal Air Force and their friends attended a meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, London, on Whit Saturday.

At the business meeting it was unanimously decided to form a 'Royal Air Force Guild of Ringers.' The following officials were elected for the coming year: Hon. Master, Pilot Officer E. A. Dench; hon. secretary, AC/1 A. Rogers (W.T. Section, R.A.F., Shepherds Grove, near Bury St. Edmunds); hon. treasurer, AC/1 R. E. Manton.

To overcome any possible financial difficulty in the future it was decided to commence with an adequate subscription, and 5s. per annum was the sum agreed upon. All those ringers who have shown interest in the formation of the Guild will be notified in due course.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Edmonton for the use of the bells. Methods rung included Stedman Triples and Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

CAMBRIDGE MAJOR AT MEASHAM

Dear Sir,—With reference to peals of Cambridge Major, rung at Measham on June 4th, in Belfry Gossip, it is stated that this was believed to be the first of Cambridge on the bells. Sorry to disappoint, but the first peal of this was rung on March 19th, 1921, and called by

Leicester.

F. H. DEXTER.

OBITUARY

JAMES CECIL BOOTH.

Mr. J. C. Booth was one of the original band which the late Mr. Pratt Cordingley built up at Pudsey in the early years of the present century; a band which became famous throughout Yorkshire for the pioneer work it did in Surprise ringing at a time when Kent Treble Bob was the standard method in the county.

Mr. Booth was not a prolific peal ringer (he never rang a peal outside his own tower), yet his modest total of 20 peals includes London, Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. He was an excellent striker and a reliable method ringer; one, who by his retiring disposition tended to belittle his own ringing capabilities.

He suffered a long illness which prevented him from taking any active part in ringing for the past three years, yet the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. He passed to his rest on June 10th and a muffled peal was rung to his memory on the following Wednesday evening on the bells of Pudsey Church, where all his peal ringing had been done.

Mr. Booth, who was unmarried, was a brother of Major William Booth, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, who lost his life in the Great War 1914-18.

MR. JOHN POTTER.

If John Potter, of Walkden, near Manchester, could have chosen the day for his passing he would have selected June 4th, the day the Bolton Branch were holding their monthly meeting at St. Paul's, Walkden, the church where he was brought up and rang and which he loved.

The respect in which he was held was shown by the large attendance at the interment. The church was filled by people from the township and fellow-ringers from many parts of Lancashire. Mr. W. H. Shuker attended straight from the Council meeting at York.

Last September Mr. Potter completed 60 years as a ringer, and several peals were rung in different parts of Lancashire to celebrate the event. He was one of a band which did much spadework in the county, scoring the following first peals in the method by the Association, viz., Aug. 3rd, 1899, Darlaston Bob Triples at Walkden; Feb. 22nd, 1900, Duffield Major at Walkden; May 21, 1927, Ipswich Surprise Major at Newchurch; May 17th, 1937, Little Bob Royal at St. Helens.

He also took part in a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples at Walkden, one in which four fathers and four daughters took part, and also with five of each. In all he rang 338 peals, conducting 187 in a large variety of methods, the most in one method being Stedman Triples, 153, conducting 98. He conducted a peal in every tower in the Bolton Branch.

He joined the Lancashire Association in 1890 and was its vice-president in 1921-22, and for the past 30 years was a member of the committee. He was a very reliable conductor.

His fellow-ringers carried him from his home to the church. Other ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave on handbells, and others rang the muffled bells in reverse order and 'whole pull and stand.' In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled.

P. C.

DEDICATION

COULSDON, SURREY.

The ring of five at Coulsdon Parish Church was rededicated on June 8th by the Ven. N. K. Anderson (Archdeacon of Kingston) after their rehanging on ball bearings, retuning and the strengthening of the wooden frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The bells are among the oldest of the working rings in Surrey, having been cast in 1675 by an itinerant founder. Ringing takes place from the church porch.

Ringers at the dedication service were G. P. Oldham (capt.), R. Davison, H. W. Dix, J. P. Crawley, W. Martingell. The church is in need of ringers.

LETTERS

SPliced SURPRISE MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—To try and clear any misunderstandings, here are the facts with regard to the peals rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. A peal in 28 methods was rung at Bourne on March 28th, 1936, conducted by J. W. Lake, and one in 32 methods at Folkingham on Nov. 12th, 1938, conducted by H. M. Day.

In the 1938 Lincoln Guild report an unfortunate error showed 31 methods only in the Folkingham peal. Westminster was one of the methods rung in the first extent, not Wearmouth as printed.—Yours faithfully,
Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. J. BRAY.

KEEP THE EXERCISE ON HIGH LEVEL

Dear Sir,—Surely the sentiments expressed by Mr. Cecil W. Pipe in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of June 10th are those which have been felt by many of his fellow-ringers for some time.

The world is full enough of slandering, back-biting and mud-slinging without bellringers joining in. Let us, as Christian men and women, strive to keep our Exercise on as high a level as possible.

May I make a suggestion? It is that all ringers read, meditate and practise the exhortation of St. Peter in I. Peter, 3, verses 8-12. If we all do this, then our Exercise—and the world—will be the better for our humble efforts.—Yours sincerely,
R. HUNT.

New Lodge, Mapledurham, Reading, Berks.

RE 'BICKERING'

Dear Sir,—May I at this rather late period make a few friendly comments on Cecil W. Pipe's letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 10th? On the main points of his letter I most heartily agree. We, as ringers (both sexes), should be a happy band of brothers and sisters—a kind of freemasonry if you like. My experience when visiting provincial churches has been this—as soon as the company knew I could do a little ringing I was at once one of them.

The bickering which he refers to in London of some years ago I feel sure has greatly disappeared. I can speak from experience at two practice nights, namely, St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, and St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, supervised by Messrs. James Prior and Robert H. Begrie respectively. These are more in the nature of social evenings than ringing practices. There may at times during a 'touch' be a sharp word to a member who may be about to make a mistake, but as soon as that has passed everything is all very friendly again and no more is heard of it. The world is too full of fault finders, and you, sir, are making a splendid suggestion to find the best in a person and not the worst.—Yours faithfully,
R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

PUZZLED AND TICKLED

Dear Sir,—It is not my intention to join in any for or against peal ringing quibble, but Mr. E. M. Atkins' letter of June 3rd tickled me. The suggestion was that the question of normal v. condensed peal reports could be solved by having both types.

Mr. Atkins suggested that those who order peal cards should have present type setting, the proposed condensed setting being reserved for the remainder. If the one or two peals a year ringer could qualify for present type by ordering peal cards, suppose the 20 or 30 a year ringer also orders cards. Would he be qualified? Sophist or not, I am puzzled.

This attempt at solution suggests to me that the advert to order peal cards should be revised and read, 'Order peal cards and secure present type setting for your peals. Send remittance with report. Twelve-bell peals 5d. a bell; five-bell peals, bob a rope; others in proportion; minimum 5s. a set of 12s.'—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE W. FAULKNER.

Barking, Essex.

QUARTER PEALS

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, W. B. Judd 2, C. J. Champion (cond.) 3, A. P. Cannon 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, T. Arrow 6. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining the R.A.F.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Booth 1, E. F. M. Samson 2, Miss D. Wiggins 3, T. Hextall (first quarter) 4, Rev. J. Coutts 5, A. Pettigrew 6, A. V. Davis 7, J. Cole 8.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on May 31st, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, Miss M. Brockman 3, J. Walter 4, C. E. Buesden 5, F. R. Weller (cond.) 6, B. J. Luck 7, S. White 8, S. Walter 9, T. H. Holmes 10, H. R. French 11, G. R. French 12. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CROWLAND, Lincs.—On May 28th, at Crowland Abbey, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. T. Bates 1, H. Mackey 2, R. Strickland 3, W. A. Smedley 4, J. Bailey 5, A. A. Pepper (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 5.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pallett 1, F. Bamford 2, G. Adams 3, B. McKie 4, F. Cracknell 5, P. Dimmock (first as cond.) 6. First for all the band except the 4th. A compliment to Rev. G. F. Baxter on completing 30 years as Rector.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's on May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, C. J. Young 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, F. Warrington 4, J. W. C. Blythe (first as cond.) 5, S. Gilbert 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, A. H. Smith 6, W. G. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Westcott 1, W. Huish 2, F. Bailey 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, W. Heath 5, J. Evans 6, E. Coles 7, W. Blick 8. In memoriam Mr. Richard John (78), oldest ringer in the tower.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Brixton 1, J. Alexander 2, J. Gilbert (first as cond.) 3, J. Hull 4, J. Purkess 5, E. Wollaston 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church on May 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Pearson 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth 3, Miss J. Henshaw 4, H. Wood 5, A. A. Potts 6, E. Seed 7, H. Farrer 8, G. Farrer (first as cond. in method) 9, W. Gayes 10.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Bob Doubles, April Day, Grandsire): R. J. Derry 1, H. Claridge 2, J. B. Webb 3, P. G. Golder (cond.) 4, J. Gregory 5, E. Claridge 6. In memoriam Dr. W. W. McCulloch.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Allan 1, N. Genna 2, E. Thurlow 3, Miss P. Holmes 4, J. Crabbe (cond.) 5, F. Robbins 6, R. Wilkinson 7, H. Stratford 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. D. Wilson 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, F. D. Wilson 4, T. Abbotts 5, Rev. L. J. Birch 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on May 25th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. J. Southam 1, R. W. Darvill 2, C. F. Sayer 3, A. G. Oliver 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. G. Mason 6, B. C. Johnson 7, H. V. Frost (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1 and 4. First of Major in method 2, 7 and 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On May 25th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss A. Look 2, T. H. Taffender 3, Miss M. Jackson 4, J. W. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, W. Brainch (cond.) 7, R. C. Cressey 8. First quarter by 4, 7, 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 29th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Tomlin (first quarter 'inside') 2, S. A. White 3, R. Wood 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, R. Luckhurst 6.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING AT TIVERTON.

'You bellringers have in your hands the power of bringing joy to the rest of us. To me at least the sound of the bells is always uplifting.' So said the Mayor of Tiverton (Councillor E. G. Pierce) in his speech of welcome to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on Whit Monday, when 150 members and friends assembled to support their president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

At the service in St. Peter's, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Lane), the lesson was read by Prebendary Cox, the prayers by the Rev. J. M. Turner, and the preacher was the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Rector of Chittlehampton.

The bells of St. Peter's, Harberton, Sampford Peverell and Silvertown were rung during the day.

Luncheon, in the Memorial Hall, was followed by the business meeting. A letter from the Rev. Martin Willson, West Regional B.B.C., was read. In it he stated, 'I am glad to know that you feel that two minutes of ringing would be considered acceptable. I think we shall have to be content with the rule of a minimum of one minute, but I shall not overlook the fact that at least one minute does not exclude a longer time being given over the air to changes.'

Mr. J. E. Lilley, while agreeing that there had been improvement in the broadcast of bells since the appeal to the B.B.C., insisted that the time should be five minutes. Preb. Cox stressed the desirability of good striking in all broadcast ringing.

A resolution, 'that each ringer in a peal for the Guild shall pay a booking fee of 6d., which shall be sent by the conductor to the general secretary,' was accepted by the meeting.

Prebendary Cox was re-elected president, Mr. F. C. Smale general secretary and Mr. A. L. Bennett general treasurer. Mr. A. G. Selley was the Ringing Master for the day, and amongst those present were Mr. A. W. Searle, who joined the Guild in 1886, and Mr. T. Laver, who joined in 1900. The next annual meeting was fixed for Ottery St. Mary, and the usual votes of thanks for the excellent arrangements were passed.

The annual report showed that there are 589 members with 248 non-resident members of the Guild. It stressed the need for young ambitious ringers to be instructed in conducting peals and that periodic cleaning of bell chambers and tightening of nuts and bolts at the end of the summer should be undertaken.

F. C. S.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—At the Council meeting at York reference was made to the servers' peal, which was rung for a non-ringing society. A hand can ring a peal for any society it chooses, provided all are members, or none at all, as, for instance, the peal at Grendon recorded in this week's issue.

In the particular instance cited the hand had been drawn from seven counties, and it was found that not more than two of the band belonged to any one association, so that they had no power to elect the others. Of necessity, therefore, the peal was, so far as ringing societies are concerned, 'non-association.'

As the servers' peal was rung 17 years ago, are we seriously being asked to believe that the Council is only now considering an isolated non-association peal rung before many of our present-day peal ringers were born, or is it that a certain member, unable to find a red herring to which J. F. S. refers, has had to dig up one which by now must surely be not red, but in an advanced state of decomposition?—Yours faithfully,
R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

LATE NOTICE

ELTY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunt's District.—Holywell, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert. Dis. Sec. 5446

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.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. J. Potter and family wish to thank members of the Lancashire Association and friends for messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent to them in their sad bereavement. 5425

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. E. W. Pye is now 295, Bramford Lane, Ipswich. 5424

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Handbells by Mears. Two octaves, fully chromatic, perf. cond. Best offer over £25.—Eastmure, 1, Petworth Road, N.12. 5394

MISCELLANEOUS

KEITH HART MEMORIAL.—Subscriptions from ringing friends will be gratefully acknowledged towards the erection of a bronze plaque in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton, by S. E. Armstrong (hon. treasurer), 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton. 5328

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 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.

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

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.

MEETINGS

STOKE PRIOR (BROMSGROVE, WORCS).—Rededication of 8 bells (6 recast) on Sat., June 25th, 3 p.m., by Bishop of Worcester. Ringing afterwards.—H. Nicklin, Greenbank, Haubury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. (Phone, Bromsgrove 2512.) 5361

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. Meeting at Albury on June 25th. Arrangements as usual. Tea 2s. Shere bells available after tea. 5372

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5393

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION with GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 25th. Bells of Egham, Wraysbury, St. Peter's, Staines, 3 to 4.30, also evening. Tea, Majestic Cinema, Staines, 4.45.—A. Barker, F. Finch, F. Hawthorne, Secs. 5400

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5398

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Wirksworth, Saturday, June 25th, 3 o'clock.—J. F. Wilkinson. 5401

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Little Rose.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5395

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available at noon. Lunch (3s. 6d.) at 1.15 p.m.—L. F. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 5416

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bristol, Saturday, June 25th. Towers available: St. Philip's (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), St. John's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Mary Redcliffe, 7.30 to 8.30. Service at St. Philip's 4.15. Tea at Emmanuel Parish Hall, Midland Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea must reach Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec. 5410

NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Wednesday, June 29th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble, Victory Bell. Original five rehung with modern fittings. All subscribers and bellringers specially invited. 5392

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Longwood, Sat., July 2nd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d., to be received by secretary by Sat., June 25th. For tea, notify A. Rotheray, 132, Quarmby Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, by Sat., June 25th.—A. Farrand, Sec., 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. 5364

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting Lichfield, Sat., July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea at Guildhall 4.30; 2s. to paid-up members, to others 2s. 6d. Names by June 28th to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5368

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Clifton-on-Teme, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 28th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5413

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Gorseinon, July 2nd. Numbers for tea by June 28th latest.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 8, Chapel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 5422

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Southampton, July 2nd. Committee 11. General meeting 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., all in Chantry Hall. Bells available 1 p.m. and after tea St. Mary's (10), St. Michael's (10); Netley (8), 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton, not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants. 5433

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Bromborough, Wirral, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Eastham bells (6) also available 2 to 3.45 p.m. Tea tickets (1s. 6d. each) must be obtained from Mr. P. W. Cave, 3, The Rooley, Huyton, Liverpool, or Mr. A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead, on or before June 28th. Frequent service of Birkenhead Corporation buses (Nos. 38 and 40) from Woodside Ferry. 5436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Hornby, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, Royal Oak Hotel, 2s. each.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 5441

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5428

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, July 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone. Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5427

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, July 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 5435

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Next meeting at Stamford, All Saints', on Saturday, July 2nd. Make own arrangements for tea. Several cafes in the town.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 5438

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, July 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, by June 28th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5440

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bishops Cannings, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5431

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. No business. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5430

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8), July 2nd, at 3. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent, not later than June 30th. 5429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Blackburn, July 2nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5443

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. It is essential that the members of committees of both districts attend this meeting. Names for tea to A. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin, by Tuesday, June 28th.—A. S. Carter, A. E. Symonds, Dis. Secs. 5423

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak, July 2nd. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025 5421

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bishop of Bedford will dedicate new ring of ten at Luton on July 7th at 7.30. Open meeting and summer festival at Luton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 3.45. Names for tea to J. Wing, 18, Stockwood Crescent, Luton, by July 5th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec. 5437

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Crutenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5373

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 9th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries, also names for teas, must reach me not later than July 2nd.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5442

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify before July 6th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5434

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Peter's, Thanet, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names must reach me not later than Friday, June 24th. Please note early notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5405

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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. Names for tea (free) to J. H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, by July 6th, please. 5390

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kinneridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5426

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Daventry, July 9th. Names for tea to me not later than July 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5439

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General body.—July 9th, Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 1.45 to 2.45. Train from Charing Cross to Chislehurst, 227 bus to memorial. Annunciation, Chislehurst, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15. Business 5. St. George's, Beckenham, 6.30. Names for tea to Frank Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington. 5445

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, July 16th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5444

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—Preliminary notice.—The Three Guilds Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at Hawley. Ringing at Hawley, Sandhurst, Yateley and Yorktown with Finchampstead (evening only). Bagshot and Farnborough (afternoon only). Coach will tour the towers in the evening. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 at Hawley. Full details later.—G. S. Joyce, J. Chesterman, B. Castle, District Secs. 5352

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