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A-ROVING

That with this bright believing band
I have no claim to be,
That faiths by which my comrades stand
Seem phantasies to me,
And mirage-mists their Shining Land,
Is a strange destiny.

THE 'mirage-mists' of Thomas Hardy are still alive to-day. The Society of Roving Ringers believe in them and so do their forerunners of previous days. A-roving, a-wheel, with pleasant companions and opportunities to indulge in their favourite pastime amid the glorious countryside and in some of the grandest of ecclesiastical architecture in our land is, indeed, a holiday to fire the imagination of any young ringer.

It was outside Winchester Cathedral in July, 1947, that the society first met. The majority of the company were strangers to each other; their standard of ringing was then not particularly high; some were just wrestling with Stedman. They had met for a week to a fortnight's holiday of cycling and ringing and finding their accommodation in youth hostels. The average age of the party was 18 to 19; everything was planned within the slender resources of the youthful pocket. That afternoon there was a preliminary get-together at an eight and two six-bell towers. The testing time came the following (Sunday) afternoon in the spacious belfry of Winchester Cathedral. There in the corner, unbeknown to them, was one of the critics of the Exercise, who is known throughout England as a master of heavy-bell ringing. He spoke not; but the members of the society just wonder whether they, as representatives of the next generation, as they rang a modest touch of Grandsire Triples, made the mark.

The tour that followed averaged 30 to 40 miles a day cycling, and among the towers visited were Romsey Abbey, Wimborne Minster, Sherborne Minster, Queen's Camel with its heavy six, and Bath Abbey. Double Norwich Court Bob Major was the highest flight of ringing, but the Master, Roger Fry, looks back with pleasant memories on the Plain Bob Major at Sherborne and the Grandsire Caters at Bath.

Exeter was the meeting place of the society in August, 1948. It was here that Roger Fry and Mark

White rang the tenor and 'Bill' Kingcott the ninth to Plain Bob Royal. The tour was amid the leafy lanes of Devonshire and over moorland. The three-mile climb to Buckland-in-the-Moor, where a peal attempt was unsuccessful, is still remembered. Peal ringing has been limited on these tours to one a week, but it was at Broadclyst that the society's first peal was scored—one of Plain Bob Major. There were new faces in the society, but the standard of ringing had improved, and a selection of Surprise methods, including London, were brought home.

The West Country was again favoured for the 1949 tour. The company numbered 23, although not all the members attended for the full fortnight. This tour was a unique opportunity for 12-bell ringing, and among the towers visited were St. Mary Redcliffe, Cirencester, Painswick, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Worcester Cathedral. Perhaps the crowning achievement of the society this year was the Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal on the mellow bells of Worcester Cathedral—a ring that requires experience of heavy bells to bring out their true beauty. Standard Surprise methods were rung on this tour and also Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Cambridge Maximus was gallantly attempted.

On February 4th the society held a reunion in London. Of the 39 members eligible to attend, 24 were present. The coming year's programme was planned, and it was decided to limit the party to 20. A waiting list of prospective members was started. The fundamental principles of the society were endorsed—a cycling youth hostel tour. 'Tower snatching,' it was agreed, should not be a principle of the society's activities—a general limitation being imposed of four towers a day and approximately two peal attempts a week. Last Saturday the society had the pleasure of ringing a peal at Hatfield in honour of the marriage of J. Martin Page, the first member of the society to be married.

Such holidays are to be commended for our young ringers. Not only do they result in improving the standard of ringing, but they widen the conception of the individual of the beauties of our countryside, the glories of our churches, and establish that spirit of friendship which contributes so much to the great family of ringers the world over.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	RALPH COLES 7
*JOHN D. KAPE 2	*ANTHONY E. COX 8
ROLAND BIGGS 3	*RONALD C. MOON 9
WILLIAM WELLING 4	*†GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 10
DOREEN COKER 5	FRANK COOKE 11
SYLVIA COKER 6	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal in the method away from tenor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
JAMES PRIOR 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 8
HERBERT LANGDON 3	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
ALFRED B. PECK 6	JACK WAUGH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

To celebrate the 85th birthday of Mr. H. R. Newton, a most respected member of the above Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, DENYS AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... Treble	RICHARD BENSON 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 7
SELYWN H. DEARDEN ... 3	IVAN KAY 8
DEREK OGDEN 4	VERNON SYKES 9
RICHARD LONGDEN 5	S.S.M. P. H. TOCCK... Tenor

Composed by H. E. TUCKER.

Conducted by P. H. TOCCK.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. A birthday tribute to Canon Peter Green, M.A., D.D., Sub-Dean.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL RADDON Treble	*DAVID SMITH 6
ALEC CAIRNS 2	HENRY PARKER 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	†HAROLD WORRALL 8
†ERIC HORNBLY 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... 9
HARRY W. HOWARD 5	†JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 50th peal for Lancashire Association. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	*ALAN FOSTER 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	JOHN N. LINDON 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH... .. 3	GORDON HARRISON 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN 9
MAURICE G. TURNER 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	†ALAN CATTELL 6
*JILL POOLE 2	†MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 7
†JOHN BRAMLEY 3	SIDNEY HARRISON 8
†S. ANTHONY JESSON 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH 9
†GORDON H. ARGUILE ... 5	†TERENCE A. THORNER Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by T. A. THORNER.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal of Royal in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Staniforth, father of the 7th and 9th ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5021 CHANGES;

Containing 1,952 Bristol, 1,536 Bolton and 1,533 Peterborough, with 27 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
MAURICE HODGSON 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in three methods by all the band.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BARRY CORBISHLEY ... Treble	DENIS HEAPY 5
ANNE WORTH 2	HAROLD C. LONYON 6
JUNE HENSHAW 3	*IVOR NICHOLS 7
DENNIS MOTHERHEAD ... 4	ALAN A. POTTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.

* First peal. Average age of band 18 years.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
ERIC J. GILBERT 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

First peal of London as conductor. A birthday compliment to John E. Bibby.



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ABERGAVERNYY	Tenor 25½ cwt.		

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ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL	Tenor 41 cwt.	MANSFIELD	Tenor 16 cwt.
THORPE BAY	Tenor 16 cwt.	ORMSKIRK	Tenor 21½ cwt.
CARBIS BAY	Tenor 9½ cwt.	SHEPSHED	Tenor 15 cwt.
MACCLESFIELD, St. Peter's	Tenor 7½ cwt.	OTTERY ST. MARY	Tenor 18½ cwt.
BLACKHILL	Tenor 16 cwt.	WELLINGTON (Somerset)	Tenor 19 cwt.
BLAENAVON	Tenor 9½ cwt.	HOOK NORTON	Tenor 20½ cwt.
ALCESTER	Tenor 12½ cwt.	BURNHAM	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MADELEY (Salop)	Tenor 13½ cwt.	WALTON, LIVERPOOL	Tenor 10 cwt.
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NEW OR RECAST RINGS OF 6

MUNDFORD	Tenor 6 cwt.	MARTINSTOWN	Tenor 8½ cwt.
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MARTIN	Tenor 9½ cwt.	BELFAST, St. Donard's	Tenor 9½ cwt.
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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON...Treble	†JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
LEONARD TREVOR 2	†JOHN GIBBONS 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 3	JAMES F. CLARKE... .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH... .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method by the local band.

KINGSWINSFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERIC SPEAKE Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 3	ARTHUR S. PRITCHARD 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (Arr.). Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Norton,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ...Treble	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH... 6
*WILLIAM WARD 3	*JOHN W. GIBSON 7
*MOLLY AMBLER 4	ALFRED SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Pudsey. First peal of Pudsey on the bells.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
H. JAMES TURNER 3	ARTHUR D. COOK 7
*TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* 50th peal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PETER J. KING Treble	FRANK C. MAY 5
†BERNARD SADLER 2	†PHILIP SADLER 6
WILLIAM PERRY 3	GERALD FROST 7
DONALD COOMBS 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as a welcome to Diane Wendy Frost, born January 26th, 1950.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., Feb. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. J. E. TURLEY ...Treble	T. COLIN RYDER 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS 2	JOHN E. TURLEY 6
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4	HENRY HURST Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ...Treble	BASIL W. WHITE 5
FLORRIE WYMAN 2	FRANK LUFKIN 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
ERNEST TREAGUS 4	KENNETH SNELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEOFFREY W. HAIR ...Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 2	*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 6
F. GEORGE BAILEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ALFRED B. BEARDSMOORE ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 400th peal of Major.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*†DOUGLAS O. WILKS ...Treble	†HARRY P. FLOYD 5
†ALAN R. PINK 2	†GILBERT WRIGHT 6
†MRS. B. S. NICHOLS... .. 3	†WALTER F. JUDGE 7
BERNARD S. NICHOLS 4	*†GRAHAM H. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER BAKER Treble	CHARLES W. MARTIN 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	THOMAS BOREHAM 6
FREDK. G. NURDEN 3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY 7
WILLIAM DYER 4	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

In memoriam Arthur W. Handoll.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) Treble	*A. W. CLEAVER (Down.) 5
*A. R. GUY (Jesus) 2	A. S. WATT (Pembroke) 6
†Miss A. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 7
†C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.) 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

*CECIL H. PEARSON ...Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
*CYRIL H. KINCH 2	*EDMUND F. PEARSON... .. 6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	*GEORGE F. BURTON 7
*JOHN S. WALTON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ANNE WORTH Treble	*BARRY CORBISHLEY ... 5
*RONALD BARLOW 2	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... 6
JUNE M. HENSLAW 3	*IVOR R. NICHOLS 7
H. C. LONYON 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

First peal in the method as conductor. Average age of band 17½.
Rung in honour of the wedding of C. E. Lovelock and Joan Sugrue.
Contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 7468's, 7658's and 7548's.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID HOARE Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 5
FRANK PENN 2	HARRY J. SANGER 6
PERCIVAL HARDING 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
FREDERICK SAVAGE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

RODERICK J. LEES Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
*HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	†SAMUEL BIRCH 6
J. DENIS HOLDEN... .. 3	TREVOR REYNOLDS 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS 4	ERIC E. SPEAKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First in the method. † First 'inside' in the method.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Treble	PATRICK PRESTON 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	FREDK. G. HOOPER 6
FREDK. A. SALTER 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal in the method by all the band, also by the Guild and on the bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAPHNE LUKE Treble	DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 5
WILFRED G. WILSON 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
†WILLIAM T. COOK 4	WILLIAM H. COLES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell. A farewell compliment to Rev. R. W. F. Cowdry before taking up his appointment as chaplain to the Archbishop of Capetown.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
*LESLIE FORSTER 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*BERT CHILVERS 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE CORBETT Treble	†WILLIAM MANTLE ... 4
†FREDERICK J. BEDFORD ... 2	THOMAS COOPER 5
†JOHN H. THOMAS ... 3	JOHN CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A compliment to Mr. A. S. Tomkins on completing thirty years as district secretary.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 58 lb. in E.	
PERCY SMITH Treble	ERIC SMITH 4
WILFRED YOUNG 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5
JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London and Norwich and three 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN PAYNE Treble	STANLEY GILBERT 4
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARTIN WALKER Treble	JACK BRAY 4
*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 2	ARTHUR CROWDER 5
FRED LACEY 3	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DOBBS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Sanddal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... Treble	DONALD CHADWICK ... 4
*GEORGE CHALLONS ... 2	*FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
FREDERICK FLINT ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*DEREK FOWLES Treble	BARBARA THRUSH 4
J. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	ALFRED BONE 5
PETER J. WOODGYER ... 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal on a working bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Maurice Child, priest, Rector of Cranford 1935-1950.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, 30 of Grandire (ten 240's by Pitman and ten ordinary 120's). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*EDWARD COX Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... 3
GEORGE SLAUGHTER ... 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

DOWNHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 168 each of Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, four callings in each method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3
DEREK WHITFORD 2	CHARLES CLEGG 4
ROGER LEIGH Tenor	

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

First peal on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, 1,720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 1,720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY Treble	ELLEN RICE 4
VERA DRAPER 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
JACK POUNDS 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

To celebrate the conductor's 25 years as ringer at the above church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
ERNEST J. LADD 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
JAMES BASSETT 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ARTHUR B. CRAWFORD...Treble	GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL... 2	HARRY BARNES 5
*JOSEPHINE SALT 3	†HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in five methods. † 125th peal. A farewell to the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Jessup.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. OLDFIELD...Treble	†EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4
DAVID PETERS 2	WILLIAM SMITH 5
JOSE TURNER 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Margaret Smith, the daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

WEARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD C. WICKHAM ... Treble	*R. EDWARD HUDSON ... 4
ROBERT ALFOP ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 5
JOHN M. ALSOP ... 3	DAVID TARGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal of Minor. Messrs. Also hail from Ebbw Vale.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one Morris' 240. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID G. GUNNER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 4
FREDERICK E. MANSEY ... 2	*CHARLES H. G. RUFFLE ... 5
WILLIAM MANSEY (75) ... 3	HENRY J. MANSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a resident band.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS ... Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4
JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
†GEORGE DAVIS ... 3	*REGINALD T. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores and four 240's (Morris') of Grandsire and 24 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER D. NORMAN (14) ... Treble	ALVAR G. HARDING ... 4
JOHN H. R. JOYNER (13) ... 2	JOHN H. JOYNER ... 5
CECIL A. BRASS ... 3	E. HAROLD NORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

First peal by all except the conductor. All are local service ringers. First peal on the bells.

COWLEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ANN G. DICKINSON ... Treble	*EWART H. EDGE ... 4
*KENNETH M. GRAYSON ... 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5
W. GWYN THOMAS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Ewart H. Edge.

HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*A. THOMAS HOWES ... Treble	JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 4
CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE ... 2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 5
†JOHN R. G. SPICER ... 3	*STANLEY GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of four years as Rector at this church.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*E. BRUCE WILLARD ... Treble	BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 4
BERYL R. COWLIN ... 2	C. JOHN PIPER ... 5
COLIN E. VERDON ... 3	*E. GAVAN D. TOMKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. GAVAN D. TOMKIN.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association.

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BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 1, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

*VALERIE WILLARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM G. YOUNG.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Being two methods, comprising 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Major 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Marshallsay.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

No. 52. Tenor size 17 in A.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' away from the tenors.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 306, WYLD'S LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6

JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7-8

Non-Conducted.

Rung strictly silent (but not umpired) after losing Stedman Triples.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 1-2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3-4

*FRANK VARTY ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different methods. Tenor size 14 in D.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 1-2 | FRANK VARTY ... 3-4

ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY. Witness: J. A. WEBSTER.

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

Congratulations to Mr.
Ernest Morris on complet-
ing 1,000 peals on tower
bells. We believe there are only three other
ringers living who have this record—Messrs. J.
George, F. Bennett and J. Bennett. Mr. A. H.
Pulling has yet to join this select company.

His failure to secure a peal in January broke
a sequence of a peal a month from April, 1945,
by Mr. Harold A. May, of Guildford.

Mr. W. F. Woodward has now completed
the circle of his home tower, Netherseale,
Derbyshire.

By the peal of Stedman Doubles at King's
Bromley, Staffs, on February 11th, Miss Joan
Beresford, Mr. Walter J. Cope and Mr. G. E.
Oliver have now completed the Stedman family
from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. John E. S. Moreton, captain of Chilvers
Coton (Warwicks) band, rang his 100th peal by
ringing the treble to the local band's first peal
of London. Well done, the local band, all of
whom live within one mile of the church!

The peal of London at Helmingham was the
first touch in the method by that young and
enthusiastic ringer, Mr. Frank Bloomfield, of
Hadleigh, Suffolk. It was 44 years ago that
Mr. William Wightman rang his first and only
peal of London.

In reply to Mr. F. Dukes' enquiry re steel
bars for bells, Mr. R. H. Dove writes: There
are modern chimes of steel bars at Allerton
Bywater Church, near Leeds (8 'bells' erected
as a 1914-18 war memorial), also at Goldthorpe
Church, near Rotherham (5 clock 'bells').

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, writes that
he is now home again from hospital and re-
covering. He writes adding his congratulations
to his old friend, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, with
whom he rang his first peal in 1902. 'May he
have health and strength to carry on his social
work and his ringing for many many years.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The current issue of
'The Church Times' tells
of the changing in West

Berlin of mortar shells to a cast iron alloy,
which is being turned into bells. Made in
parabolic form, the bells are claimed to be
equal in tone to the normal bell. Tests have
proved that the new bells can be tuned to
existing bronze bells.

The peal at Bromham, Beds, recorded in last
week's issue, was the 100th peal for the Bed-
fordshire Association for Mr. Ronald J. Sharp
and not as stated in the footnote last week.

Mr. R. D. Langford has completed 'the
circle' of Nantwich tower. Participating in
the peal were the officers of the Crewe Branch
of the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz.: R. D.
Langford, secretary; G. A. Packer, instructor;
W. Kerr, treasurer; F. S. Sutton, Ringing
Master on six bells; and J. E. Brough, Ringing
Master on eight bells.

Mr. J. Pearson, who has been a ringer at
Great Ponton, Lincs, for over 50 years, rang
his first quarter peal on February 6th. Several
unsuccessful attempts have been made to ring
quarter peals on these bells owing to the fact
that the bells have had no repairs or attention,
with the exception of oiling, for over 70 years.
The 'go' is far from good.

The late Rector of Cranford, Middlesex, the
Rev. Maurice Child, in whose memory a muffled
peal was rung at Cranford on February 4th,
was a great lover of bells and a friend of
ringers. He was responsible for the restora-
tion in 1945 of Cranford bells, which include
the oldest bell in Middlesex, dated 1380, and
for beautifying this ancient church and the
churchyard. The ringers felt it a great honour
to be able to pay this last tribute of respect
to a priest they knew so well. At the conclu-
sion of the peal a prayer was offered for the
repose of his soul.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD REUNION

By THE REV. A. G. G. THURLOW.

THE annual dinner (optimistically described thus by the organisers) was held in Cambridge (oddly enough) on February 11th. Everyone turned up on the correct day, although the final notice gave no date but that of its publication.

We find it easier than our contemporaries at some other university cities to ring all the ringable bells in our city in one afternoon. After Stedman Triples, Bob Maximus and half a course of Cambridge Royal at Great St. Mary's, we adjourned to Great St. Andrew's, where half a course of Cambridge Major was followed by London. Then Stedman's bells at St. Bene't's were rung in methods up to London. A quick tea prepared us to cope with the dancing sallies at the Roman Catholic Church, and whilst some conquered these with spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, others sought sounder doctrine in evensong at King's.

THE DINNER.

Dinner was at the Dorothy Cafe. The president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth) presided with his usual charm. The guests were Canon A. L. Woodard, the new Vicar of Great St. Andrew's, Messrs. T. R. Dennis, H. L. Martin, J. Quinney and E. Hibbins, of the Cambridge Youths, Mr. Dennis N. Layton, of the London University Society, and Miss Ruth How and Mr. M. E. H. Barrow, of the Oxford University Society. About 13 non-resident and 14 resident members were present.

The president lamented the absence of people like E. H. Lewis, Major Freeborn, Dr. Poole, W. H. J. Hooton and Chris. Woolley, whom we hope to see next year; he also thanked the organisers, including the hon. treasurer, 'to whom we all owe so much.'

Tim Watt, the secretary, proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' hoped they were finding Cambridge a superior town, and that the academic 'method maniacs' were finding a brotherly spirit. He expressed deep appreciation of our happy relations with the Cambridge Youths.

Mr. Dennis Layton, Master of the London University Society, replied. Recalling his visit a fortnight previously to the Latin Quarter of Cowley, he expressed admiration of the compactness which Oxford and Cambridge have and which the Metropolitan University city lacks. Continuing, he said, 'I don't believe in long speeches — (hear, hear, from the writer) — some people make out their speeches by advertising their books for sale (laughter). I hear that one such has just written a new and interesting one which is selling at 2s. 6d. plus 3d. postage — (atmosphere of expectancy) — he won't tell me what it is called — (atmosphere of disappointment) — but you can find out if you buy one — (atmosphere of consolation).' Mr. Layton then told a story which I refrain from reporting.

RECOLLECTIONS OF 36 YEARS.

The Rev. B. F. Sheppard, proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' said, 'I have been hanging around Cambridge for 36 years, which you can all do by the mere lapse of time, if you can keep out of the churchyard. I recollect the old stalwarts — first and foremost our beloved president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, feverishly attempting to get beginners through courses on the handbells; then H. Law James,

who said, "That's that," when he finally set a bell at backstroke with the rope eight inches above his hands; then E. Bankes James with his amazing compositions. Then the conductor who shouted corrections at someone and received the reply, "I knows where I be, but I baint there." Then the rage of the fire brigade at Middlewich, who, having been very late for a fire three weeks before, turned out on time the moment we raised the bells. Memories are specially happy about Long Stanton, where the Rev. H. B. Woolley always welcomed us; I remember Chris Woolley as a very small boy, but otherwise exactly as he



TEACHING AT 94.—For 78 years Mr. S. Quintrell, of West Street, St. Columb, Cornwall, has rung the bells of the parish church, not missing for more than 20 times through ill-health. Now, at the age of 94, he climbs to the belfry twice on Sundays and once a week for the practice, and is captain of the tower. He says that the family tradition must not die out, so he is here seen giving Ronald Roberts, his 16-year-old grandson, a lesson.

is now, ringing the tenor behind with both hands to a course of Grandsire Doubles "in hand." He spoke most feelingly of what the Guild had meant to him in friendship.

Mr. Brian Threlfall, the Master, in reply, spoke of the Guild's doings since the last dinner. Thirteen peals had been rung during the past year, of which the most interesting was St. Clement's Caters at Saffron Walden, in which all but two were resident members. During the Junior Week in the Isle of Wight (a revival of an old custom), a handbell peal of Bob Minor had been rung in (i.e., during)

(Continued in next column)

St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol

On January 29th, the first ringers' day was held at St. Mary Redcliffe, the work of the ringers and the use of church bells being the theme of the services throughout the day.

The grand ring of twelve was heard prior to the parish Communion service at 9.30 a.m. in a well-struck course of Plain Bob Maximus. The service, at which all ringers were present, was choral, and in his address the Vicar (Canon S. E. Swann) spoke of the use of bells, especially when used during a Communion service. Breakfast was served in the Undercroft, where the ringers had the opportunity of meeting members of the congregation.

Evening service was devoted entirely to ringing, the hymns and lessons having been specially chosen. In place of the anthem a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the chancel step by the following: B. F. Hancock 1-2, Miss M. Hilliar 3-4, S. Riches 5-6, F. G. Leaker 7-8, preceded and concluded by rounds and Queen's.

The Vicar gave an inspiring address on the history of Redcliffe bells and upon the uses of bells in general. He pointed out the immediate desire of a regular band of ringers at Redcliffe so that the bells should ring not once a fortnight, but every Sunday. This was an accepted fact by everyone, but as the Ringing Master and steeplekeeper had told the Church Council only the previous Friday evening, to bring along a young band of ringers at Redcliffe an extra bell was required to give them a lighter ring of eight bells. Something would have to be done about it.

At the end of the service the ringers ascended the tower to ring touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Plain Bob Maximus, at the request of the many members of the congregation who had climbed the steps to see how church bells are rung. The look of astonishment on the faces of some told its own story.

A wonderful day, in which the spirit of fellow-ship and thanksgiving was felt by all, is, we hope, to be repeated for many years to come.

E. F. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Denver on February 11th, members attending from Terrington St. John, Elm, Wisbech, Hilgay, Shouldham, Downham Market and Walpole. In his address the Rector (the Rev. I. G. Jones) welcomed the ringers, it being the first meeting to be held at Denver since his induction.

The Rector was elected to the chair for the business meeting. He and Mr. R. Dugay, of Denver, and Mr. H. Burton, of Elm, were elected ringing members. At the Rector's request handbells were rung to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major before members returned to the tower, where a variety of methods up to London Surprise were rung.

Two days, being the first handbell peal for all, including the conductor. The Guild week had also been very successful. (The scribe's kind chauffeur called him away to Norwich at this moment, so he takes no responsibility for reporting or participating in whatever happened later. Cambridge Proctorial reports may perhaps usefully supplement mine at this point.)

A peal of Kent was rung at Sawston the previous day, and Cambridge at Royston on the 11th went west owing to a rope coming untucked.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (5)

Dear Beginners.—Have you realised that the full description of a one-hour tuition period would take pretty well one hour to read, and that this would occupy too much space in one issue of our paper? I mention this as it may seem that because we are still only in our second lesson, after five letters, we are not getting on very fast. Well, take heart, for this course of instruction is designed (and will be found) to give fairly rapid progress. But remember that we can only cover about one-third or one-half of a lesson in one of our letters.

Last time I promised you a sketch of the simple training apparatus Tom Truetouch had described and was about to demonstrate. Well, here it is, and we'll let him proceed.

'I'm right-handed,' says Tom, 'and we'll assume most people are the same. But those who are left-handed must substitute, throughout, "left" for "right" and vice versa.

'First we learn the end-grip. Hundreds of people have tried to ring without bothering about this all-important first step. So pay attention to Exercise No.

Lifting from the chair-back the pig-tail, Tom places it across his left palm, thus: The palm is held face upwards with fingers together and extended and the thumb stretched out at right angles to the palm. The pig-tail lies across the palm just below the base of the fingers and the thumb now closes down on it, with a grip that brings the thumb in line with the first finger. We all note this carefully and hold out our hands in similar manner.

Suddenly Tom twists his left forearm. The hand now being palm downwards with the fingers still fully extended. Yet the pig-tail does not fall.

'See how the rope is gripped,' he says, 'between the thumb and the side of the first finger. This is the part of the grip that is maintained throughout the ringing, while the hand opens and closes round the sally.'

Suiting action to word, Tom now closes and opens his fingers while maintaining the thumb-grip.

'Exercise No. 2,' he continues, 'is a slight advance on this,' and we see that he now combines the opening and closing action with a steadily rotating action of the forearm; so that whether the palm is facing up or down the grip is maintained and the rope-end securely held; yet all the while the fingers open and close quite freely.

'In actual practice,' Tom goes on, 'the thumb itself also closes round the sally as well as the fingers, yet the rope-end is gripped in the "fork" of the thumb and palm-edge.'

While we are all trying these motions with our extended left hands, Tom's able assistant, Mary Makebob, comes to each of us and directs us to take our stand at one of the actual bell ropes as though about to ring.

'Now,' says Tom, 'after you had a cut at chiming I told you you wouldn't be touching a rope again for two lessons. Well, I meant you wouldn't be using the rope to move the bell. But now you will attempt the two exercises I've just shown you. Undo the loop and lay the rope's end across your left palm, just as I did with the pig-tail. Continue with Exercises 1 and 2 while Mary and I come round and pass you out.'

In about five minutes' time Tom is satisfied that we have acquired sufficient skill to pass on to Exercise 3. He takes his stand at the

treble rope with the rope-end held in the left hand as for Exercise 1, and tells us to follow his action to order. This No. 3 exercise is called 'The two-hand grip practice.' We hold our ropes at the 'ready,' in our left hands, at waist height.

On the word "Back," says Tom, 'grip the rope also with the right hand touching the left immediately above it and raise both hands above the head to the full extent, thus.' He goes through the motions and we follow him. 'On the word "Hand" lower both hands, still gripping the rope-end, to waist height, then raise them again to full extent, but this time let the right hand release the rope-end and grip the sally. At the same time let the left hand, using the thumb-fork grip you have been practising, grip the sally and rope-end combined, immediately below the right hand, thus.' He goes through these motions and we follow him again.

'From this hand-position,' says Tom, 'and on the next word "Back," simply release the sally grip and drop the hands to waist level, both coming to grasp the rope-end again before you raise them to the back-stroke position as before.' Again he demonstrates and again we follow him. Then we pause. Throughout all this, of course, we have put no pull upon the rope and the bell has not moved in the slightest. We are simply getting the 'drill' of the grips and arm motions. This is essential before we attempt bell movement, for true 'ringing.'

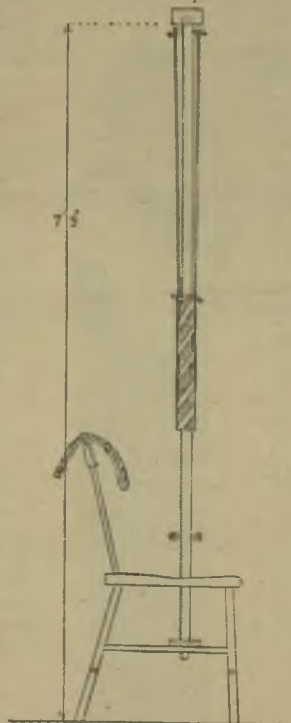
Mary now takes Tom's place on the treble and Tom keeps to the middle of the circle and looks round at us. 'Ready!' he says, and we lower our rope-ends to waist height with left-hand grip only. 'Back!' he calls and up go our hands to the back-stroke position as before. 'Hand!' and down come our hands to rise again and grip the sallies as before. And so the exercise continues, while we keep an eye on Mary to see exactly what we should be doing, and Tom keeps his eye on us to check everything. Then, 'Stand!' Tom calls and we pause at the sally grip.

'Now tie off,' he calls, and this is a real teaser for some of us. But Tom and Mary make sure that we can all tie our rope-end loop. Then we take our seats again.

'Now for the pole and pig-tail,' says Tom, taking his stance correctly before the pole, just as if it were a rope. His right foot is placed slightly forward, with the right knee almost touching the front edge of the chair-seat, his face being about six inches from the pole, his glance straight ahead over the chair-back opposite. In his left hand he grasps the pig-tail. He continues:—

Note that this tube, the sally, hangs, by design, rather lower on this pole than the true sally hangs on the virtual bell-rope. This is to do with the elastic recoil, but you can forget about it. We start by grasping the tube, at about its mid-position, with the two-hand grip we have just been practising on the dead rope, the hands in contact, right above left, and the pig-tail, gripped in the thumb-fork of the left hand, clasped against the sally. We now raise the arms to the full extent, and we are in the "set-at-hand" position. The motions will be as in the No. 3 exercise on the dead rope, except that, as you have seen, the sally, here, moves.

'Whereas,' Tom goes on, 'the dead-rope (Continued in next column)



THE POLE AND PIG-TAIL

Chester Diocesan Guild

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

On January 28th the members and friends of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild called upon 'the parson who calls' at his church, St. George's, Stockport, and were delighted to find him in. In spite of the great demands upon his time, the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick not only conducted the service, but climbed the many steps to the belfry, accompanied by his two curates, before the service, and presided over tea and the long business meeting.

His address referred to the fact that ringing is one of the oldest and peculiar crafts, peculiar in that it binds ringers together. Much of our country's social history is written in the annals of ringing. Our Christian bells are a reminder of the deeper things of life and because we live in a secular world they do not appeal to all of the people. No one would ring the dinner gong and then provide no dinner, so we ringers cannot leave it at the ringing of a bell. We must carry out the message in our daily lives. Ringers did a great service for the Church.

Tea in the nearby Manor Cafe followed and was enjoyed by the 70 members and friends of the branch.

The report, presented at the annual meeting, disclosed quite a healthy position; it urged, however, that members should not rest on past laurels, but try to create their own opportunities and not to depend upon others. The officers of the branch were re-elected with the exception that the Rev. W. Garlick was invited to be president in place of the Rev. Canon D. H. Saunders-Davies. Twenty-eight new members were elected from seven different towers. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the retiring officers, the Vicar and clergy of St. George's for their ready co-operation, the organist (Mr. Harold Dawber, of the Halle Chorus), and to the local ringers.

ITCHINGFIELD SLOW COURSE

12345	
21354	120
23145	
32415	2345
23451	
23541	2534
32514	2453
23154	4253
21345	Repeat three times
12354	
12534 P	
13245 B	

exercise gave you the drill for the motion sequence only, this exercise gives you the correct action for that motion sequence. In other words, here you learn to apply the correct pull-motion. Watch carefully!

Tom's hands begin to lower the tube on the pole, until the elastic strands become taut and then stretch until the lower end of the tube is almost down on to the screw-eye stops at the lower end of the pole. Here, however, Tom's grasp of the tube is relaxed, both his hands instantly closing round the pig-tail. Immediately, of course, the 'sally' slides upwards, and Tom's hands, grasping the pig-tail, rise after it, with his knuckles gliding lightly upwards against the side of the pole, until they pause at what is, of course, the 'up-at-back' position. From here, down they slide again, leaving the pole at waist height, while the tube, falling from the pole-top when their support was removed, 'dances' at the bottom of the stroke. As this rise of the sally begins, Tom's hands quickly grasp it, and raise both it and the pig-tail, as before, to the 'up-at-hand' position. This looks easy enough, but we suddenly remember that match-box. It's still on the pole-top!

Your turn next lesson,' says Tom. 'That's all for to-night's practice.' So, till then, Yours ever, CORN. R. STONE.

ONE THOUSAND TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. ERNEST MORRIS' RECORD.

By conducting the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at St. Margaret's, Leicester, the verger, Mr. Ernest Morris, completed his 1,000th tower-bell peal. These were rung on all numbers from five to twelve inclusive and comprise Doubles 96 (conducted 91); Minor 151 (126); Triples 192 (102); Major 371 (142); Caters 69 (29); Royal 58 (15); Cinques 28 (4); Maximus 25 (2); total 1,000 (conducted 511).

Included in the above are many record long lengths, thus: 12,633 Stedman Cinques; 7,008 and 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major; 9,344 and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major; 9,600 Worcester Treble Bob Major. Mr. Morris has called 6,600 Doubles; 7,200 and 10,080 Minor; 7,008, 7,488, 9,760 (all singles), and 13,440 Bob Major; 6,720 Little Bob Major; 6,720 Little Canterbury Major; 10,912 Kent Treble Bob Major; 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob Major; 9,120 Ilkeston Treble Bob Major.

Last year (1949) Ernest Morris scored 88 peals, besides which he gave over 30 lectures on campanology. As is well known, he is author of several books and many articles, and recently contributed the section on bells to the new edition of Chambers' 'Encyclopedia.' For this and works in other spheres he has been elected to the Royal Society of Literature.

Footnote.—Within three hours of ringing in his 1,000th tower peal Ernest Morris was taking part in his 1,001st. By a coincidence this happened to be Grandsire Triples, and the composition was the same as his very first peal (rung in 1906), and he rang the second bell on both occasions.

HIS 400 PEALS OF MAJOR.

Plain Bob 94 (called 62); Little Bob 7 (7); Plain and Little 1 (1); Canterbury 2 (2); Little Canterbury 3 (3); Canterbury and Plain 1 (1); Plain and Grandsire Triples 2 (2).

Double Norwich 43 (14); Double Norwich and Plain 1 (1); Forward 1 (1); Duffield, 1; Shilton 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob 31 (13); Oxford Treble Bob 4 (2); Ilkeston 8 (3); Worcester 2 (1); Liversedge 1 (1); Granta 1 (1); three methods 1 (1); six methods 1 (1).

Superlative 42 (10); Real Superlative 1 (1); Cambridge 63 (12); New Cambridge 6; Spliced Cambridge and Superlative 1 (1); London 31 (1); Bristol 38 (2); Yorkshire 8 (1); York 1; Staffordshire 1; Pudsey 1; Bognor 1.



MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

Mr. G. W. F. Trotman, Nuneaton, writes: I had the pleasure of ringing in Ernest Morris' 1,000th and 1,001st tower-bell peals on Saturday, Feb. 11th. It is by sheer coincidence that Ernest's first peal was Grandsire Triples, Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part, to which he rang the second. His 1,001st tower-bell peal was the same composition and variation, to which he again rang the 2nd.

The peal attempt was certainly not arranged with this thought in mind, and Ernest knew nothing of the attempt until the previous Thursday evening.

This peal was E.M.'s 1,189th, so we can soon expect to see an asterisk against his name in the peal columns for his 1,200th.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Cambridge District at Sawston on January 21st was honoured by the presence of the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis). The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Bircham. Tea was very kindly arranged by the local ringers.

The Rev. R. Bircham presided at the business meeting, and the election of officers for 1950 was as follows: President, the Rev. R. Bircham; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Hurst; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Gipson; district secretary, Mr. H. L. Martin; committee re-elected, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, A. Hurst and C. Hurst. Mr. Gipson and Mr. Hibbins were nominated to represent the district on the General Committee.

The following new members were elected: Mr. A. T. Shelton, of Reigate (non-resident life member), Messrs. G. C. Smith and H. F. Brown, of Cambridge, Messrs. F. Griggs, R. Griggs, W. Smoothery, A. Smoothery, S. Keeble, D. Keeble and D. Bonham, of Ickleton.

Mr. Dennis proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist and to the local ringers and lady helpers for arranging the excellent tea.

LEICESTER CELEBRATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—I feel I must write a few lines of interest to 'The Ringing World' concerning the peal at St. John's, Leicester, on Saturday, February 11th.

Actually I considered it a privilege to be invited by Mr. Terence Thornber to ring a peal on these excellent bells. Young Terry, at 16 years of age, deserves every congratulation in ringing this 21 cwt. tenor to Royal and in calling his first peal. Although one or two of the band felt a certain amount of apprehension before the attempt, a really well-struck peal was rung and an even beat maintained throughout.

The conductor finished in as fine condition as when we started and certainly felt no ill-effects at the Leicester Cathedral ringers' celebration dinner, for which connection the peal was originally arranged. Young Terry must have been working too hard because at 2 a.m. the next morning several pieces of stone fell from the top of the spire—one piece falling in the side chapel and another in a house opposite.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 Minor: G. West 1, N. Chappel (first quarter) 2, G. Hiner 3, S. F. Wilson 4, F. Pickering 5, H. Mortimore (cond.) 6.

London County Association

The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild again held a successful annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral. Other towers at which ringing took place were St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, and St. Mary's, Lambeth. The service was conducted by the Association's Honorary Chaplain, the Rev. H. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, who also addressed the Association at the commencement of the business meeting. This was held in the Chapter House immediately following the tea.

The Provost commented most favourably on the work of the Association during the year and particularly in regard to the fact that missionary bands of ringers were travelling round on Sundays and ringing bells which would not otherwise be heard.

One company in particular organised by the General Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, had visited eleven towers in rotation for 48 Sundays in the year and had rung 39 quarter peals. On the occasions when quarter peals had not been rung it was mostly due to some breakage or mishap with the bells, ropes or fittings.

New members elected during the year totalled 35 and four had passed on. Among these was Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was elected on June 23rd, 1877. Mention was, however, made by the General Master of an even older member who is still alive and joined the Association on February 7th, 1876. He is Mr. David Wright, of Southgate. Needless to say, that grand old veteran, Mr. T. Alexander Young (elected a member in 1891), was present.

Among the list of peals rung were two by entirely local companies—Grandsire Triples by Battersea, conducted by Mr. S. J. Hart, Southern District Master, and Cambridge Surprise Royal by Isleworth. Bands formed basically from Isleworth had, in addition to ringing seven peals, given the Association its first peal of Erin Caters and the first peal at St. Stephen's, Westminster, for 35 years. Many first peals and first in various methods had been achieved, and in all five women and 35 men had taken part.

HANDBELL COMPETITION.

Great interest was shown in the handbell competition, in which three teams took part—two from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and one from All Saints', Isleworth. The silver cup for the best course was won by one of the Chelsea teams with an exceptionally well-struck, slowly rung course of Grandsire Triples. Other methods rung were Duffield Major by the other Chelsea team and Bob Major by Isleworth.

Nominations for officers made at All Saints' Fulham, in January, were confirmed and resulted in re-election of the 1949 officers as follows: Messrs. T. H. Taffender, I.S.O., Master; G. F. Strickland, treasurer; H. W. Rogers, secretary; N. G. Hollingworth and Miss Audrey Castle, assistant secretaries; C. M. Meyer and E. T. Beauchamp, stewards; A. H. Keighley and T. W. Taffender, trustees. The Master reported satisfactory attendance and progress at the 1949 meetings and hoped that the two regular monthly evening practices in 1950 would be well maintained. There is a general practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on the first Monday in each month at 7.15 p.m., and a special advanced methods practice at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on the third Wednesday in each month at 7.45 p.m.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dodd 1, F. W. Walker 2, P. E. Dodd 3, B. C. Sirlind 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. W. Dodd (first quarter) 6. WYF, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss H. Pendrill 1, Miss M. Holmes 2, G. Medley 3, C. Head 4, F. Good (cond.) 5, G. Bonnett 6, J. Thomas 7, W. Curtis 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, I must say that I at least had no difficulty in identifying the Shropshire tower which recently produced 'a polished Surprise ringer' as Market Drayton. The ringer indicated is no doubt Mr. W. J. Chester. Cambridge, Superlative and London have been rung at Market Drayton for several years now. Cambridge Minor is regularly practised at Berrington at the present time. I cannot speak with certainty about the position at Bridgnorth now, but Superlative was usual fare at St. Leonard's before the war. Occasional courses are rung at St. Chad's on practice nights, but I think that that exhausts Surprise ringing by local bands.

There are, however, many ringers in the county who ring it when the opportunity offers. I do not attend many Hereford Diocesan meetings, but understand that three or four Surprise Major methods were heard at Ludlow last Saturday.

I can, however, speak with certainty of Shropshire Association meetings. At Wellington last November, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, and Cambridge at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on January 28th. Mr. Rowe was present during part at least of the ringing on both these occasions, and it is to be regretted that he missed these opportunities.

As for his comment about lack of keenness, I agree that far too many bands only aspire to Grandsire and Plain Bob, but the Shropshire Association at least appoints a different method for practice at each of its seven or eight meetings. I note that we are due at Broseley this year, so perhaps our Ringing Master will take the hint. W. A. FARMER.

70. Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I have recently attended meetings of three different guilds (Southampton, Ilminster, Somerset, and Babhacombe, Devon), and on each occasion have taken three learners, aged 14, 13 and 11. Through 'The Ringing World' I should like to thank publicly Messrs. Pullinger, Locke and Lilley respectively for the welcome extended by them to the youngsters and for the opportunities given for a pull, albeit at present that they are capable of rounds only. If only more of the experienced ringers were to give youngsters similar encouragement I am sure we should not have recruits 'jacking up' because they are discouraged and feel that they are not wanted at meetings. My special thanks are also due to Mr. Lilley for his remarks at the business meeting regarding the encouragement of young recruits.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

Dear Sir,—On my own behalf and on behalf of the Council I should like to acknowledge in your paper the services rendered to the Exercise by my wife and by Miss Rosemary Smith in distributing Central Council publications since the end of last October. This has not been done without considerable sacrifice of time: for with the increase in interest in ringing demands for books keen at a much higher level than was formerly the case.

Until I can resume my duties Mr. C. W. Woolley has most kindly consented to take over the fulfilment of orders. May I ask ringers to help him by being particularly careful to send the right amount of cash with order, and by ordering from the official list only, the one printed on the back page of the current number of 'The Ringing World'? It is no uncommon thing to receive orders for books which have not been available for months, sometimes for years.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian.
Central Council of Church Bellringers.

RINGING IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—Mr. Clouston, in his reply to a criticism of a statement in his pamphlet on the bells of Scotland, mentions that he drew attention to the restriction on ringing at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, primarily for the sake of any who may be thinking of ringing tours in Scotland.

If there are such people, I would advise them to give up the idea at once. The last ringing tour in Scotland was by a band of ringers from the South a few years before the war, and it took the local ringers a very long time to live down the furious opposition to ringing aroused by the action of the tourists. Except at Inveraray, every tower in Scotland where a peal is feasible is in a densely built-up area.

Ringers in Scotland are only too glad to welcome visitors for service ringing and practice, usually silent. But, as Mr. Clouston states, peal ringing is almost entirely restricted to the celebration of special events, and even then there is objection.

R. O. STREET, President,
Scottish Association.
Glasgow.

THE ELUSIVE FIRST

Dear Sir,—Re your leading article of Feb. 10th on peals rung and checking of peal failures, you may like to know that here at Harlow Common no peal has been rung since the war as we are all determined to get that 'first of Stedman' before any others.

Most of the band have upwards of 15 attempts for it, and the lowest number of attempts—by the youngest ringer—at least six. We are still trying with another go this next Saturday. The whole peal has been rung—in parts—but always the human element has failed after nearly always some excellent ringing of up to 2½ hours.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. ALEY.

CAN IT BE COUNTED TWICE?

Dear Sir,—As the total of the towers in which I have rung had reached 249, I was checking my list to see whether I had missed one to bring the total to 250, when I came across the following conundrum.

Under K is St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, while under London I find St. Andrew's, Well Street, W.C. As many of your readers know, this latter church was removed from Well Street and re-erected at Kingsbury. My list is of towers in which I had rung. Am I wrong to count this one twice? There must be many who have rung at both places, so what do your readers think?—Yours truly,

F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath, Bucks.

CONGRATULATIONS, MANGOTSFIELD

Dear Sir,—It was most interesting to read Mr. Skidmore's account of the happy band of Sunday service ringers at Mangotsfield. Congratulations to Mr. W. Seers on celebrating his 90th birthday with a quarter peal. On May 14th last year at Newton St. Loe I had the pleasure of ringing with this grand old gentleman. I stood between a young lady of 14 or 15 on the treble and Mr. Seers on the third, a unique experience.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies is to be congratulated on his fine band of ringers: incidentally, we have three generations ringing regularly for Sunday service, my father, F. J. Bailey (78), myself and my son. My wife, another son in the Royal Navy and two of my brothers are also ringers.—Yours faithfully,

FRED BAILEY.
Whitchurch, Cardiff.

(Continued from next column)

For Health and Peace to Country, Church and King.

The copy we have is dated 1826 and is signed by the three churchwardens and by seven ringers.—Yours truly H. S. GRISDALE.
Keswick, Cumberland.

Ancient Rules

Dear Sir,—Enclosed is a copy of some ancient rules kept in our tower. I think perhaps they are the ones C. Hone asked about in 'The Ringing World' on January 27th.—Yours truly,
J. ARBURY.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

1
Whoever in the place shall swear,
Sixpence he shall pay therefor.

2
Whoso rings here in his hat,
Threepence he shall pay for that.

3
Who overturns his bell, be sure,
Sixpence he shall pay therefor.

4
Who leaves his rope under feet,
Threepence he shall pay for it.

5
A good ringer with a true heart
Will not refuse to stand a quart.

6
Who will not to these rules agree,
Shall not belong to this Belfry.

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Hone's letter in the issue of Jan. 27th, relating to the rhyme at Bugbrook Church, the difference between the enclosed and Mr. Hone's is no doubt due to lack of grammar on the part of early ringers.

He that rings and breaks a stay
Will have half a crown to pay,
And if he rings in spurs or hat,
Shall pay a quart of ale for that.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILTON.

Broadstairs, Kent.

The same rhyme has also been submitted by Mr. W. P. Cleaver, St. Lawrence-in-Thane, and Mrs. A. M. Collins, of Lower Heyford, Northampton.

ANOTHER DEVONSHIRE RHYME

Dear Sir,—Re letter by C. Hone (Thakeham) on rhymes about ringing. I herewith enclose a copy of a rhyme preceding the rules for ringers hung in our tower.—Yours sincerely,
A. C. THORNE.

Colebrooke, Crediton, Devon.

COLEBROOKE CHURCH, 1894.

Old Articles for Ringing.

Aloud let silence first proclaimed be,
And by consent let's make it our decree,
And fix such rules in our Society,
Which, being observed will keep sobriety;
Who curs'th or swears, or in an angry mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draws no blood,
Or wears his hat, or spurs, or turns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious at another time,
So a blessing let us crave on Church and King,
And now let's peaceably begin to ring.

ALSO AT KESWICK

Dear Sir,—I think the rhyme that Mr. C. Hone means ('Ringing World,' Jan. 27th) can be found, in varying form, in many different parts of the country. We, in Keswick, have a copy in the belfry, which is as follows:—

You ringers all observe these Orders well,
He eight-pence pays who overturns a Bell:
He who presumes to ring without consent,
Shall pay one Shilling and it shall be spent:
And he who rings with either Spur or Hat
Shall pay his eight-pence certainly for that:
He who in ringing interrupts a Peal
For such offence shall pay a Quart of Ale:
In falling Bells one penny must be paid,
By him who stops before the signal's made:
And he who takes God's holy Name in vain
Shall pay one Shilling and this Place refrain.
You Ringers all take care, you must not fail
To have your forfeitures all spent in Ale.
With heart upright let each true Subject ring
(Continued in previous column)

OBITUARY

MR. TOM MILLER.

With the passing of Tom Miller, Birmingham and the Ringing Exercise generally have lost a most talented ringer.

Born in London, July 6th, 1858, he died at St. Joseph's Home, Harborne, Birmingham, on January 5th, in his 92nd year, and was buried in the cemetery connected with Oscott College on January 9th. It is to the extreme regret of his many friends that owing to the absence of his only surviving son on the Continent, his passing was not made known to them, and thus they were prevented from showing that last mark of their esteem by attending his funeral.

Although born in London, he was brought to Birmingham as a baby and had lived there all his life. He took up ringing at an early age and was associated with the celebrated William Chattell and his company at St. Philip's Church (now the Cathedral), and later with Henry Johnson and the Holt Society at Aston, and afterwards with the St. Martin's Guild.

Being an R.C., he was in charge of the bells and service ringing at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, ringing his first peal there in February 20th, 1878, also his last peal on the new bells there on July 6th, 1938, on his 80th birthday. He took part in many peals throughout the country and in his day was an outstanding heavy-bell ringer and exceedingly keen on good striking.

On handbells he was particularly proficient and could ring any pair of bells. He took part in many handbell peals with such men as William Kent, Tom Russam and John Carler. He rang in the first handbell peal of Grandshire Cinques and in the second handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (the first being rung in London). He also took part in a course of Grandshire 16 rung at St. Martin's headquarters, the Tamworth Arms.

By profession he was a bell tuner and so was associated with bells all his life. For some years he was employed by Messrs. Blews and afterwards by Messrs. Barwell, both of Birmingham.

In his youth he joined one of the Guards regiments and was at times on guard duty at Buckingham Palace. Whilst stationed in London he met many of the older members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in their various towers and at the Society's headquarters, the famous Goose and Gridiron close to St. Paul's Cathedral.

Tom Miller had many qualities which endeared him with all his many friends. He had a ready and peculiar wit so that whenever you were in his company you were sure of a laugh and joke. He had a peculiar habit of coining nicknames, i.e., Henry Bastable, who had a peculiar gait, was 'Stedman Triples legs.' Ernest Allaway, who had—and still has—a deep voice, was 'The man with the grocer's voice.' As a youngster Tom used to go for his mother to a local shop, where the man had a voice 'like the day of judgment.' Bernard Witchell was a short-tempered man with black hair; he was 'The Black Villain.' Mr. W. H. Godden, a stout man, who could never ring a heavy bell, was 'Flimsy.'

In about 1904 a Birmingham band went for a peal of Bob Royal at Exeter Cathedral with A. E. Peglar on the tenor. After about 24 hours Peglar was in distress and called on Tom to take the tenor off him while he cooled down a bit. Tom, who was sitting in the tower, stripped down and got on the box while the tenor was at the back. He only rang it for a minute or so. He said afterwards that 'he free-wheeled her down to lead, but then the prisoner lay down in the gutter and kicked; he could not get her to the station.'

On November 16th, 1907, a band from Birmingham rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield. It was a good peal, and as soon as the bells were set up Tom turned round and stood on his hands with his feet against

the wall, just as boys do to-day. When asked why, he said he had stood so long (3 hours and 57 minutes) the other way up, he thought he would rest his legs a bit.

On another occasion, when in London, on Lord Mayor's Day, he was ringing at Cornhill. They had rung rounds for several minutes and he was beginning to wonder whether there was a conductor in the band, when suddenly the man next to him shouted out in a very loud voice that made Tom jump, 'Gow, Stedman, Bawb,' which he described as 'like bosting a tenpinny ball.'

He was also famous as the composer of two songs, 'Bob Major,' in which he describes the long peal of 15,360 at Aston, when Joshua Short rang the tenor, and 'Stedman Caters,' relating to a long peal in that method.

Visitors to the Henry Johnson Commemorative Dinner of 15 to 20 years ago will also remember the anecdotes he used to tell when proposing the memory toast of incidents in the life of Henry Johnson.

Thus was this great ringer of outstanding personality and charm.

MR. G. ADES.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Ades, of Croydon, who passed away on Feb. 5th at the age of 88.

George Ades had been a member of the Croydon Parish Church band for 11 years and had endeared himself to all the ringers in the neighbourhood by his genial disposition. Although only a tenor ringer, he was most regular in attendance on Sundays and practice nights until about six months before his death.

The funeral took place on Feb. 10th, when the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service in the church.

WE REGRET—

Please make the following corrections in your 1950 Notebook and Diary:—

Association Secretaries:

Ely Diocesan Guild should be Mr.

W. W. Cousins, Terrington St.

John, Wisbech.

Scottish Association should be Mr.

C. R. Raine, 21, Grosvenor Cres-

cent, Edinburgh.

Truro Diocesan Guild should be

Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, The

Vicarage, Cranstock, Newquay.

Page 14. The 280 in the first column

is false.

Page 15. First 336. Part-end should

be 1435267.

Page 22. Last column. Second quar-

ter peal. 'A' should be 'a.'

Page 22. Last column. Last quarter

peal. In first course-end 879

should be 978.

Page 35. First column. Add bob-

mark to the second lead of the 192.

Page 47. Second column. The call

at Home in the third course of

the 448 should be a single. At

foot, the 1280 is actually 1264.

Page 50. Both touches marked 256

are 288.

Page 63. Diagram. Last lead of

Plain Course. Of the three suc-

cessive rows starting 53, the

middle one should start 35.

Page 70. Quarter peal. Delete the

'home' bob-mark in the last

course but one.

W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Lewisham District's quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on January 28th, forty members participating in ringing, service, tea and business meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Thompson), and included an inspiring address. Mr. J. H. Portes was at the organ.

Tea and the business meeting were held in the Rectory Room, the Rector presiding until called away to another engagement. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded him before departure.

Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford) happily and successfully superintended the business meeting. Nine ringers were added to the Association's adherents, including a new band at Hayes, and Mr. J. A. Robertson, of Lewisham, was elected an hon. life member.

The recent social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, was voted a real success and cordial thanks extended to its organisers, especially to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Palmer, of Sidcup.

Mr. E. Barnett paid a tribute to the late Mr. J. Couchman and Mrs. Couchman, of Farningham. Mr. Couchman was an old and valued member of the Association and Mrs. Couchman a true friend to all ringers who visited Farningham. The meeting revered their memory in the traditional manner.

Mr. G. V. Murphy gave a comprehensive report of proceedings at the November committee meeting, held at Maidstone. Bexley was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on April 22nd or 29th, and Chislehurst was suggested as venue of the combined meeting with N.W. District, Surrey Association, on Saturday, October 7th.

Thanks were accorded Mr. A. S. Richards for hard and successful work in instructing a band of ringers at Hayes, a task undertaken in addition to the sustained work at his own tower of West Wickham, where efficiency and progress continued to be made.

Concern was expressed at the decline in interest and ringing standards in the Lewisham District. This was the third successive meeting where the attendance had been forty or less, and it was noticeable that the bulk of even that small number were members of three towers. Various points of view were expressed; publicity or rather the lack of it was suggested, but no concrete suggestions were put forward. One or two members undertook to make enquiries among their contracts to see what could be done to stimulate attendance at meetings and increase the bands of ringers at towers at present depleted.

Mr. J. Dafters, Ringing Master, informed members that the bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham, needed attention from the bell-hangers and during the interim ringing would be restricted.

News of an improvement in health was received concerning Mr. H. Hoverd, and the meeting's good wishes were again extended to him and his family.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, caterers and the chairman concluded the meeting, and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Vera Allworth 1, Betty Bevan 2, Marie Bailey 3, D. F. Maclean (first as cond.) 4, J. F. Maclean 5, Grace Atwood 6. First quarter peal of Doubles by all the band except the conductor. The ringers are all pupils of the County High School, Coalbrookdale. Rung as a welcome to the new headmaster (Mr. H. R. Lyons).

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Wilshaw 1, A. D. Steele 2, Miss M. Rigby 3, W. A. Theobald 4, J. G. Burton 5, A. Peake 6, C. H. Page 7, P. W. Grocott (cond.) 8.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.

—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. Woodhouse 1, Miss E. Copley 2, R. Ling 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, C. Wood 7, S. Hart (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for all ringers except No. 7.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Jessop 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, A. Freiston 3, D. White 4, F. Dewey 5, R. Brown 6, J. Petch 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freiston 4, D. White 5, F. Dewey 6, R. Brown 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8.

BRIDGRULE, DEVON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Sangwin 2, C. Taylor 3, W. Cholwill 4, R. Pearce 5, J. Bowden 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, D. Brock 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, C. Taplin 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. W. Tompkins 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Francis.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At St. James' on Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. S. Hawkins 1, E. Thurlow 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. T. Pye 1, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 2, E. J. Butler 3, W. Chalk 4, A. R. Andrews 5, L. Mills 6, J. E. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt 8. First quarter of London for 1, 6, 7 and 8.

CRADLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hall 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, G. Swallow 3, A. Wyre 4, H. Wyre 5, N. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. L. R. Hall (towerkeeper).

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Dash 1, C. W. Cook (cond.) 2, R. H. Lawrence 3, J. Gibson 4, D. Pepper 5, C. Hurst 6. First of Surprise Minor by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,286 Grandsire Caters: F. Kaye 1, Mrs. Rowntree 2, J. Bartram 3, Miss J. Greasby 4, J. Segar (cond.) 5, H. Denman 6, A. Towler 7, H. Willows 8, W. Norton 9, F. Jackson 10.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pearson (first quarter) 1, J. M. Simpson 2, T. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson (Rector) and Mr. J. Pearson.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Coker (cond.) 1, F. Hayes 2, E. Markham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, A. Clutton 5, C. A. Smith 6, R. Coles 7, M. Ward 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 5th, a quarter peal Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob: C. Gimbert 1, R. Clements 2, L. W. Fisher 3, R. Brooker 4, W. Ransom 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6. First 720 Cambridge by 2 and 5.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,272 Minimus, consisting of 5 extents of Erin and 8 extents each of Plain, Reverse and Double Grandsire, and Plain, Reverse and Double Bob: W. Izzard 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, R. Stephens 3, C. Izzard 4.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hurd 1, H. C. Burt 2, J. H. Pegg 3, C. H. Grindley (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. Huxley 5, T. W. Wyatt 6, J. R. Ball (cond.) 7, D. C. Allibon 8.

LINTON, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Margaret Tomlin 1, Muriel Tassel 2, B. Baker 3, J. Betts 4, J. Wallis 5, F. Tomlin 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, H. Smith 8. First in the method by 2 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS**LONDON.—At St. Giles-**

in-the-Fields on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cording 2, G. A. Parsons 3, R. K. C. Wilkings (first of Doubles) 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, C. F. Neal 6.

MADRON, PENZANCE.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Taysom (first quarter) 1, W. A. White 2, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 3, Mrs. W. A. White 4, H. Tully (first quarter) 5, T. Wooldridge 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. A. H. R. Bolitho.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, A. J. North 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, K. V. C. Hawkins (first 'inside') 5, D. T. North 6, F. W. Slocombe 7, C. Tarr 8. First of Triples for 2, 4, 6 and 7.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lathbury 1, L. Houghton 2, Mrs. V. S. Smith 3, Miss J. Smith 4, R. Andrews 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. For the 88th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 5th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth M. K. How 1, Kathleen Higgins 2, Patricia Wareham (first quarter) 3, G. Thomas 4, N. G. McCrum 5, M. E. H. Barrow (cond.) 6.

PINCHEBURY, Lincs.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce M. Chenery 1, W. A. Richardson 2, C. C. Rawding 3, H. Bennett 4, D. R. Whitton 5, E. H. Whitton (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Joyce M. Chenery.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Feb. 5th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, Miss C. A. Burbidge 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Look 1, J. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, R. M. Foreman 3, J. W. Crouch 4, F. T. Hoad 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Claydon 7, H. A. Hoad 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, W. Shute 2, B. Tiller 3, R. E. Tiller 4, D. Reed 5, J. Hartlett 6, E. Marlow (first Surprise 'inside') 7, W. E. Cheater (first as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 3 and 4. First of Surprise Major 1, 5 and 6.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gammon (first quarter) 1, W. Slocombe 2, Miss J. Tattersall (first 'inside') 3, K. Hawkins 4, D. North (cond.) 5, F. Taylor (first quarter) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): H. Abrahams (cond.) 1, J. Sutton 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, N. J. Smith 4, F. L. Harris 5, W. Chalk 6.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): H. Longland 1, H. Collin 2, F. R. Mitchell 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter in two methods 1, 2 and 3.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Glasspool (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Arthur (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Nicholas 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, Miss J. Cox 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. Brown 7, O. N. Curtis 8. All members of local band. Rung previous to the induction of the Rev. G. F. Hales as Rector.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 29th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob Major, on the back eight: R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 1, Miss Joyce England 2, H. Langdon 3, M. O. Thomas 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott 6, P. A. Chalk 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8.

SUTTONTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. White 1, G. D. Robinson (first of Stedman) 2, H. Barsley 3, C. Wander 4, A. D. Mills 5, C. H. Whitton (first of Stedman) 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8. A birthday compliment to A. D. Mills.

Gloucester & Bristol Assn.**BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH.**

About 60 members attended the annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch at Almondsbury on Jan. 23th. Visitors included Mr. P. C. Williams, general treasurer of the Association, and Mr. E. F. Hancock, Ringing Master of the Bristol City Branch. The ring of eight bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Radcliffe Cox). Tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. C. R. Harding).

The secretary (Miss Hilliar) presented her report and balance sheet, which showed that the number of members now stood at 160. Eleven meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 44. All the towers in the branch were affiliated. The balance sheet showed that £21 10s. had been paid to the general treasurer.

The Chairman, in his report, said that the standard of ringing had improved very much, the striking being better. He had been pleased to see the young members had attended the monthly meetings regularly, which was surely a step in the right direction. He thanked Miss Hilliar, the branch secretary, for her work. The chairman said there were still some members in the branch who never attended a meeting; they did not know what they were missing.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. G. Jefferies for the election of officers. Mr. C. R. Harding, who was re-elected chairman for the twelfth year, thanked the members for their confidence. Mr. N. Denson (1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol) was elected branch secretary; Mr. S. Riches (Stapleton, Bristol) representative on Management Committee; Mr. F. Skidmore Ringing Master.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. V. Wills, local captain, and Mr. H. Robbins, tower secretary, for making the arrangements for the meeting.

The next annual meeting will be held at Mangotsfield, and quarterly meetings at Bitton in March, Olveston in June, and Henbury in September.

SLIMBRIDGE'S RECORD

Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, has a record it is justly proud of and would like to hear if any other tower has a similar record. Since the lifting of the ban on Easter Day, April 25th, 1943, Slimbridge ringers have not failed to ring for the Sunday services twice every Sunday. As a matter of principle they attend each service and all 12 are communicants.

In a letter to the Editor, the captain, Mr. H. J. Hobbs, writes: We are not a band of experts by any means; just an ordinary village team of three or four ladies, two lads and seven men. Ours is a very scattered village consisting of three or four hamlets, several ringers living three or four miles away from the church. During the last two years we have lost four good ringers by removal and the Forces.

'Two years ago we had in our band the parson, the policeman, the chairman of the Parish Council, the vice-chairman, the parish clerk, president of the Women's Institute, the organist and members of the choir. We never noticed it till one night someone happened to say, "All the parish is here to-night."'

Some three dozen ringers and friends attended the annual bellringers' dinner recently, when the Rector (Canon Thomas) presided. Among the guests were the Rev. A. H. D. Allan (Vicar of Cromhall and chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch) and Miss D. M. Drew (secretary). A full toast list was followed by a musical programme, handbell ringing and dancing.

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MEETINGS

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 25th, Clewer, 3. Tea. Windsor Parish 6.30.—Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough. 6576

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, King's Lynn, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea, St. Nicholas' Room, 5.15.—W. J. Eldred, King's Lynn. 6582

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6585

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Fordham (6), Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6586

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 6596

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Cheshunt meeting, Feb. 25th, cancelled. 6622

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werburgh's (6), Feb. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mr. N. Denson, 1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol. 6601

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnby Don (6), Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. 6609

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6589

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—The service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Feb. 28th. All ringers welcome. 6588

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Ringing meeting, Gorseinon, March 4th. Bells (8) 4 to 7.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6577

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton Regis (6), near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 4th. Usual arrangements. Tea is by kind invitation to those who let me know by Wednesday, March 1st.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6579

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), March 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District and Saxmundham District.—Joint meeting at Yoxford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Peasenhall bells (6) also available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, Suffolk. 6568

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Tidenham, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, Wednesday, March 1st.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 6612

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6605

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Hot tea in Rectory 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, by March 2nd. 6613

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont (8), March 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6615

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bring own food. Cups of tea supplied.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 6624

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Silkstone, March 4th, 2.30. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, near Barnsley, not later than March 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6623

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by March 1st to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6616

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—March 4th, Holy Nativity (8), 3.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., St. Katherine's Hall, Bushey Park. Service 6.30 p.m.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol 5. 6607

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Twyford (8) on Saturday, March 4th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6618

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Haddenham, Bucks, on Saturday, March 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 6598

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgeford (Beeson not available), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.15. Names to Mrs. T. Cooper, The Royal Oak, Main Street, East Bridgeford, Notts, by Tuesday, Feb. 28th latest.—W. Thornley, jun. 6617

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6620

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, March 4th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6603

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, March 4th: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2 p.m. to 3; Bishop Ryder's (8), 2.30 to 3.30; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5; Aston (12), 4 to 5; Cathedral (12), 4.30 to 5.30.—G. E. Fearn, Springfield 1025. 6606

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 4th, St. Thomas-a-Becket, Upholland. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify Mr. G. Mills, 321, Ormskirk Road, Upholland Moor, near Wigan, by March 1st. Please make it a good meeting.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 6608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Morecambe, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe, by March 2nd.—John Woods, Sec. 6625

HERTS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Redbourn (6), March 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by March 9th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—T.J.S. and P.A.M., Dis. Secs. 6611

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names by March 8th to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelope Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 6604

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea to Mr. L. Phillips, Vine House, Flore, Northants, not later than Saturday, March 4th.—F. W. Hancock. 6614

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, by Mar. 9th.—D. E. Lidbetter. 6619

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Raunmoor, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Important yearly business. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6610

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Please note important alterations. Meeting, March 11th, Clapham (6). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Legion Hall 5. Oakley (5) afterwards.—Michael Stephens. 6600

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Burry Port, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (5) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Number for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 6602

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, March 11th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by Mar. 7th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6505

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, St. Aldate's Rectory Room, Oxford, on Saturday, March 11th, 3 p.m.—Wm. Hibbert, General Sec. 6581

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea must reach Mr. L. Bennett, 10, Mill Row, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, March 8th. Cash to be enclosed with names.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6621

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Worcester. General secretary must be notified in good time of those requiring meals.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6565

QUARTER PEALS

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Barber (first quarter in method) 1, K. Smith 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. F. Weaver, a former service ringer.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, S. A. White 2, Miss B. M. Tomlin (first 'inside') 3, B. V. Collison 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, R. E. Wood 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, A. E. Richardson 8. To celebrate the gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wood.

UFFCULME, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, Miss J. Brown 2, W. G. Gigg 3, R. Keeley 4, R. W. Hayward 5, H. Keeley 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, S. H. Green 8.

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