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DEVALUATION

A WORD uppermost in the nation's mind this past fortnight has been 'devaluation.' This column is not the place to discuss the fiscal implications of the word. Devaluation arises when the credit of a country is greatly in excess of its assets, and the same word and principle might be applied to ringing or anything else.

If, peradventure, everybody can ring a particular method to a peal then its value as a performance is undermined; it is devalued in the eyes of the ringing community. The progress since the war has created new standards, and most weeks it is our pleasure to record new methods or complications of 'splicing' of a very high order that make much of the past sound commonplace. But if there has been this devaluation in the realm of performance, surely it is equally applicable in the number of peals rung. Except for one week in the very hot weather the average number of peals has been well maintained, and the facility with which some bands score peals indicates either conductorship of a very high level or particularly safe ringers.

Is there any method that can be usefully introduced to ensure that all the peals rung are of good value and true in every respect? A suggestion has been made that umpires should be appointed. We would be so bold as to assert that the number of competent umpires in the Exercise is very few, and it would be practically impossible to arrange for the whole of every peal to be checked.

The correction of 'trips' is another matter. We do not believe that the ruling of the Central Council is fully appreciated. It states that 'any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected and that no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn, later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.' Much depends upon the interpretation of the words 'immediate correction.' Instances have been reported to us where the process of 'correction' has taken an unconscionable time, and to those outside the belfry the sound has been very much like firing. There are conductors who pride themselves on the purity of their peals and will not hesitate to call 'stand' when such circumstances occur. Others treat the subject differently, and by their dexterity eventually sort out these tangles and regard the situation as an instance of masterly conducting.

Is there any method by which a higher standard can be introduced or any check made on such peals? The crux of the question is one of personal integrity. We met the other day a ringer who refused to record in his personal peal book any peal which had doubtful qualities. Certain of these peals had been published in 'The Ringing World' and recorded in the annals of his Guild or Association. His conscience was however not clear. What should such an individual do? Should he report the circumstances to his Guild or the appropriate committee of the Central Council? Undoubtedly this would be the correct procedure. But there would be repercussions. It would probably result in a limitation of invitations to him to stand in peals, and it would certainly not lead to harmony in his Guild. At the risk of unpleasantness we would implore the Exercise not to 'devalue' in any sense its peals. A high standard means a hard path for the beginner struggling for his 'first,' and even if there are failures it is far better to have the laurel wreath untarnished.

A Devon Tour

The following peals in Devon and Cornwall were rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers except where otherwise stated.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Philip A. Corby	*...Treble*	John Pinfold	5
William Rogers	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
T. Mark White	3	Frederick J. Cullum ...	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	William T. Beeson	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
First peal in the method as conductor; first in the county and for the Guild.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Edgar R. Rapley	*...Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
William Rogers	2	T. Mark White	6
William T. Beeson ...	3	George E. Fearn... ...	7
Frederick J. Cullum ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal of Major on the bells.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Frederick E. Dukes...	*Treble*	W. Norman Park... ...	5
John Pinfold	2	T. Mark White	6
*Alick Cutler	3	C. Edward Jeffries ...	7
Ronald H. Bullen ...	4	George E. Fearn	*...Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by C. E. Jeffries.
* First peal in the method and 100th peal. First in the method on the bells.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*Aubrey L. Bennett	*...Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
William Rogers ...	2	Maurice Hodgson ...	6
Leonard H. Bowler ...	3	William T. Beeson ...	7
Edgar R. Rapley ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

T. Mark White	*...Treble*	Maurice Hodgson ...	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	William T. Beeson ...	6
Leonard H. Bowler ...	3	George E. Fearn ...	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Leonard H. Bowler ...	2	T. Mark White	6
William Rogers	3	William T. Beeson ...	7
Maurice Hodgson ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

ST. STEPHEN-BY-LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Ronald H. Bullen ...	5
William Rogers	2	Philip A. Corby	6
John Pinfold	3	George E. Fearn	7
Maurice Hodgson ...	4	Frederick E. Collins...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

LIFTON, DEVON.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

T. Mark White ...	*...Treble*	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Leonard H. Bowler ...	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Alick Cutler	3	W. Norman Park ...	7
William T. Beeson ...	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by C. E. Jeffries.
First peal of Major on the bells.

TAVISTOCK, DEVON.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Eustachius,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
C. Edward Jeffries ...	2	W. Norman Park	6
Ronald H. Bullen ...	3	George E. Fearn ...	7
John Pinfold	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal of Major on the bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Cuthbert W. Powell ...	5
Alick Cutler	2	John Pinfold	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	C. Edward Jeffries ...	7
Ronald H. Bullen ...	4	W. Norman Park	*...Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
C. Edward Jeffries ...	2	Maurice Hodgson ...	6
T. Mark White	3	Ronald H. Bullen ...	7
W. Norman Park... ...	4	William T. Beeson	*...Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Howard Howell	*...Treble*	Charles H. Page ...	6
Maurice G. Turner ...	2	†Arnold G. Moore ...	7
*Arthur Peake	3	Fredk. W. Grocott ...	8
†Margaret Flackett ...	4	John N. Lindon ...	9
Neville R. Holland...	5	Fredk. E. Wilshaw...	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman. 50th peal of Stedman as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	*Treble*	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Quickest peal on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt.

PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
RUTH M. K. HOW	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
JOHN E. JUDGE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	WILLIAM JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
An 86th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. G. Judge, mother of ringers of 3, 5 and tenor.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
C.C.C., No. 42, reduced. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED ORRISS	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
EDWARD B. SMITH	2	RONALD G. BUGG	6
WILLIAM A. ROUSE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GERALD F. BALL	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HARRY POYNER	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Major in the method by all the band and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Tenor 14 cwt.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
ERNEST BETTS	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	FRED HODGSON	7
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. 300th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to E. H. Simpson. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
*REV. W. H. K. FELSTEAD	4	ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HUGH ROBERTS	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
*ERNEST T. CARVELL	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	†JOHN E. BIBBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
*** First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal on the tenor.**

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
PAUL BIRKETT	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. Whiteley, for over 50 years a member of the local company.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	HENRY ROGERS	5
SIDNEY BRIGGS	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
HAROLD PAILING	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* 50th tower-bell peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six in 1920.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,304 London, 1,568 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 118 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
JILL R. BRITTAIN	2	RALPH BIRD	6
DENIS N. LAYTON	3	*DAVID E. PARSONS	7
FRANK E. DARBY	4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	A. STANLEY CARTER	5
ERIC EDMONDS	2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	6
DAVID BEVERIDGE	3	SIDNEY CARTER	7
J. MARTIN PAGE	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
Rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. A. Purkiss-Ginn, Master of the Hertford College Youths. Also for the wedding of John Phillips, a local ringer.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,496 Superlative and 2,592 Cambridge, with 71 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*AUDREY B. DISERENS	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS	3	WILLIAM J. PORTER	7
*JOAN GRAY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Nora Honey and Bernard S. Nichols.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
LESLIE W. JARVIS	2	†FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
A. PATRICK CANNON	3	†FRANK H. HICKS	7
*LEONARD W. GILES	4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Miles, local captain for 54 years.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.

John Phillips ...	...*Treble*	Anthony W. J. Appleton	5
J. Frank Smallwood ...	2	Michael V. Chilcott ...	6
Horace Belcher	3	Thomas J. Setter	7
Herbert Langdon ...	4	John E. Chilcott ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt (approx.).

William E. Allman	...*Treble*	George H. Randles ...	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
Walter Allman	3	David Vincent	7
Denis Maddock	4	Ralph G. Edwards	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Allman.

SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Chapel of Ease to St. Giles', Bredon,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Patrick Harris ...	...*Treble*	James Attwood	4
Robert G. Freeman ...	2	Edwin T. Newbury ...	5
John Thomas	3	Oliver Attwood ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*C. Henry Harding	...*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp ...	4
Clifford W. Izzard ...	2	John E. T. Wiseman ...	5
L. Michael Callow ...	3	Andrew C. Sinfield	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Henry Harding.

* 150th peal. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Ronald W. Steward	...*Treble*	George W. Moss	4
George Waterman ...	2	Ronald G. Bugg	5
Frank G. Bloomfield...	3	Urban W. Wildney	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney. Tenor 10 cwt.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Fred Brightman	...*Treble*	*Maurice Bennett ...	4
*Gwen. D. Robinson ...	2	*Aubrey A. Pepper ...	5
*Herbert M. Brown ...	3	Frank Taylor ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

* First peal in four methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth W. Duffy, one of the local ringers.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*Douglas Hall ...	...*Treble*	*Stanley Dance	4
Arthur Champion ...	2	†Edwin Atkinson ...	5
Arnold Cole	3	Daniel Smith ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Daniel Smith.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. A farewell peal to Dr. H. B. Pare, who is retiring after being in practice at Royston for 39 years.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Fred Orriss	...*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton ...	4
George Waterman ...	2	Ronald G. Bugg	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	3	Urban W. Wildney	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

WONSTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Herbert Froome	...*Treble*	Charles Pritchard ...	4
Mary Tanner	2	Richard Smith	5
Nesta D. Smith	3	Charles H. Kippin	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

* First peal. In memoriam W R. Melville.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

*Arnold Worth ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Pimlott	4
*Leonard Copenall ...	2	Wilfred Stevenson ...	5
John Worth	3	*Harry Callwood	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Stevenson.

* First peal.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 240's, four variations, and 10 six-scores.

*Barry Cowper	...*Treble*	†Henry Weaver	4
*Ansley Bowers	2	Raymond P. Wood ...	5
Sidney Ansell	3	Leonard Ward ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Rosa Lamb	...*Treble*	Ernest J. Padgett ...	4
Peggy M. Lamb (14) ...	2	Frank Lamb	5
Roland Hirst	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lamb, Barnby Don.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Elizabeth Brown	...*Treble*	Jean M. Brown	4
Ronald N. Marlow ...	2	William C. Shute ...	5
Jack Mussell	3	Frank L. Harris	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William C. Shute.

* First peal. A birthday peal for Rev. H. W. Moule, Vicar of Damerham.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Miss E. M. Suart	...*Treble*	John Bagnall	4
*Robin Shuttleworth ...	2	†Alan Capstick	5
James E. Burles	3	Nicholas M. Newby	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the golden wedding and to commemorate 50 years' church work of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, of Hawkshead.

HANDBELL PEALS

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
At 26, Brabazon Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Christopher Moor	1-2	Walter J. Ford	5-6
Nolan Golden	3-4	Eric Durrant	7-8

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Conducted by William G. Young.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, 288 Wellington Little Court and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method. 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

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal in eight spliced methods by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 36 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
		Albert H. Ward	9-10

Composed by James George. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	*Roy C. Hurst	7-8
		Edwin Barnett	9-10

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Caters away from the tenors. Arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. Tenor size 17 in A.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	John Bass	7-8

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin. Witness: Chas. Wm. Cooper.
Arranged for Mr. J. Bass, of Stourbridge, it being 34 years since he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At 39, Southcote Avenue,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*†Frank C. Price	1-2	*Walter Sparrow	5-6
Geoffrey Dodds	3-4	*G. William Morris	7-8
		‡H. William Barrett	9-10

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal 'in hand.' Tenor size 14 in D.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,*
At Newstead, Stoke Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Edgar Vallance	1-2	Alfred Ballard	3-4
		Hector A. Knights	5-6

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Eighteen-year-old Alan Cattell, son of Mr. Arthur Cattell, churchwarden of All Saints', Leicester, is the first ringer in Leicestershire to ring two tower bells double-handed to a peal. The party met short for a peal of Minor and Alan volunteered to 'have a go.' It was an excellently struck peal. At the conclusion a note was found under the belfry door for the six ringers to meet next day for a peal. The writer, Mr. W. P. Whitehead, was unaware that there were only five men ringing.

The Sussex peal tour, which started on September 10th, resulted in eight peals being scored. The eleven participants came from Ashford, Swindon, Nottingham, St. Ives, Daventry and Wendover. A report of the tour and peals will appeal next week.

Royston, Yorks, ringers have a warm spot for Dr. H. B. Pare, who was chiefly instrumental in getting the bells recast. A farewell peal on his retirement from practice was rung.

His two daughters, Rosa and Peggy, participated with Mr. Frank Lamb in the peal at Barnby Don, Yorks, in honour of his silver wedding.

When the bells at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, were rung, the weather-cock at the top of the steeple revolved. Steeplejacks have investigated and found that the spindle holding the weather-cock is moulded into the steeple and, being made of iron, has rusted, causing a crack round the top of the steeple. Bellringing will not be resumed until the repair work is finished.

Regarding the peal of Yorkshire Major at Waterford, Ireland, on August 31st, Mr. F. Bennett writes: 'The first peal in the method for the Irish Association was rung at Holywood on September 17th, 1936, by a tour arranged by the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff and Mr. C. T. Coles, and which I had the privilege to conduct.'

National publicity has been given to the peal of Stedman Triples at Bulwell, Notts, where the first peal was rung on the bells. The regular ringers in this tower went on strike as a protest. Their action is characterised by the Rector, the Rev. G. Sprittle, as 'dog-in-the-manger.' 'Southwell Diocesan Bellringers' Association asked me if they might ring a peal on our bells and I gave them permission, thinking our ringers would be glad to co-operate.' The attitude adopted by the Bulwell ringers is: 'This is our church, not theirs.'

Mr. E. Jenkins conducted his 300th peal at Brighouse, Yorks, on Sept. 14th and his 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association at Queensbury on September 16th.

Ringing friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, both members of St. John's, Hillingdon, band, will be glad to learn that Mrs. Goodfellow has made a successful recovery from her recent operation, and has returned home from Iver Hospital.

The North Wales Association certificates were previously printed by Messrs. A. Falkner and Sons, Manchester and London. Mr. A. J. Hughes appeals to our printing friends to help him trace the firm for a renewal order and to save the expense of a new block.

Mr. T. Trollope, of Oxford, attended the Bicester Branch meeting of the Oxford Guild on September 3rd, and visited old friends in Middleton, where he had worked some years ago. He is the only survivor of a band who visited Middleton Stoney with the 'ate J. W. Washbrook in 1887.

By ringing the tenor Mr. John E. Bibby has 'completed the circle' of his own tower, Frodsham, where he has been ringing for 30 years and has scored nearly 100 peals on the bells. The band congratulate him on the capable manner he turned in this 'very odd struck' bell.

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A RETURN VISIT TO DEVONSHIRE

Tourists Score Eleven Peals

IN beautiful weather, twenty-three tourists assembled on September 3rd at Buckfastleigh, Devon, for a week's ringing tour amidst some of the finest scenery Great Britain has to offer. For many of the party it was their second tour in this district. There were 15 peal ringers and eight wives, of whom two were also ringers, and a young man of nine months old.

The week's activities resulted in eleven peals in eight methods, as recorded elsewhere. In addition, peals were attempted at Uffculme, Babbacombe, Moretonhampstead, Cullompton, Chudleigh, Exminster and Buckfast Abbey. There was also ringing during the week at Buckfastleigh, Bradninch (where the 'go' of the bells left much to be desired), Chagford, Brent Tor and Ashburton.

On the first Saturday an advance party was joined at Brixham and Dartmouth by Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith, Kent, who was on holiday in the district. Mr. Cullum has family associations with Brixham and was very glad to call a peal of Rutland there, the first in the method for the Devon Guild.

Other 'occasional visitors' during the week were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, Mr. Sangwin, of Bude, and Mr. H. C. Spencer, formerly of Birmingham, and now of the back of beyond in Cornwall, who joined the party at Launceston and Tavistock. Mr. Collins rang the tenor to a peal at St. Stephen-by-Launceston and in the afternoon conducted those not in the peal at Tavistock on a very pleasant jaunt to Brent Tor, where the Church of St. Michael stands high on a rock. On Friday, Mr. C. W. Powell, of Lyme Regis, took part in the peal of Superlative at Heavitree, and Mr. E. J. Taylor and Mr. Collins were in the attempt for Stedman Cinques at Buckfast Abbey on the last day of the tour. Mr. Stafford Green came along to listen to this attempt.

A great disappointment was the withdrawal of permission for a peal attempt at Tiverton. Thanks to the good offices of Mr. E. J. Taylor, permission was, however, obtained at short notice for a peal at South Molton instead. Other local arrangements were made by Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, with his usual kindness and efficiency.

CHURCHWARDEN'S ALARM.

The Collompton attempt had to be abandoned as a result of panic-stricken banging on the belfry door by the churchwarden, who thought one of the tower pinnacles was in danger of collapse. This gentleman applied an additional method of interruption in the form of a long piece of wire waved wildly round the feet of the ringers nearest the door. It afterwards transpired that the tourists' visit was considered a very suitable opportunity to test the reaction of the tower to the bells!

Transport for the week was in the form of a coach hired locally with the addition of a hired car as necessary. There were many narrow lanes and steep hills to be negotiated, particularly on the ride over Dartmoor to Tavistock and Launceston. This run included distant glimpses of the well-known convict prison, which, even on a beautiful September day, was not without its usual shroud of mist and cloud.

A pleasing feature of the ringing was the ungrudging enthusiasm of the local round ringers for good striking. Some good peals were rung and there was good ringing in many of the abortive attempts. Some really fine rings of bells were encountered and the difficulty was to decide which were the best bells of the week. The writer doesn't know, but he thinks South Molton's want some beating and he has heard worse ringing than some of the Bristol that rolled out that day.



The Devon Tourists: Back row, Messrs. L. H. Bowler, W. N. Park, W. T. Beeson, W. Rogers, J. Pinfold, Mrs. J. Millman (car driver), Mr. A. Millman (coach driver); next row, Mrs. Bowler, Mr. C. E. Jeffries, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Fearn, Mrs. Dukes, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Jeffries; seated, Messrs. M. Hodgson, E. R. Rapley, P. A. Corby, T. J. Lock, A. Cutler; front row, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, R. H. Bullen, Mrs. Corby and Andrew, Messrs. T. M. White and G. E. Fearn.

OBITUARY

MR. J. G. CARTLIDGE.

The death occurred on Sept. 10th of Mr. John G. Cartlidge, vice-captain of the Cheadle, Staffs, R.C. ringers, at the age of 53 years 'Jack,' who had been in failing health for about four years, was a regular Sunday service ringer almost to the last. He died about a fortnight after his operation.

Mr. Cartlidge was a very keen ringer and good striker and in the Surprise class. He had rung about 70 peals, chiefly for the North Staffordshire Association. He was also a parish councillor and a keen exponent of chess.

The funeral took place on September 13th following Solemn Requiem Mass, after which several members of the Association rang half-muffled touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on the bells. On Sunday the bells of the Parish Church were also rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

A. W. H.

Three Guilds Festival

The festival of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, the Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild was held this year at Hawley as the main centre, with Bagshot, Finchampstead, Farnborough, Yateley, Sandhurst and Yorktown available at periods during the afternoon and evening.

A company of 90 sat down to tea in the Memorial Hall, representing some 34 towers. They were welcomed to Hawley by the Rev. K. C. Davis and by Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master, Farnham District). Mr. Castle and Mr. Chesterton replied briefly for the Sonning Deanery and the Basingstoke branches respectively.

It was a very great pleasure for the meeting to be able to welcome Canon Coleridge, both to the service and later to the tea, where the Canon proved that he is able to tell a good ringing story with the best of the younger generation, although he certainly has an advantage of a lifetime of ringing to draw upon.

Full advantage was taken of the facilities for ringing at all towers, although the coach running from tower to tower always had room to spare, as many members had come by car.

The festival was voted a great success by all who attended, while the glorious weather helped to make conditions easy for travelling between the towers (in contrast to last year, when it poured in torrents.

It is hoped that, to make a change, the centre of the 1950 Festival may be either at Wokingham or at Basingstoke.

MARRIAGE OF TWO RINGERS

Following upon the recent marriage of Mr. John Quimby and Miss S. Cox, two members of St. Matthew's Society, Overseal, their colleagues presented them with an inscribed barometer on September 13th.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. J. W. Cotton expressed best wishes on behalf of the St. Matthew's members before asking the Rector of Seale (the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale) to make the presentation.

The Rector, before asking the happy couple to accept the barometer, thanked them for their work in all church activities, especially in the tower since the lifting of the ban, and trusted that the barometer would be set at 'fair' throughout their married life.

In a very brief reply, Mr. Quimby thanked everyone for the handsome gift and spoke of the pleasure it gave them to be members of the tower.

Immediately afterwards the happy couple joined in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion: Mrs. J. Quimby 1, W. H Curson 2, Miss J. Cotton (first 'inside') 3, H. Carter 4, J. Quimby 5, W. Brooker 6, P. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

LEICESTER RINGERS IN IRELAND

(Continued from page 545)

WE all stayed together at the Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, and Wednesday morning gave us our first experience of Irish rain. The peal team assembled at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Trinity and rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, whilst underneath the belfry four others rang a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples. It was the first handbell peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung outside Dublin.

The ring of eight in the Cathedral is by Mears, dated 1872. They were rehung in 1939 by Gillett and Johnston. The peal of Yorkshire was the first peal on them since the rehanging. We were pleased to meet Mr. Walsh and other local ringers, who had a peep at the peal ringers from the belfry balcony.

Following luncheon, the convoy moved off on schedule along the River Suir, via Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel to Cashel, seat of the ancient Kings of Munster. We were received here by the Dean of Cashel. By now the sun had replaced the rain, and in the beautiful sunshine the Dean conducted us round the ancient buildings of St. Patrick's Rock, and gave an interesting exposition of its history.

It was at Cashel that one of the unexpected joys of the tour was experienced. Following tea, we were privileged to hold a special service at the Cathedral It was conducted by the Dean, Mrs. J. F. Milner was the organist and the choir was made up of members of the touring party. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the chancel during the service by Messrs. R. F. Elkington, G. S. Morris, A. Ballard and H. J. Poole. In the short address of welcome the Dean commented on the bells and said it was the first time that they had been heard in the Cathedral. The two small choir girls were accompanied by Barbara Morris, who had been invited to robe with them.

Tipperary was our next call and it was not such a long way as the song would suggest. A brief halt here for a drink and look round and then on to Limerick. We were accommodated in two hotels at Limerick. The married couples and girls in one and those with little or no responsibilities in the other.

Thursday morning commenced with attempts for two peals, which both came to grief. Cambridge Surprise Major at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary was halted by a shift course after about an hour, whilst Stedman Caters on handbells was stopped after about an hour and a half by a clapper falling out of one of the bells.

A SENSATION.

It was now 11 a.m., and the 'gaffer,' on learning the verdict of the Cambridge failure, decided we were going to ring that peal at the Cathedral then. 'Up those steps' was the order, and those taking part forfeited their lunch and made shift with some sandwiches after the peal.

This peal provided one of the sensations of the week. After about an hour the tenorman was seen to be fiddling with the tops of his flannels, which shortly afterwards descended to his feet. This effort to keep cool certainly paid dividend towards the end of the peal.

After the peal the ringers were met by Mr. J. A. Haydn, whose great interest in the Cathedral and the bells was referred to later by the Dean of Limerick. In Mr. Haydn's historical survey it is recorded that a certain John Budston, a wealthy citizen of Limerick, made a gift to the church of four brass bells. In 1670 six bells were presented by a William Yorks. The present tenor was originally cast in 1673 and recast by Taylors in 1930, four other bells were recast in 1938, when the peal was rehung on ball bearings. They are now an excellent ring and go like 'tops.'

The remainder of the party had lunch in Limerick and then journeyed on to Ardnacrusha, where the now famous electricity plant —driven by water from the Shannon River— was inspected. The pealers caught up with the party here and travelled on with them to Killaloe. In the picturesque setting of the Lakeside Hotel we were met by the Dean of Killaloe, who joined us at tea. It was here that a 'Killaloe Surprise' was introduced. Fred Dukes, who had been taken by surprise at Drogheda when presented with the tankard, revelled in the opportunity to get even in presenting—on behalf of the tourists—a wristlet watch to 'H.J.' He conveyed the thanks of everyone for the wonderful time they were having and for all that had been done in the arranging of the tour. 'H.J.' suitably replied in acknowledgment.

The Dean extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and later conducted the party to the Cathedral, where he explained in detail its ancient history. We found here a set of eight bells, but alas! they were a fixed unit. 'H.J.' soon made himself at home on the chiming apparatus with hymn and song tunes, and afterwards four of the party tapped off a course of Grandsire Triples.

AT LIMERICK.

Our next call was at Mount St. Alphonsus for a pull on the ring of ten. These bells were seen by many of the party in the Loughborough Foundry, but few thought at that time they would have the privilege of ringing on them. We were welcomed by the Rev. Father Kelly and received in the belfry by some dozen or so local ringers. A course of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal proved of great interest to the local people, and a message was received from the priest that we could come back after the service at 8 p.m. and ring on until 10.15 p.m. This was not possible as a social evening had been arranged with the ringers.

A meal was waiting at the local Youth Association headquarters and we were received here by the Dean of Limerick and the local ringers. A great welcome was extended by the Dean, Mr. Haydn and others, and on behalf of the tourists Harold J. Poole thanked those responsible for the hospitality.

At the social handbell ringing formed a prominent feature, to the great joy of the Limerick ringers and friends, and the tourists had lessons from their local partners in Irish dancing. It was indeed a great occasion—the like of which had seldom if ever been experienced before.

It was during the social that a feeler was put out about the possibility of ringing a peal on the grand ten at Mount St. Alphonsus. To our great delight we received the 'O.K.' to start at 9 next morning.

Prior to the start of the peal we said goodbye to Fred Dukes, who returned to Dublin en route to join Phil Corby's touring party in Devon. A first-class peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung at Mount St. Alphonsus, and Mr. L. Benson, ringer and son of the local captain, sat in the belfry throughout. We were thankful indeed he was present, because someone about half-way through the peal tried to enter the belfry, and whilst they succeeded in raising Redvers on the trap-door a few inches, they did not otherwise disturb us. Outside the monastery we received congratulations on all sides on the ringing, and then we said goodbye to our Limerick friends.

On the journey back to Dublin we called at Kildare for a look round St. Brigid's Cathedral. Our arrival at Dublin was rather late.

A GRAND FINALE.

As a grand finale we all assembled at the Green Rooster, a restaurant near the famous O'Connell Bridge, for supper. The last opportunity to supper regardless of ration restrictions. Chicken and ham was the favourite dish and two of the weaker sex tried to strengthen up a bit with repeat orders. Saturday morning was devoted to shopping. In the afternoon the first handbell peal to be rung on ten bells in Ireland was accomplished in St. George's belfry. Several were tried out for 9-10; the result, Harry Wayne retained and the others placed on the 'open to transfer' list.

We assembled on the quayside at Kingstown, and after some delay boarded the SS. 'Hibernian' for home. It was a grand crossing, starlight with the moon reflecting in the water. The parting of the ways came at Holyhead, where we said goodbye to those continuing the journey by train. The remainder stayed the night at Holyhead.

On Sunday morning we renewed acquaintance with Vincent Child and Albert Hughes at Llanfair P.G., where in the small church on the island adjoining Menai Bridge we rang a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. This was Vincent Child's first handbell peal.

So came to an end one of the most interesting tours ever to be undertaken. History was made in several directions in regard to first peals, and the social events of the tour were such that many happy memories will be retained by the tourists and by those who received us and made us so welcome.

Our thanks are due to Fred Dukes, who made all arrangements in Ireland; to the ecclesiastical authorities for the use of the bells; to the Deans of Limerick, Kilkenny and Killaloe, and to the Rev. Father Kelly, of Mount St. Alphonsus, for their exceptional interest; to the ringers of Ireland for their wonderful welcome and hospitality; and to the Dean of Cashel for his attendance upon us and for the beautiful service at Cashel Cathedral.

H. J. P.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

QUARTERLY MEETING AT LLANBADARN FAWR.

Travelling 55, 72 and 80 miles were necessary for bands in the St. David's Guild to reach the 12th century church of St. Padarn at Llanbadarn Fawr in the suburbs of Aberystwyth for the quarterly meeting on September 10th.

The journeys were well worth while for ringers from Haverfordwest and Tenby enjoyed the trips over Prescelly mountains to Cardigan, after which they followed the undulating coast up to Aberavon, where the road was shared with ringers coming from Carmarthen, Llanelly and Swansea by way of Lampeter.

By 2.30 the eight bells were ringing to proclaim their 200th birthday. After a groping climb up the dark spiral the writer was amazed by his first impression of the size of the ringing chamber. Four shafts of light showed the heads of three dozen people and the ropes well away in the centre. How different from the little church at Sowton, Devon, with its ring of eight and all elbows touching against the walls where the writer first rang on his box.

At the service Dr. H. Islwyn Davies sketched a brief history of the bells and church and referred to the fact that owing to absence of railways and good vehicles the bells were cast in the churchyard and that such craftsmanship could be an example of the kind of skill that church service demanded. During tea ringers shared the bells' birthday cake, which was cut by Mrs. Bonsall.

Sir George Forsett Roberts acted as chairman for the business meeting, during which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Llandovery on December 10th. New members were elected and a collection made to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. 1d. Mr. Robert Pateman (grandfather and father of ringers) was elected an honorary member with Sir George. Llansteffan band were elected as probationary members.

After the meeting touches were attempted until group by group the visitors set off on their long journeys, leaving the young Llanbadarn ringers to round off a successful bi-centenary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

6,400 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Dr. Slack has certainly surprised me by his revelation that the 6,400 of Cambridge is 'of age' now. On January 12th, 1947, I had a long train journey from Euston to Penrith. The evening before I had prepared a large number of pieces of card representing blocks of leads in 5 and 3-part assembly, and I spent the whole journey sorting these on a train table. Certain card pairs were coloured as being false with one another. Fellow travellers probably thought I was 'nuts' (not for the first time), but the journey produced five distinct five-part peals and one three-part peal (barring reverses or shunt bobs). The 6,400 came out twice, backwards and forwards, with every card used except certain coloured false ones.

Dr. Slack's 5,760 is one of the five. Incidentally I make its correct length 5,920. None of the five-part peals are shorter than 5,600. The 3-part is 5,280, and presumably the only possible one as the method was exhaustive.

I would strongly disagree with Dr. Slack that the three-part is not worth ringing. The course-ends have no special musical worth, as 78 seems to me to be quite as musical in the interior of the course as in the first and last leads. In fact the 6 is six times home and the fifth is six times in 6ths.

I give below the offending three-part, a 5,024 of my own, and a quarter-peal:—

5,280.

B	I	5	H	23456
—			—	23645
			—	62534
	—		—	52436
	—	—	—	26435
		—	—	25463
			—	42356

Repeat twice.

5,024.

5	B	I	H	23456
—	—			32654
—	—	—	—	43652
		2	—	65243
		—	—	25346
		2	—	34625

Call long part thrice.
Call short part twice.

1,248.

5	B	I	5	B	23456
—	—	—	—	—	52436

Repeat twice,
6th home 60 per cent.
Yours, etc.,
Worthing. BRIAN D. PRICE.

CAMBRIDGE AND PRIMROSE SPLICED

Dear Sir,—The composition published on pages 345 (6,400 Cambridge Surprise) and 404 of 'The Ringing World' are not Cambridge. They are Cambridge and Primrose spliced, the bob leads being Primrose.—Yours truly,
Ipswich. CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

CARE OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was saddened in reading the well-written article of the Yorkshire Tour (September 2nd issue) at the number of rings that were not only in very bad condition but unringable. I cannot but think that there is a little indifference here to church fittings, and bells are often more valuable from the historic point of view than the organ and squire's pew.

Parochial church councillors and incumbents should be alive to the needs of both ringers and bells. I feel that this failing is by no means confined to the county of Yorkshire.

May I commend to secretaries of Parochial Church Councils that illuminating and most instructive pamphlet on 'The Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells,' published by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, price 1s., and may they read, mark, learn and, I trust, inwardly digest.—Yours truly,
F. C. CHAMPION.
Hinton Rectory, Evesham.

PEAL RINGERS AND TEACHING

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of July 29th, now to hand after the holidays, you refer to a man who 'is very conscious that English ringing will not retain its pre-eminent position without the incentive of a peal.'

As no names are mentioned, one can proceed without bias, but I most emphatically suggest that no incentive is required for peal ringing, but rather for Sunday service ringing. Most captains will agree that it is far harder to encourage a ringer to be regular in his Sunday ringing than it is for him to ask him to accept an occasional peal.

We see evidence of this every day. I myself have had occasion to visit places which, according to our journal, boast 'crack' bands, and whose towns and cities are common names in the world of ringing simply because peals are brought to the front of everything and given prominence over most activities in our towers. But only recently the tune of five bells came from a tower boasting 12, while on the same day a peal was being rung by some of the band.

In the same well-known city there is a ring of ten bells which can only boast a Grandsire Doubles band, but which is striving manfully along without any help from our household names. In another city the bells are only rung once a week, and at another Cathedral I was told that they were fortunate if they ring eight of the twelve for Sunday service.

Yet for peals no incentive is required to get a band together. What a difference there must be if more time was spent by the 'crack' bands to teach instead of ringing peals which are a foregone conclusion. And when I mean teach I mean from the beginning, with the silencer on the bell and hours of patient instruction; not taking over a man when he appears to be making good at the expense of another tower captain. I once asked a member of a city band when they were going to teach someone with a silencer on the bell, and he was shocked at the suggestion.

There must be many towers in our towns and cities who simply rely on an influx of ready-made ringers from the villages instead of rolling up their own sleeves.

I once heard a guild secretary boast that because more peals had been rung than the previous year the Guild was flourishing! How wrong this all is. Let us see in our reports beside each ringer's name not the number of peals he has rung, but the number of attendances at Sunday services throughout the year. Then we might bring to the forefront the names of the men who are really maintaining English ringing in its pre-eminent position without any incentive at all except that for which bells are hung, for the glory of God.

All this, of course, involves the type of ringer who is a pretty good chap and who rings regularly for Sunday service, but who never attends one only on special occasions. Many words have been said and written of this character, who has a unique idea that he is doing a good turn for the church to which he attaches himself by helping to ring the bells. Nothing is so far from the truth, for I have yet to hear of a church whose congregations suffer because the bells are not rung, and the sooner this type of ringer associates himself sincerely with the purpose for which he is ringing the better it will be, both for the band and for himself.

About a year ago I had the privilege of showing a man around our belfry and bells and explaining to him something of what change ringing meant. He was a well-educated man and would probably have taken to ringing quite easily in the light of the suggestions he made to me. When he asked what the qualifications were to become a ringer I replied that foremost he must be a member of the church from which source our supply came. He immediately became disinterested, having, of course, no room for our beliefs. And so he went away. 'TRAVELLER.'

A Patron Saint?

Dear Sir,—Can you or any of your readers inform me whether there is a patron saint of bellringers? The question was raised in our belfry, our Vicar was approached and ringers from several other churches have been asked, without an answer. The date could become of special importance to all ringers. — Yours sincerely, G. CARSE.
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LADY RINGERS' 50 YEARS' SERVICE

Mrs. Reeves, of Bradfield, Berkshire, has this year accomplished 50 years as a bellringer, ringing regularly for church services each Sunday.

She has the unique record of being a member of the first band of women ringers in the country and has rung about 12 peals in various methods. Mrs. Reeves rang her last peal at Goring-on-Thames in 1935, all those taking part being members of the College Youths Society. This honour, we believe, is shared by only one other woman.

Mrs. Reeves was a member of an all woman band at Bradfield, who had learnt to ring in rounds just in time to ring in the new century. She also created another record in 1916, when on marrying Capt. Reeves, then secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, conducted her own wedding touch of 720 Plain Bob. Other ringers in this touch were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild at the time, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

OUTING

BURES AND DISTRICT.

A party of nearly 50, of whom half were ringers, participated in the outing on Sept. 10th. Leaving Bures at an early hour and picking up a strong Essex contingent at Colchester, the party proceeded to Gravesend, via Tilbury Ferry, where some had the novel experience of ringing handbells over 'Father Thames.'

At St. George's, Gravesend, Mr. Constant awaited the visitors, who soon tested this good eight to various methods. The single line traffic over the Medway Bridge delayed arrival at Rochester Cathedral, where ringing was consequently curtailed, but all had a pull on this fine ten (tenor 30 cwt.). They were welcomed by Mr. E. Allen, who acted as guide through the tricky ascent to the spacious belfry.

After an enjoyable lunch in Rochester, there was a short run to Chatham, where Mr. Jarrett had St. Mary's bells ready, and some good touches were had in the standard methods. At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, the Dobbie brothers met the party, and the pleasure of ringing for two weddings was included in the programme. Then to Maidstone, with Mr. Louis Head and Mr. Wallace waiting to welcome them. The circle of ropes here is anti-clockwise; however, Grandsire Caters were quite successful. After tea, last call was at Wrotham, where they were met by Mr. and Miss Sills and Mr. F. G. Knight, and found a delightful ring of eight in a tower with a passageway through the bottom.

The homeward journey was under the Thames via Blackwall tunnel, Bures being reached about 11.30 p.m. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. Leslie Mills for organising the outing, and to Mr. A. Andrews, who was in charge of the ringing arrangements.
H. J. M.

CARLISLE.—On Sept. 11th, the Carlisle Guild of Change Ringers at the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Bousfield 1, J. R. Porter 2, C. Lightning 3, Brenda Littlefield 4, J. W. Ayre (of St. Mark's, Oldham) 5, J. Butterfield 6, J. Ling (cond.) 7, A. Harvey (cover) 8. A compliment to Miss Brenda Littlefield, who is leaving Carlisle to study at St. Mary's Hesp School of Physcotherapy, London.

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS. — On September 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Littlewood 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, D. Toon (cond.) 5, A. Thompson 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 18th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Elliott 1, C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, C. Harding 4, N. Denson 5, V. Lucas 6, E. Ridler (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. First quarter and birthday compliment for G. Elliott.

BUCKINGHAM. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. Jones 2, G. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, H. G. Keeley 5, E. Nichols 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. Yates, sen. 8. —On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Green 1, F. C. Case 2, G. Burton (first of Stedman) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, W. Yates 5, F. Vickers 6, G. Holland (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. Yates, sen. 8. For the dedication of the R.A.F. memorial.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Piper 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert, sen. 3, F. Bromley 4, E. G. Tonkin 5, F. J. Lambert, jun. 6, P. Rollison 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Maundrell 1, Miss Hacker 2, H. Parsons 3, W. Hacker 4, H. Burry 5, F. Walker 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sept. 18th, at Great St. Mary's, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: R. Iredale 1, A. E. Austin 2, J. A. Acres 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. A. Hurst 5, E. G. Hibbins (composer and cond.) 6, C. W. Smith 7, T. R. Dennis 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, J. G. Gipson 10. First quarter of Caters 1, 4 and 10.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Lemon 1, J. Wheadon 2, Mrs. Hairs 3, F. Hairs 4, A. Hall 5, R. G. Rayfield 6, A. Williams (cond.) 7, R. A Jenkins 8.

DINDER, WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Morgan 1, R. Thorne 2, E. Hill 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Hill 5, C. Dinham 6. For the marriage of Miss R. Somerville to Mr. J. Millen.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hills (first quarter) 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, P. Green 3, L. Ainger 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, E. W. Furbank 7, F. Payne 8. To commemorate Mr. F. Payne's 50 years as a ringer.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Netherseale Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HENDON, MIDDSX.—On Sept 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Pitman 1, F. Goodall 2, E. Prior 3, D. J. Corning 4, E. Pratchett 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6. A 74th birthday compliment to E. Pratchett and to honour his 60 years of service ringing at St. Mary's, Hendon.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, J. Apnleby 2, P. Aldridge 3, G. Cleave 4, J. Cook 5, A. Street 6, E. Nash (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Birthday compliments for 1, 4 and 5, also Roger Anthony, grandson of the conductor.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. A. Bywaters 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, M. L. Callow 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 of Plain Bob and 1,020 of Grandsire): E. Duckers (first quarter) 1, Stella Kingdon 2, Beryl Hughes 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. For the silver wedding of the churchwarden and his wife, the parents of the ringer of the 4th.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. Joyce Pett 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, F. D. Bishon 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8. First quarter of Erin Triples for all the band.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Whiting (73) 1, A. R. Bridges 2, E. C. Pizzey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, J. L. Geater 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 8. First quarter by 2 and 6.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Wallington 2, C. Windram (first quarter) 3, F. Wallington 4, J. W. Rawson 5, E. J. Sharp 6, G. Hollick 7, W. Hector (cond.) 8.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK. — On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Beals 1, R. Owen 2, F. Beals 3, A. Leet 4, R. Alcock 5, T. Owen (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5.

PENTRE, RHONDDA, GLAM. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Williams (first of Triples) 1, R. Brabham (first of Triples) 2, J. Edwards (first 'inside' of Triples) 3, J. Evans 4, T. Page (cond.) 5, F. Lasbury 6, J. Lovett 7, H. Crabb 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, Ben Ridout 2, F. Hillier 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. H. Chant 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Griffin (first as cond.) 1, F. Strange 2, C. R. Shailes 3, J. Sorsby 4, R. Shailes 5, W. Dash 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. H. Castle 3, J. Bullock (cond.) 4, F. Udell 5, W. A. Theobald 6, C. W. Ottley 7, F. W. Wicks 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. F. Udell.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 12th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob): R. Spedding (first quarter) 1, W. Vann 2, D. Pitstow (cond.) 3, P. Fisher 4, A. Barlow 5.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Gurney 1, R. Gaylor 2, C. Blain 3, D. Munns 4, J. Ashton 5, C. Ball (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Squire, Mr. Francis Pym, and his wife at the time of their wedding celebrations.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Street 1, E. Smith 2, Miss I. Cox 3, D. Neale 4, E. Nash 5, L. Bune 6, N. Tanner (cond.) 7, I. Smith 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. E. Freeman and Miss K. Brown.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS. — On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor: (720 each of Kent and Oxford): J. H. Hunt 1, P. Page 2, G. H. Whitemore 3, F. C. Love 4, G. Barton 5, T. Page (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON. — On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: K. S. Seeger 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, D. A. Sydenham 6. First quarter by all the band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WITNEY, OXON. — On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Knight (first in method) 1, J. Keyte 2, F. W. Soden 3, L. Olliffe 4, G. Wright 5, T. W. Timms 6, J. Coggins 7, I. D. Harris (first in method as cond.) 8. A compliment to Miss N. Honey and B. S. Nichols, who were married on that day.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mary's (6), Hale, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 only. Service 5. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.30. Those requiring tea must send their names before Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to me at 3, The Rooley, Huyton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5879

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Set of handbells, 3 or 4 octaves chromatic. Pitch, C=522 vibrations. State price and maker's name. Would consider part exchange with our present set of 2 octaves, 19 bells.—F. A. Etheridge, 120, Elmbridge Road, Gloucester. 5804

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HYMN FOR RINGING FESTIVALS specially composed for all appropriate church services. Words and music (both descriptive) from A. Bennett, Secretary, Times Office, Tavistock, Devon. Single copies 6d. post free, 3s. per dozen. Larger orders further reduced. Proceeds to Devon Thanksgiving (Blitzed Churches) Fund. 5661

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Weekly practices at St. Mary's, Lambeth, 6.15 p.m., third Monday each month; other Mondays at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 6.30 p.m., starting Oct. 10th.—D. N. Layton, Imperial College Union, S.W.7. 5271

PUBLICATIONS

SURPRISE METHODS.—350 Surprise Royal and Maximus, 2s.; second edition, 370 Surprise Major, 2s.; post free. 160 Unnamed Methods sold out. Postal orders to A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5796

'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.

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting, Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 1st at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Oak Tea Rooms at 5.15 (approx.).—R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. 5766

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5782

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Meeting, Twyford (8), Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Village Hall, 5. 5806

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch. — Meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5814

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea and business 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 5816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Watlington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. 5819

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Watton (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st. No business. Names for tea, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5821

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5.30. 5825

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements. —H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 5826

LADIES' GUILD.—Practice meeting, Seale, Farnham, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea, Doone Cafe, 5 p.m. All gentlemen willing to help cordially invited. Names for tea to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 5837

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints', Fulham, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 5834

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Mortimer, Oct. 1st, 6 to 9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5832

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7.15. Saturday, Oct. 8th, Colliers Wood 2.30 to 3.30, Clapham Common R.C. 4.45 to 6, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.15 to 7.45. Business. St. Stephen's Mission Hall, 8 p.m. — Rogers, HOU 3921. 5832

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival dinner, social and dance, Loughborough, Oct. 8th. Ringing, All Saints', 3.30 to 4.30, Bell Foundry 3 to 5.30. Dinner, 6.15, at Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) on application, with remittance, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Social and dancing until 12. 5807

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury. 5824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Wellington, Somerset.—Open ringing day, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 in the Vicarage Room. Further ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea essential to D. T. North, 18, Victoria Street, Wellington, by Oct. 4th.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 5808

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting at Waltham, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to J. J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 5812

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15 by invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 5818

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Dunholme (6), Oct. 8th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5811

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Meeting at Eastnor (6 bells), Oct. 8th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 5803

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Oct. 8th, 3. Tea; names by 5th to B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 5846

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Burton Latimer (8), Oct. 8th, 3. For tea please notify me by Tuesday previous.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 5849

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, St. Andrew's, Oct. 8th, 3. Tea provided for all who notify Mr. M. Richardson, 2, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland, by Oct. 6th.—W. Sheraton, Sec. 5848

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), Oct. 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 5845

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Chard, Oct. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 5847

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bring own food. Frequent bus service from Preston town centre. 5844

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Spaldwick, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5843

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5842

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Oct. 8th. Advise E. H. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, by the 6th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 5872

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby, by Oct. 6th.—J. Cotton. 5873

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4840

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Northchurch (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5839

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Kempston (8), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5835

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness, by Oct. 5th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5830

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Purton (6), Oct. 8th. Tea. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Oct. 8th. Cups of tea provided. —I. Kay. 5851

SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Please send names for tea to Mr. A. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, by Oct. 4th.—H. Denman and G. Briggs, Dis. Secs. 5853

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Nunney, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 5863

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tattenhall, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 5th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. No tea arrangements.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 5859

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 8th. Ringing arrangements will be as follows: St. Mary's, Lambeth (Lambeth Bridge) (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3 to 5 p.m. Service to follow at St. Martin's.—Peter N. Bond, Assistant Hon. Sec. 5860

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett. 5852

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5856

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Netley, Oct. 8th, 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 5865

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ault Hucknall (5), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cooper, Hardstoft, near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th. 5866

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Corston, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. King, Wells Road, Corston, Bath. 5869

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Salle (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for all who send names by Tuesday, Oct. 4th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 5868

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Ravensthorpe, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Oct. 4th. 5870

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, 5th, to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5878

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Quarterly meeting, Daybrook, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, latest, to Mr. H. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. No name, no tea.—W. Thornley. 5877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 5876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Railway Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5875

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Pencombe, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harn Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 5874

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice and meeting of term, St. Bene't's, Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at 8 p.m. Freshmen wishing to join contact A. S. Watt, Pembroke, after Oct. 4th. 5838

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division. — Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by 12th to H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5827

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Heckington, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea only to those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Monday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5781

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5855

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Star Rest. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th. — W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 5864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual bells available afternoon and evening. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, and nominations for officers to reach me first post Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Soberton, Oct. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, White Lion, 4.30. Names by Oct. 12th to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford.—John H. Hunt, District Sec. 5857

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. Dinner and social evening, Selston (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. Price 7s. 6d. Applications for tickets not later than Saturday, Oct. 29th, together with remittance, to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield, Derbys. 5867

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