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GERMAN BELLS

HITLER'S search for metals during the eventful years of 1939-45 resulted in his removal of the church bells not only of many of the occupied countries, but in Germany itself. According to the 'Manchester Guardian' about 130,000 bells were removed and taken to the foundries to be melted down. About 100,000 of these went to Hamburg and most of them went into the melting pot. Singularly enough, there was an examination of the bells, and the oldest and most valuable, some of which were more than 700 years old, were temporarily exempted and survived the war.

The process of returning the bells to their silent steeples and towers has now taken place and only those removed from churches beyond the Oder-Neisse line still languish in the Hamburg 'bell-knackers'' yards. The opportunity of studying such a collection of bells was not neglected. The Hamburg collection was carefully catalogued in all their physical aspects, and about 300 of the finest in shape and tone were intensively studied by experts who have not yet published their findings.

There has been established an Advisory Committee on Church Bells in Germany, consisting not only of campanological experts and managers, but of art historians and physicists. The outcome of their deliberations is that the various foundries should cast bells in different alloys, to prescriptions determined in Hamburg. It is proposed to hold a competition next spring at Limburg and the bells which then for the purity and duration of their note win the prizes are to be the pattern for those that will go into the many silent churches in Germany.

We are surprised that the Advisory Committee on Church Bells in Germany have not consulted the three leading bell founders of this country on the fundamental principles of bell design and tuning. The position of England to-day in the art of bell-founding is pre-eminent. The composition of bell metal is no secret; the Advisory Committee of experts in Hamburg can have that for the asking, and while knowledge on any subject is not exhausted, research into this matter is not likely to bring about the coveted prizes. The inquiries of the late Lord Grimthorpe into the correct alloy for the casting of a bell covered a very wide field, and his conclusion was that the existing formula for bell metal, i.e., approximately 13 parts of copper to four of tin, could not be improved. That formula is accepted by metallurgists of to-day.

There are two main factors in producing the perfect bell —shape and tuning. Since the researches of Canon Simpson into the art of tuning, an exhaustive study of the subject has been made, and the practical application of his deductions have resulted in the bells given to this country being on a far higher plane than ever before. Probably only one past founder ever amassed the secret of perfect tuning—Heumony, the famous Dutch founder of the 17th century. His knowledge died with him.

The beauty of a ring of bells is not to be found in the characteristics of one bell, but in the blending together of the octave, ten or twelve. Change ringers of this country know only too well how the music of a ring of bells has been spoilt in many instances by an over-powerful tenor which dwarfs into insignificance the other bells. This is particularly noticeable when the tenor is turned in. Many of these unsatisfactory rings are the product of augmentations in the last century when trebles were added too light for the tenor. These errors of the past are not likely to be repeated in this country. A careful study has been made not only of tuning, but the proportionate weight of bells, and the generally accepted principle in a ring of eight is that the seventh bell should be two-thirds of the weight of the tenor and the sixth one half.

Removal of church bells by invaders during the war took place in the Channel Islands. The ring of six at St. Anne's, Alderney, was taken to France. Fortunately, it has been recovered and returned to the Island. The bells are now in a wooden frame in the churchyard and are chimed for Sunday service. They were cast by Mears in 1852, and it is hoped that when sufficient funds are available they will be rehung in the tower. Alderney had complete evacuation during the war, and much money is required to repair other defects to the church. The Island has only 1,270 inhabitants at present and resources are extremely limited.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MRS. JOHN D. NIBLETT	*Treble*	JOHN SCOTT	6
MURIEL REAY	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	H. JAMES TURNER	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE W. STEVENS	*Treble*	BERT SUTTON	6
TERENCE A. THORNBER	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
J. FREDK. MILNER	3	HAROLD MARCON	8
ALFRED BALLARD	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	9
ALBERT J. ADAMS	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.
This peal was arranged for Albert J. Adams, of Banstead, Surrey, and Bert Sutton, of Scarborough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	WALTER LONGMAN	5
MARGARET FLACKETT	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	6
*EWART H. EDGE	3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	4	WILLIAM PERKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman and first of Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Treble*	†ALBERT LAWTON	5
*ERIC NIXON	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	6
RONALD BARLOW	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
MARGARET FLACKETT	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First peal of Major.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BASS	*Treble*	HAROLD COOPER	5
FREDERICK HANDLEY	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
*MONICA DAVIS	3	*E. PETER ROCK	7
*F. ERIC ROBERTS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Short and William Hand. William Short was at one time an instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and, fittingly, four of the above band are resident members of it.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDGBURG,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	GEORGE P. BURTON	6
AUBREY D. MILLS	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
WILLIAM JUDGE	4	HARRY HATFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. LLOYD	*Treble*	JAMES F. CLARKE	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (No. 179). Conducted by L. TREVOR.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*GERALD NICHOLLS	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*FRANK W. LACK	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	STANLEY GILBERT	7
G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIE GREEN	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
GIBSON JACKSON	3	J. FREDK. MILNER	7
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	*Treble*	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	FREDK. J. CULLUM	7
RALPH BIRD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST A. JURD	5
*BLANCHE M. BALL	2	ERNEST BROWN	6
HAROLD A. NOBES	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	S. JOHN HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on eight bells.

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BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*JOHN HOWARD	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
*DAVID W. LAMB	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALBERT C. BRIDGES	4	JESSE W. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 44th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer, who has now circled the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
*ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	†BRIAN HARRIS	6
ARTHUR WATKIN	3	*PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN E. USHER	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. D. D. Bartlett as Bishop of St. Asaph.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	JAMES L. SMITH	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	6
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	JOHN J. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.
First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung at a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Sapsford on the birth of a daughter.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	MILTON C. FOWLER	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GORING, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*JOHN N. MONEY	*Treble*	*RAYMOND G. BURTON	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN CHARNOCK	5
ERIC BALDWIN	2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	3	JOHN JACKSON	7
ARTHUR HATCH	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Haworth, and as a token of appreciation for his service, 1946-50.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
ALFRED E. SMITH	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

FRANK BARNARD	*Treble*	*FREDK. S. SUTTON	5
JOSEPH BOYER	2	HAROLD G. SMITH	6
HERBERT SUTTON	3	*JOHN E. BROUGH	7
BERNARD J. ONGLEY	4	EDWARD J. BOFFEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* 25th peal together. Rung for the commencement of celebrations for the 600th anniversary of the church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM FERNLEY	5
*JUNE HENSHAW	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	6
*ANNE WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES A. MILNER	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Jas. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6
JOHN BRAMLEY	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.
First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH	*Treble*	*JOHN THORNTON	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS	6
MARK BARKER	3	†HAROLD TAYLOR	7
†WILFRED H. WHITAKER	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SHELFORD SPARROW	*Treble*	*ROBERT E. LESTER	5
*LESLIE G. FORSTER	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
*M. JEAN FREER	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Superlative. First in the method as conductor.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK	*Treble*	FREDK. J. PLUMMER	5
†VALERIE WILLARD	2	†EDGAR W. WINTERS	6
OLIVE L. MARTIN	3	WALTER AYRE	7
FRANK W. CROFT	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	5
WALTER RUFFLES	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
FRANCIS W. CORNEY	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	*JOHN HILL	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in the method as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*COLIN HALL	*Treble*	ARTHUR HALLAM	4
GEORGE A. NEWTON	2	PETER HALLAM	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the treble on joining H.M. Forces.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*REV. N. C. WEIGHT	*Treble*	*REV. RHYS MORRIS	*Tenor*
REV. F. A. OSWELL	2	REV. I. J. RICHARDS	5
REV. R. A. SLUMAN	3	*REV. RHYS MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. I. J. RICHARDS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by clergy of the Church in Wales. Rung in honour of the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. R. Hallett at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon., on September 23rd. Believel to be the first peal by clergy from one diocese in the Anglican Communion.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Netherseale Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
*F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in seven methods.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

PERCY SMITH	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
DUDLEY PAUL	2	WILFRED YOUNG	5
WILLIAM SEEKINGS	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung for the 81st birthday of Mr. A. J. Abrams, father of St. Peter's band.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

MARY KENNELLY	*Treble*	*PHILLIP WEEKS	4
RUBY GIBBONS	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	5
*GRAHAM R. EYLES	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment (21st) to the ringer of the second.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. BETTY PAGE	*Treble*	JOAN BUSSEY	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	GORDON LANE	5
GEORGE CASE	3	WILLIAM RICHINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY A. ANSELL	*Treble*	*BARRY W. M. COOPER	4
ANSLEY BOWERS	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal of Minor. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the town of Worthing.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT	*Treble*	*TERENCE H. BLUNT	4
MARION GRAIN	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
*PETER C. RIDGWAY	3	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARION GRAIN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD G. BENNETT ...*Treble*	SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT ... 3
PERCY AMOS 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4

HARRY WOODING ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

Rung on the 13th anniversary of the restoration of the bells, for the harvest festival, also as a thankoffering for the restoration of tower and rehanging of four bells in new steel frame for six and reseating of the neighbouring church at Roade.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*ELSIE WALKER ... ...*Treble*	*LEONARD HILL 4
†JAMES CARTER 2	*NORMAN LEDGER 5
*JOAN CARTER 3	*CHARLES CHEETHAM ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Canon Whewell's retirement after 15 years as Rector of Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal by a local band of this church since 1931.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt.

JOHN P. VESSEY, JUN....*Treble*	S. GEORGE VESSEY ... 4
*BERYL N. WHITE 2	PERCY HOLMES 5
FRANK W. VERNON ... 3	PETER N. WHITE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER N. WHITE.

* First peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Primrose, Hull, Ipswich, Norwich, Netherseale, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD APPLEWHITE ...*Treble*	MOSES BILLINGS 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JOHN E. COOK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being 720's: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) College Single, (4) Single Court, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST H. BOWLEY ...*Treble*	C. WILLIAM HALL 4
*REGINALD T. GOODMAN... 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 5
†STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal. A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. M. Wedgewood.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Primrose Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN P. MORRIS ... ...*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES 4
CYRIL WANDER 2	FRANK TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DOUGLAS HALL	...*Treble*	STANLEY DANCE	4
ROLAND HILL	2	EDWIN ATKINSON	5
DANIEL SMITH	3	HERMAN RUBSY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HUGH LONGLAND	...*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
WALTER WESTON	2	†CHARLES WILKINSON	5
DONALD H. METTAM	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob. 25th peal as conductor. A silver wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson, Folkingham.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

*STANLEY PARAGREEN	...*Treble*	GEORGE PICKERING	3
FREDERICK WATSON	2	PETER HALLAM	4
JOSEPH TAYLOR	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.
* First peal. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Upton, who has been a ringer at this church for 45 years.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 960 changes each of Canterbury, St. Simon and Plain Bob, 960 of Grandsire (G. Lindoff's arrangement), and 1,200 standard callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES	...*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	3
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	PERCY AMOS	4
JOHN H. BLUFF	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
First peal ever rung on the bells.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS	...*Treble*	*ALFRED WILKINSON	4
HENRY PARKER	2	A. GORDON LAWRENCE	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal 'inside' in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ANNIE BROWN	1-2	THOMAS HARRIS	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7-8

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

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

DAVID G. JACKSON	1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	5-6
GIBSON JACKSON	3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CAISTER-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE WHITE HOUSE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ELSIE L. HAIRS	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	3-4	WALTER AYRE	7-8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Umpires: J. PARKER and F. BENNETT.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 39a, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK C. PRICE	1-2	†JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3-4	RONALD H. BULLEN	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † 50th peal, and 40th peal 'in hand.'

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 11, AYLESBURY END,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being five callings. Tenor size 8 in C.

*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	1-2	*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3-4
†ETHEL M. FLETCHER	5-6		

Conducted by DOROTHY R. FLETCHER.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
C.C.C. No. 7. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part (variation).

*FREDK. A. SALTER	1-2	*FREDK. G. HOOPER	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	†FRANK BRADLEY	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First handbell peal in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT NORDALE, SCHOOL LANE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX J. WEBSTER	1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT	3-4
FRANK VARTY (conductor)	5-6		

First peal in six methods for all the band. 50th peal as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

*JOHN E. ALLEN	1-2	MRS. A. RICHARDSON	5-6
†CYRIL WANDER	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' away from tenors.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

BETTY SPICE	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE	3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Field 1, M. Chown 2, W. Kilsby 3, F. Hutt 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, S. Osborne (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Monica Blundell and to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis on the birth of a daughter.

BARNWOOD, GLOS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Jones 1, T. Newman 2, Joan Bussey 3, E. Palmer 4, H. Daniels 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, W. Richings 7, J. Sims 8. A compliment to E. Palmer on his 65th birthday.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Waller (first quarter) 1, A. Betsworth (first quarter) 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, F. Windebank 6.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lewis (first quarter, age 14) 1, Miss E. W. Keys (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Lonnen (cond.) 3, H. M. Heaton (first of Doubles) 4, H. W. Stovold 5, P. N. Bond 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Field Marshal Smuts.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Marion Udall 1, C. W. Woolley 2, S. L. Smith 3, P. Nash 4, N. Jenkins (first of Triples) 5, L. J. North 6, T. H. Norris (first as cond.) 7, R. Rowley 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. A farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving for college.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pheasant 1, C. L. Simcocks 2, G. W. King 3, H. Squires 4, S. Whaley 5, L. Squires 6, John Cragg (cond.) 7, R. Hempsall 8. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Paley, many years captain of St. Vincent's Society.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. George 1, E. J. Walker 2, C. Turner (cond.) 3, E. T. Ellender 4, Willis Brooks 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. A. Batey (Mercantile Marine) and Miss K. M. Hicks.

QUARTER PEALS

FROME, SOMERSET.—At St. John the Baptist's, Selwood, on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Flower (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Orchard 2, W. H. Crocker 3, G. Wareham (first 'inside') 4, J. Topp 5, W. Flower 6, D. H. Flower (cond.) 7, E. J. Seymour 8. A farewell to Miss Orchard and as an appreciation of her help during her stay in the town. The ringers of 6, 7 and 1 are father, son and granddaughter with over a hundred years' service between them.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Furbank 1, G. Green 2, B. Sydenham (first quarter 'inside') 3, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 4, B. Bover (first in method 'inside') 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green 7, F. Payne 8. For harvest festival.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ager 1, R. Dore 2, V. Neale 3, J. Kemp 4, C. Springham 5, A. Wright 6, A. S. Carter (cond.) 7, P. W. Saunders 8. First quarter 1 and 4. To commemorate the 25th year as Master of the Society and also the 87th birthday of Alderman A. Purkiss Ginn, J.P.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Barker 1, Miss N. Hickling (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Bracey 3, G. Elvin 4, C. Moore 5, E. Blake (cond.) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, W. D. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, R. P. Crump (first quarter of Triples) 4, D. F. Harman 5, R. F. H. Harman 6, H. Kirby 7, H. W. Barnard 8. To commemorate the Battle of Britain.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Evans 1, I. S. Biggs (first in method) 2, R. Biggs 3, W. Lee 4, P. Newton 5, A. R. Blaby 6, E. Timpson 7, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 8. To commemorate the Battle of Britain.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. P. Small (first quarter) 1, H. J. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, T. G. Miller 4, P. E. T. Allen (cond.) 5, C. E. Maidment 6. A farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving the tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): Miss B. Geard (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, Miss S. Booth 5, A. T. Langstone 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Birthday compliments to ringers of 5 and 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th at St. Peter's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. J. Southam 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss O. M. Martin (first on 10 in the method) 3, Miss A. M. Bailey 4, G. Blake 5, C. F. Sayer 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 9, F. J. Bailey 10. A birthday compliment to C. F. Sayer.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Rowley 1, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 2, A. G. Moore 3, V. H. Rose 4, C. G. Twiney 5, O. Jordan 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Field Marshal Smuts.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON. — On Sept. 10th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, W. Prockson 5, E. Pratchett 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (first of Major as cond.) 8. A compliment to Miss Iris Cording on her engagement to Mr. Harry Smith; birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Friswell; 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Pratchett.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. Summers 1, E. G. Orland (cond.) 2, W. T. Adams 3, R. Spring 4, L. G. Townsend 5. First quarter in five methods by all.

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The latest Central Council publication, 'A Collection of Compositions in the popular Major Methods,' was wrongly described in the back page advertisement of 'The Ringing World.' Any reader who purchased the book under a misapprehension will get his money back if it is returned in reasonable time and in good condition. The Editor regrets the error.

Mr. John E. Usher rang his first peal for 23 years at Buckley, Flintshire, on Sept. 23rd.

Another inn having the sign of 'The Ring o' Bells' is at Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset. An interesting letter on the Kendal inn will appear in our next issue.

The peal of Bob Major at Chilvers Coton on September 19th was a thanksgiving peal for the successful operation on and subsequent recovery of the young daughter of Mr. J. Lloyd, the treble ringer, after a serious illness.

Coincidence.—The peal rung at Folkingham, Lincs, for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilkinson was Mr. James H. Musson's 25th peal as conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson kindly entertained the band after the peal.

To the ladies who have called Stedman must be added the name of Miss Margaret E. Richards, of Swindon Parish Church. She called Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' at Stratton St. Margaret on November 19th, 1948. This was her first peal as conductor.

Congratulations to Mr. George Burdett, of the Kirby Bellars, Leics, tower, and Mrs. Burdett on their silver wedding. In honour of the event 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 23rd by H. Jones (first quarter) 1, J. Morris 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, F. J. Williams 4, G. Tyler 5.

A double anniversary has just been celebrated at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, in the completion of 50 years' service ringing by Messrs. Charles Wood and Alfred Roberts. Congratulations, and may they have health and strength to continue the partnership for 60 years.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal at Navenby, Lincs, on September 2nd, was Louis Willders and not as submitted.

Can any reader identify a quarter of Doubles rung on September 19th and conducted by E. Pimlott? The name of the tower, the method and the sender's name are all omitted from the report.

Regarding the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, on September 2nd, this was not the first peal in the method for the Association. Eight Ely members rang a peal of Yorkshire Major in 1934 and the first recorded peal was at Long Stanton this year.

The enthronement of the new Bishop of St. Albans was commemorated by 1,301 Stedman Cinques on the Abbey bells on September 28th by H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, T. J. Lock 4, Miss O. Martin 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, A. Hatten 8, B. C. Johnson 9, A. W. Coles 10, W. Ayre 11, B. Cornell 12.

Last week we recorded the bereavement Mrs. D. E. Beamish has sustained by the death of her mother, Mrs. L. Lewis. The bells of Chilvers Coton were rung half-muffled to her memory on September 27th to 1,260 Stedman Triples. The ringers were J. E. S. Moreton 1, J. Draycott 2, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 3, J. F. Clarke 4, J. Ford (first of Stedman Triples) 5, H. Harris 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, J. E. Lloyd 8.

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A YORKSHIRE TOUR

17 Peals out of 21 Attempts

ANOTHER enjoyable and highly successful ringing tour has recently taken place in Yorkshire. Organised by Mr. J. E. Cawser, the tourists scored a total of 17 peals out of 21 attempts.

The party, which finally numbered 14, met at Doncaster, which served as their headquarters for three days before moving northwards to spend two days in Hull and a further three days in Malton. As usual, Mr. Cawser was determined to keep his tourists busy for the first few days, and no fewer than four peals had been arranged for the first day, and with the kind help of local ringers two bands both scored peals of London at Thorne and Tickhill respectively to set the tour off to a good start. Whilst the tourists had more transport at their disposal than possibly any other touring band has had, it was very unfortunate that one ringer was left behind on the first day. However, Mr. Milton Fowler kindly stepped into the breach at very short notice, and a good peal of London came round at Tickhill—too late for a decent lunch.

The party which went out to Thorne scored a very nice peal on that musical octave, which was cast at Loughborough in 1924, and were pleased to have the assistance of Mr. Gibson Jackson, the father of those two young ringers, Bill and David, whose ringing favourably impressed the tourists later in the week.

In the afternoon Bristol at Doncaster came to grief, but the other party made history by scoring a very good peal of London Royal (No. 3) at East Retford, there being at least four 'firsts in the method.' The tourists were welcomed at the tower by the local ringers, who had everything in readiness, and Mr. J. Seager demonstrated his ability by tapping a few touches of Caters and Minor on handbells.

On Sunday morning six of the tourists went off to Conisborough for service ringing, whilst the remainder climbed the 'umpteen' steps of St. George's, Doncaster, where the local band showed them how to rise a heavy eight in peal.

The afternoon found the tourists again divided into two parties—one to Hatfield and the other to Epworth (Lincs), both very musical rings of eight by Taylors. At Epworth, after a little maintenance to the ropes, a good start was made for Bristol, but after about 90 minutes' ringing the conductor set up, having called 'Before and Fifths' instead of 'Before and Wrong.' Being a conductor of some repute, this unfortunate error appeared unpardonable to some of his friends, and his leg was pulled unmercifully until the early hours of the next morning — in fact, it is thought that he may never live it down.

However, this incident gave the party a chance to slip over to Hatfield to hear some of the ringing there. Fortunately, they had Mr. Fred Dunkerley with them with his Humber Super Snipe, so everyone piled into it and reached Hatfield in a matter of a few minutes. Here the ringing was first class, and the second part end of Hattersley's Bristol was easily checked by the critics, so after listening for about half an hour, it was generally agreed that it was in 'the bag' and the party returned to Epworth for service ringing. On arriving back at our hotel we were pleased to see Mr George Fearn, of Birmingham, who had come to join us straight from a strenuous tour in Sussex.

Early on Monday morning saw the tourists, complete in five cars and a motor-cycle, leave their comfortable headquarters in Doncaster and travel northwards. At Howden three cars and the motor-cycle pulled up beneath the magnificent tower of Howden Minster. The other two carloads continued on as far as Hedon, about three miles east of Hull.

Howden Minster possesses as perfect a ring of eight as one could wish to hear or even see. This ring (tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat by Taylors, 1929) are hung about one third of the way up this lofty tower and can easily be seen swinging by passers-by in the road. Here a very good peal of London was scored without incident except that Mr. J. C. E. Simpson was 'detailed' to call this peal from the seventh, the tenor having been booked some 12 months previously.

The Hedon party were welcomed by the Vicar at this magnificent church, generally known as 'The Cathedral of Holderness,' and here no difficulty was experienced in ringing an excellent peal of Bristol, being the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

A DISAPPOINTMENT AT HULL.

In the evening ten rather over-ambitious ringers met at Holy Trinity, Hull, for an attempt for Rutland Royal, but unfortunately most of the band had only a rough idea of the method and so a good opportunity of hearing this fine ten at their best was lost after an hour's rather indifferent ringing; the conductor mercifully calling 'Stand' when it was obvious that the ringing did not look like settling down. After a good course of Cambridge Royal the bells were lowered in peal and a disappointed band descended the tower having learned a lesson.

On Tuesday morning a party of eight went out to Patrington and were given a hearty welcome by Mr. L. Rodmell, who had everything in readiness. St. Patrick's Church, the Queen of Holderness, is undoubtedly a gem, but the entry to the ringing chamber is most unusual, as was described by Mr. Pat Cannon in his report of last year's tour in this district. It can be truthfully said that Mr. John Worth, conqueror of many heavy towers, such as Wells and Sherborne Abbey, left Patrington belfry on his hands and knees after ringing a 3 cwt. treble. Had not the band witnessed his entry and exit they would not have thought it possible to have done it.

Whilst the tourists were naturally disappointed at not being able to attempt peals at three well-known towers in this area, namely, Bridlington, Selby and St. Mary's, Beverley, they were fortunate not to be denied the opportunity to ring on the very fine ten at Beverley Minster, where several bands in recent years have failed, generally owing to the tenor-man giving up, but it is not so much the weight of the metal, but swaying of the tower that causes this bell to play the most unusual tricks, and as the tenor rope falls less than 2ft. from the wall. it is difficult to put in any extra effort unless the ringer stands sideways. Although rung from quite a large box, this was not wide enough for Mr. J. C. E. Simpson's stance, so with the aid of three or four smaller boxes piled on top of each other he was able to take his stand with his back to the ringers of 7, 8 and 9. Any doubts as to Mr. Simpson's ability to handle and strike this bell accurately were soon ended as 'roll up' after 'roll up' delighted all those taking part. Trips were negligible and a really first-class peal brought round in 3 hours and 46 minutes. Should the tenor ringer have wished to give up it was decided to have an eleventh man in the tower so that Mr. John Worth, who was ringing the eighth, could have taken over from Mr. Simpson, but his services, like that of the 12th man at Wells two years ago, were not required, although in this case it was appreciated, having had a psychological effect.

COTTINGHAM'S SEVENTH.

Having achieved the chief prize of the week, the tourists set out in good spirits on Wednesday morning for Cottingham. As these bells have not a very good reputation, it was decided to ring Cambridge on them, and perhaps as well, for they are very noisy in the belfry and far from tuneful, and even one or two of the more serious ringers were forced to smile when they heard that peculiar noise from the seventh—it could hardly be called a note. However, a peal was scored and the band were welcomed by Mr. Lawson, who kindly arranged for a good lunch.

Spliced Surprise at Malton in the afternoon did not sufficiently attract two of the tourists that day, as it was the first day of Beverley races, so, hoping they might be able to make up their expenses for the week, off they went; but it can only be said that they didn't lose on the day. The peal at Malton was scored without much trouble, although the time taken, 3 hours 19 minutes, on paper, appears to be rather long, but the racegoers, who arrived in Malton to hear the last hour, considered the speed to be about right. Mr. H. Long gave the tourists a sincere welcome, and permission to ring a peal here was appreciated, as it was only a short time after a previous peal had been rung.

At this juncture we bade farewell to Mr. Fred Dunkerley and Mr. J. C. E. Simpson. Mr. Dunkerley left to practise for an air race near Coventry, which, to the delight of the tourists, he won. The result of Mr. Simpson's visit to Southampton should appear in a later edition of this paper.

At Norton on Thursday morning the tourists were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. H. Rawsley, who had the bells up ready. Here an excellent peal of London was scored on a really splendid ring of bells and could easily be heard by those who stood down, from the hotel grounds. Those who made the short journey to Pickering in the afternoon were much less fortunate, for after about 50 minutes' ringing it was apparent that the band would not have lasted out, as the bells had not been oiled for some months, so the call, 'Stand,' was made.

SCARBOROUGH'S WELCOME.

After a pleasant run from Malton to Scarborough on Friday morning, the tourists were welcomed at St. Mary's Church by the Vicar and Mr. Bert Sutton, and the Yorkshire members of the party were pleased to renew acquaintance with Mr. G. Halksworth, formerly of Doncaster, who despite his 80 odd years still looks hale and hearty. A good peal of London was scored on these bells, which are shortly to be rehung.

From a scenic point of view, the afternoon run across Fylingdales Moor was easily the most pleasant journey of the week, only to be marred by several signposts warning visitors of unexploded bombs that lie amongst the beautiful heather which at this time of year was looking its very best. The steep hill down to Robin Hood's Bay was carefully negotiated, and at least one driver was relieved to know that he did not have to return that way.

Fortunately a false start was made for Bristol on this somewhat noisy but tuneful eight by the Croydon foundry, for whilst those taking part were arguing as to what had gone wrong, the towerkeeper, Mr. Fawster, dashed up to the tower to explain that he had not been warned of this visit and had not oiled the bells. This he very kindly did and a good peal of Bristol was conducted by Mr. Walter Allman. During the peal the writer had the pleasure of visiting Whitby, where 10 years previously he learned to 'Present arms' and 'Get fell-in in threes.' The tower door of St. Mary's, Whitby, was locked, but the sound of activity inside suggested that the new ring of ten should be heard very soon. The tourists were very pleased indeed to be able to spend half an hour after the peal in the company of Mr. Fawster and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. The journey back to Malton via Whitby and Goathland Moor was not appreciated, for this was done in darkness and heavy rain—all three cars having to get down to bottom gear to climb the many steep hills. Despite several thrills and a little anxiety during the course of this journey, the 'Methods Committee' sat up until a late hour discussing various subjects which will be on the agenda at Chester next Whitsuntide.

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A Yorkshire Tour—continued

The last day, Saturday, saw the tourists divide into two parties, each to be reinforced by the help of some Yorkshire ringers. One party, aided by the two young Jackson brothers, rang a peal of Superlative at Escrick in the morning and Bristol in the afternoon on a good eight at Goole. The tourists regretted not being able to meet Mr. F. W. Robbins, of Escrick, who had made arrangements for ringing. He had unfortunately been taken to hospital. At Goole the party were welcomed in the tower by the Vicar and towerkeeper before the peal, and Mr. C. K. Lewis was able to redeem the position of East Cheshire by calling the composition that had been lost at Esworth earlier in the week.

TADCASTER'S BELLS AND BREW.

The 'second team,' aided by Messrs. Jackson, Fowler and Reed who had the bells up ready, scored a peal of London at Weatherby, but not without some difficulty, as the ringers of 6, 7 and 8 had a warm time towards the end of the peal. In the afternoon this party were welcomed at Tadcaster by Mr. Hick and enjoyed a good peal of Yorkshire on a really grand ring of bells (tenor 20¾ cwt. by Taylors). It was stated by one member of this band that the quality of these bells was quite in keeping with the local brew, for which this town is so famous.

And so the end of the tour, agreed by all to be the happiest we have ever had. We can't quite tell why, but if we could we would certainly have more—but it was! Our warm and hearty thanks we offer once again to Mr. J. E. Cawser; without his genius for organisation I doubt whether we could attain such happy conditions. R. G. E.

MONMOUTH CLERGY RINGERS

On Sept. 16th a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the bells of All Saints' Church, Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, by six clergymen serving in parishes in the diocese. The peal is the first ever recorded in the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association by a band consisting solely of clerical ringers. It is thought that the peal is the first by clergymen of the church in Wales.

The peal was rung in honour of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. R. Hallett, curate of Llantarnam, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon., by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. The remainder of the band are incumbents in the diocese: Rev. N. C. Weight (Llanddewi-Fach), Rev. F. A. Oswell (Rector of Machen), Rev. R. A. Sluman (Vicar of Blaenavon). Rev. I. J. Richards (Vicar of Crumlin), Rev. Rhys Morris (Vicar of Llanfrechfa and Rural Dean of Pontypool).

It is interesting to note that four of the clergy are in the Pontypool Rural Deanery. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by the Vicar of Llanfrechfa and Mrs. Morris, and were joined by the churchwardens, Messrs. G. D. Stevens and R. E. R. Smith, and their wives. The band wish to express their sincere thanks to the Vicar of Llanfrechfa for the use of the bells and for the kind hospitality at the Vicarage and to Mr. R. E. R. Smith, captain of the Llanfrechfa band, for making arrangements for the peal and showing such keen interest in the attempt.

AN AUSTRALIAN TRIBUTE

To the memory of Mr. William Short, a quarter peal of Doubles (120 Norfolk, 120 Old, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Antelope and 240 Grandsire) was rung at All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., by the following: W. H. Short (his son, St. Mary's, Sydney) 1, K. G. Stacey (St. James', Turramurra) 2, A. R. Botting (All Saints', Parramatta) 3, E. B. McDonald (St. Mary's, Sydney) 4, W. M. Rowe (conductor, St. Jude's, Randwick) 5, T. Howell (All Saints', Parramatta) 6.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

SUBSCRIPTION RAISED TO 4s.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild half-yearly meeting was held at Spalding on September 9th, over 90 members attending. The Vicar (the Rev. M. H. R. Synge) welcomed the meeting to Spalding.

A very welcome visitor was Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, who spoke of his pleasure at being present and offered greetings from the members of his Association. The Guild Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, who was in the chair, said he was sure the members all hoped that Mr. Pratt would have a happy holiday in England and asked him to take back to the Irish Association best wishes from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The chief business was the passing of a new draft of Guild rules replacing the ones that had been in existence since the Guild's formation. The only controversial rule was that dealing with finance. The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray, explained that the cost of the annual report and other expenses had so greatly increased that it was impossible to maintain the present standard without a substantial increase in the members' subscriptions. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that the annual subscription for ringing members should be raised to 4s.

The four retiring representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. A. Freeman and John Freeman, were re-elected.

It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. G. H. Clark, of Heckington, the Guild's oldest member, expressing best wishes.

Mr. A. Farr made excellent arrangements, the ladies provided a grand tea, there was ringing for every taste, all contributing to a very successful meeting.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual cup contest was held at Monk Bretton on September 9th. Six bands entered the draw and the result of the ringing was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	
Mixed Band ...	497	0	497
Sandal	218	0	218
Shelley 'B' ...	145	35	190
Cawthorne	95	0	95
Shelley 'A'	93	5	98
Silkstone	Rung out		

Cawthorne were the winners and hold the cup for twelve months. Mr. H. Roberts, of Kirkburton, and Mr. E. Short, of Sprotborough, were the judges, and Mr. L. A. Williams, Monk Bretton, was the marker.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. Hodgson) presented the cup to the conductor of the winning team.

DEDICATION

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX

The restored ring of five bells at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Amberley, silent for 16 years, was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. G. H. Warde) at morning service on Sunday, September 17th. Ringing preceded the service.

The Bishop congratulated the parishioners on their effort in raising almost all the money necessary for the complete restoration of the church roof and bells within 18 months.

As a reply to those who considered the Church of England dead, the Bishop instanced the effort made in the Archdeaconry of Chichester alone, where over £100,000 has been raised for restoration work, apart from normal church expenses.

The bells are a ring by Robert Catlin, dated 1742, and have been tuned and rehung with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, with the addition of the push down bar type of Ellacombe ringing apparatus.

The Rev. H. D. Mullett, Vicar, was assisted in the service by the Rev. J. Mullett, M.A., his son, curate of All Hallows', Tottenham. The collection was allocated to the Diocesan Ordination Candidates Fund.

Extracting False Courseheads in Treble Bob Methods 45

HALF-LEAD SYSTEM.

Ever since method ringing was first practised there has been a relatively small number of men who have interested themselves in composition with its problem of avoiding repetition of rows.

With the introduction of the Treble Bob Hunt this problem became more involved since Treble Bob provided alternative positions for the recurrence of rows.

In the early days the procedure for producing the Proof Scale of a method was haphazard and often resulted in error, and until comparatively recent times was so laborious that only a few enthusiasts took any interest in the subject, which remained a closed book to the great mass of ringers.

But during the last twenty years or so an increasing number of ringers have been attracted to this branch of the art with the inevitable result that the procedure of the early days has been superseded by systems which are much shorter and (if we exclude the human element) infallible.

One such system was placed before the Exercise by Mr. G. L. Joyce in 1928, and was later modified by the late A. G. Driver. More recently alternative systems have been produced by Messrs. C. K. Lewis and M. Hodgson. These three systems have now been presented together in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's latest publication, Mr. Driver's modification being described by Mr. E. A. Barnett and the two later systems by their respective authors.

Each system is lucidly described in detail, examples shown, and the necessary tables given in full for Mr. Hodgson's procedure the application of which to Royal and Maximus as well as Major is dealt with. The booklet also includes a system for determining legitimate leadheads from the half-leads.

The expert will find much food for thought in a comparison of the systems, while the novice will find an easily comprehensible introduction to a field of investigation wherein much remains to be explored. This is indeed a most valuable little booklet for those who are interested in the fascinating subject of Method Proof and is a worthy addition to the excellent series of booklets published by Mr. Corrigan.

This, I understand, will be the last to be issued until the Collection of Peals is ready in a year or two, and the thanks of the Exercise are due to Mr. Corrigan for having undertaken (at severe financial loss to himself) a series of publications covering subjects not hitherto dealt with by official books.

It would be a pity if these publications had to be dropped through lack of support with the consequent loss of a source of much valuable information.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

In spite of the bus strike, the last quarterly meeting of the year held at Wanstead on September 23rd was exceptionally well attended. Wanstead is very much alive these days and its people are becoming very bell-conscious, largely due to the efforts of the Master, Mr. J. Chalk, the evidence being the large number of honorary members from this area.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. —. Gates, who extended a cordial greeting to the large congregation.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. B. Petty, the local towerkeeper, and the sumptuous tea was 'on the house.' Many of the younger members took the opportunity of trying their hands at spliced ringing on this charming six.

Ringing continued at Woodford in the evening, and here the art is being kept very much alive by the enthusiasm of Mr. C. Morss. Altogether a very enjoyable meeting.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

THE third annual August Bank Holiday peal week started on Saturday, August 5th, in glorious weather, and the handy octave at Thurcaston was the first tower on the list.

Thurcaston, a small village 4½ miles north-west of Leicester, situated in a delightful spot at the foot of the Charnwood Hills, was the birthplace of Hugh Latimer, son of a local farmer. Here was the first church he saw, its Norman doorway the first through which he passed, the font with a shallow bowl at which he was baptised, and its tower has the grinning gargoyles he may once have gazed upon in childlike wonder.

Six members of the party had an opportunity to make notes of the church, waiting some 45 minutes for the arrival of the 'Pot Bank twins,' which they did, only after the six had started for Cambridge Minor.

Back at St. Margaret's, Leicester, by early afternoon, minus our 'Ernest' and plus 'Alan,' the band split up into two quartettes for simultaneous handbell peals. The 'race' resulted in the youngsters finishing first, which was to be expected because two of the 'old 'uns' are now 'converts.'

AMBITION REALISED.

After tea, John Bramley bade us good-bye and good hunting until the following Thursday. However, with Ernest back again, the party made off to the Loughborough Foundry. How fortunate to have such a handy ring of bells and, as one member added, smoking allowed in the belfry, too! Ernest was on the spot with 'Let's try Cambridge non-conducted,' which he said had been on his shelf for close on 30 odd years, and so, as recorded in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' was the first non-conducted peal of Surprise in the diocese.

Sunday morning found the P.B. twins travelling by Midland Red bus at 8 a.m. for the Trotman residence in Warwickshire, Stedman Triples being rung on handbells conducted by the host in the absence of wife and family.

The afternoon found the party in St. Margaret's Schools. There we welcomed a new visitor in Joe Ling, from Carlisle Cathedral. Various touches from Minor to Maximus on handbells were rung until tea time, after which we met for evening service ringing on the twelve at St. Margaret's.

The second day of the week we met at Kibworth, which bestrides the main Leicester-London road. The church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid (often erroneously printed Wilfred), is in the Decorated style. Here the bells were raised in peal and set going to Stedman Triples, young Alan calling 'ye bobs.' The surprise of the peal was that it was the first of Stedman on the bells, which have been an eight for over 40 years.

Outside we were met by Sam Pinder and his son. Then followed a 16-mile journey to Kettering, where Messrs. Charles W. Bird and Pat Chapman, of the local band, and Harry Pettitt (Wellingborough) welcomed the tourists. Kettering belfry contains a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1729. The peal we rang here was performed under ideal conditions, and was Pat Chapman's first peal of Stedman.

Ashby Folville Church, set in pastoral surroundings, contains an octave difficult to beat for its weight. Here 'Go Bristol' was called by J.W.F.T. and the bells came into rounds after 3 hours 3 minutes. Some critics might wonder at the time taken. Would that they had heard parts of the peal, and we recall the words of a famous ringer (now passed hence): 'Until a band can vary the "tempo" by so much as a nod can they be classed as ringers.'

The late arrival of 'the colts' at Loughborough Campanile necessitated Ernest leaving. Alan decided to ring 6-7 to Grandsire Triples with another colt conducting. After 30 minutes' ringing it was 'curtains,' the seventh having been called in the hunt and (never let it be said) out at ——.

Kegworth, some 17 miles north of Leicester, was the objective on Wednesday. At the church gate we were met by Mr. F. Sutton, who has been a ringer here for 60 years. The peal was the highlight of the week. After bidding good-bye to Mr. Sutton, the party wended its way to Loughborough Campanile. Ernest had other things to attend to, reducing the party to seven. With the help of Mr. J. P. Fidler we started for non-conducted New Cambridge Major. After 1¼ hours' ringing a change course spelt finis.

The fifth day of the week saw the party at Hugglescote, where Mr. H. Over greeted the visitors. The bells 'go like tops,' and we found conditions best when opened out. Pitstow's Superlative came round non-conducted after 3 hours 18 minutes. After a run through the heart of Charnwood Forest, Sileby was reached. New Cambridge was brought round on these, the heaviest pealable eight in the diocese, after 3 hours 43 minutes. We certainly did not 'thresh 'em' (to coin a saying of an old M.C.A. stalwart), and the ease with which the tenor ringer put his bell in its place was a pleasure to see.

Mr. Joseph W. Cotten, of Overseal, had made arrangements for Friday—Measham in the morning and his own tower for the afternoon. Measham, formerly in Derbyshire, was transferred to Leicestershire in 1897. The peal, Bristol Surprise, was rung non-conducted, and in the afternoon Superlative was tapped off in quick time. John Bramley scored his first in the method at both towers.

A FIRST CLASS JOB.

Saturday, the last day of the tour, saw the party assembled at St. Margaret's, Leicester, where Fred Grocott called and also made a first-class job of turning in the heaviest bell in the diocese to Yorkshire Surprise Major. This was the first of Surprise Major on these bells (not the first of Major as supplied to 'The Ringing World'). Young Alan proved to be a first-class right-hand man on the seventh.

Claybrooke was the final tower, and our new discovery tenor man called Cambridge Surprise Major. This is certainly one of the most remarkable octaves—a tenor in E flat and under 14 cwt. and not as some would think without 'breath.' The church possesses a chancel comparable with that of any small church in the land. The beauty of its proportions is enhanced by the lovely flowery tracery of the seven windows which shed light so serenely upon it. The base of the mediæval screen, with its sculptured foliage, has been preserved, and the nave is remarkable for its ancient roof with its great gallery of heads and figures, men and women, saints and grotesque, all sculptured here with piety and fantasy.

A farewell handbell peal of Double Norwich was ticked off by the malingerers on Sunday, giving a total of 12 tower-bell peals and four peals 'in hand'—another record in the history of peal ringing in the area. Even Ernest with nearly 1,250 peals to his credit had never rung so many in so little time before.

Those taking part in the tour were Fred E. Wilshaw and Fred W. Grocott (Stoke-on-Trent), Joe Ling (Carlisle Cathedral), Frank Trotman (Nuneaton), Ernest Morris and John Bramley (St. Margaret's, Leicester), Alan Cattell (All Saints', Leicester), John J. Morris (Countesthorpe) and W. P. Whitehead (Barwell). The thanks of the band are extended to incumbents and local ringers of towers visited who helped to make the tour such a success. W. P. W.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HERTS.—On Sept. 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 600 Plain Bob: H. W. Pratt 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. Clements 3, G. Carter 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

National Police Guild

FIRST LADY MEMBER

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held in London on September 16th with the usual success associated with this event. Members were present from Manchester, Leicester, Birmingham, Bristol, Northants, Kent and other places. The early arrivals were catered for on the ring of eight at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

Lunch was taken at the Euston Tavern, about 90 being present. Amongst the distinguished guests were Mr. E. M. Lewis, president of the C.C., Mr. T. G. Fox, Master of the College Youths, Mr. G. M. Cross, Master of the Cumberland Youths, the Rev. C. E. V. Bowkett, Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and Chief Superintendent T. W. J. Walters, of 'C' Division, Metropolitan Police. The guests and visitors were welcomed by the president, Inspector H. J. Poole.

Mr. Lewis humorously observed that his only police association was in his capacity in early business days as a copper refiner. Mr. Walters also responded and said he hoped, when leisure permitted, to take up active ringing again.

During the afternoon ringing took place at St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The ringing ranged from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise.

The business meeting was held after tea at the Euston Tavern. The president read letters of apology for inability to attend from Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester, and others. Ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams, a vice-president, was unable to be present owing to a family bereavement, and Mr. A. W. Heath, of Cardiff, owing to the illness of his wife. It was directed that letters of sympathy and condolence be sent in each case.

A special welcome was accorded Miss Betty Lee, of the Manchester Force, the first lady member of the Guild. Evidently some of her Manchester friends thought she was worthy of distinction as she was waylaid by photographers and reporters. She was one of two new members.

There are 115 ringing members and an up-to-date balance of £12 2s.

Inspector T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, gave a report of his attendance as the Guild's representative at the C.C. meeting. He referred to the welcome given and the hospitality shown at Eastbourne, and spoke of the admirable efficiency with which the business of the meeting was conducted. It was decided that officers and committee should hold office for a term of three years. Ex-Sergeant Jenney expressed a desire to give up the secretaryship to a younger member and P.C. C. Knight, of Leicester, was appointed and will take over at the end of the year.

Ex-Sergeant Jenney was thanked for the services he had rendered as secretary and treasurer. He was elected to the committee together with P.C. Robinson, of Northampton, they superseding P.C. Gilbert and Ex-P.C. F. Page.

The death of P.C. F. Draycott, of Leicester, and of ex-P.C. G. Charge, was reported, the latter taking part in the first police peal ever rung as a member of the Metropolitan Police. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute.

It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Birmingham on September 15th, 1951.

A social evening followed the meeting when an excellent programme was provided, the singing of a section of the Metropolitan Police Male Voice Choir being greatly appreciated. The handbells were brought into use in changes with some excellent tune ringing by the Carter family of Leicester.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Station Sergeant J. A. Prior and P.C. N. Bagworth, of the Metropolitan Police for the successful arrangements H. G. J.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SILENT & 'NON-CONDUCTED' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I cannot believe that Frank Haynes is really serious when he pleads ignorance of the difference between a 'silent' and 'non-conducted' peal. Surely it is obvious that:—

(a) A silent peal is one during the course of which neither bob nor single nor any word of correction to any ringer by any ringer is made, or any effort made to correct errors in any way: and

(b) A non-conducted peal denotes that everyone on an 'inside' bell was familiar with the calling of that particular peal, and it was, therefore, unnecessary to make any calls. However, this does not mean that it was not necessary during the duration of the peal to correct the wanderings of one or more of the ringers, but this is not necessarily done by the man who would probably have been the conductor: in fact, it could have been done by several of the ringers throughout the peal, but it was still non-conducted. Errors do not always occur at calls.

Regarding umpires for these peals, I myself would be more ready to accept the word of eight ringers that a peal had been rung silent or non-conducted than I would *one* conductor whose calling may have been at fault without anyone else being aware of the fact. If we cannot accept the integrity of ringers or any conductor, then Mr. Haynes seems to suggest umpires for peals. However, I doubt very much whether those taking part are concerned with Mr. Haynes' views, but rejoice in the knowledge that their peals were as published—silent or non-conducted.

A final word about the abbreviations. Surely it is up to you, sir, whether you print abbreviations of compositions as sent in or put them in full.

I remember suggesting in your columns some time ago that St. Martin's, Birmingham, should display times of ringing in the church porch so that visitors could be enlightened. The reason it was not possible to do so, we were told by their captain through 'The Ringing World,' was that there was a shortage of paper! Perhaps the same reason applies now when we should endeavour to keep our peal reports restricted to a proportion in relation to far more important happenings in the daily round and common task of a ringer.

'TRAVELLER.'

Barwell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

Dear Sir,—As one of the members of the recent Midland Counties Tour, may I be permitted to reply to Mr. F. E. Haynes, of Smethwick?

(1) The number of ringers available for the tour was at a minimum. I personally wrote to invite eight more to join us, with no avail, as they were already committed either to work or holiday arrangements.

(2) I wrote out and submitted to Mr. W. P. Whitehead what I considered to be a fair and accurate description of our activities, which was self-explanatory as to the reason for our non-conducted efforts. As above, there was no one available to act as umpire; so few ringers, in fact, it was once decided to ring Grandsire Triples with Alan Cattell ringing two bells!

(3) If the 'stars and daggers' had been fully used in the peal columns it would have been very apparent that our treble ringer, although no one would fault him on his striking, was not an experienced Treble Bob man, and occasionally 'dodge with me in 5-6 or 3-4' was indicated by a wave of the hand.

I would like to say here that in the peals in question there was not a single occasion in which any indication was made by those concerned, although in two cases at least they only had the composition five minutes before the start and every bob was made perfectly.

(4) Mr. Haynes has apparently misread his 'Ringing World' with description of the 'heaviest bells in the country.' Mine reads 'First peal of Major on these bells, which are the heaviest in the diocese.'

Perhaps 'W.A.L.' can let me have his address and I will write and ask him to umpire at least one peal on August Monday, 1951, as already we are hoping to 'have another go' next year.—Yours sincerely,

FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.

'THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE'

Dear Sir,—I feel I must defend my comments on 'The Nature of the Universe,' which earned Mr. Hunt's tirade.

Firstly, let me say that the article was written by one who professes to be a Christian, that it was written in all seriousness, and that it quite obviously is conjecture

Secondly, I do not see any proof in quoting selected passages from the Scriptures. I once tried to find a proverb to illustrate brotherliness, but couldn't; there are plenty against it.

Thirdly, it is my own experience that the greater one's knowledge of science, the more is one's conviction of God's presence. The more one knows of nature, the more one realises what one doesn't, and this is a startling demonstration of God's infinite wisdom. Darwin's Theory of Evolution was, and still is by some, greeted with uncompromising unbelief, yet to many thousands of thinking Christians it is a revelation of Creation.

Lastly, Hoyle's own criticism of Christianity in his book is, in my opinion, hopelessly ill-reasoned. Perhaps this will convince Mr. Hunt that I can think for myself.—Yours sincerely,

B. D. PRICE.

10, Greenland Road, Brynmawr, Brec.

WHICH VERSION OF THE CREATION?

Dear Sir,—Having listened with interest to some of Fred Hoyle's broadcasts and subsequently noted with approval your leading article on 'The Nature of the Universe,' it is obvious that under Mr. Hunt's terms I stand cast out from among all 'right thinking' people. Such summary ejection is my excuse for writing in protest to his letter in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated Sept. 22nd.

Mr. Hunt demands that we accept the story of the creation in Genesis. May one ask which one? The one given from Genesis, ch. i., v. 1-ch. ii., v. 4, or the one ch. ii., v. 4-ch. ii., v. 25? All of it is, I suppose, the answer. How then are we to account for the fact that animal and vegetable life having been created in Genesis, ch. i., v. 25, and followed by the creation of man and woman in v. 26, we are then told in ch. ii., v. 5 that man was not yet created, and so God formed man first and followed this by the formation of animal and vegetable life? This is, of course, one of many, and by no means the most glaring, contradictions in the Old Testament.

I suggest that it is far more reasonable to accept modern Biblical scholarship with its theories of the amalgamation of different oral traditions and legends than to suggest that the Almighty couldn't make up his mind whether He created human or animal life first.

Mr. Hunt seems to think that science must stand in contradiction to religion. Because the writer of Genesis has been proved unacceptable as a scientist his religious sense is not thereby diminished. The important truth which he was stressing was that God was responsible for the universe, the earth and the life on it. The manner of its occurrence is a subject of secondary importance, for which each age will, doubtless, have its theory. Consequently it is quite possible to accept modern thought on the nature of the universe and at the same time be in complete accordance with the religious essentials of Genesis, ch. i. and ii.

Southampton. MADELINE M. CROFT.

'Campanalogia'

Dear Sir,—I have some information which may be of interest to Mr. A. J. Farr, of Spalding, Lincs

The earliest book devoted to ringing as an art is 'Tintannalogia.' Its date is 1668, and there are probably no more than three copies in existence. Next came 'Campanalogia,' published in 1667. Further information about these books can be found in J. Armiger Trollope's scholarly treatise, 'The College Youths,' page 18, *et seq.* A second edition of 'Campanologia' appeared in 1702, and a *corrected* edition of this in 1705. There was a third edition in 1733. There was at least one copy of each of these books in the collection of the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk. It is interesting to recall that the British Museum gladly accepted the Cambridge University Guild's offer of his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1942, as they had no copy. I should say that Mr. Farr's book is a second edition 'Campanalogia'—probably the 1702 edition.

In 1788, the first edition of the 'New Campanalogia,' by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, was printed. There were only 500 copies of this. A second edition of this was published in 1796, having additional poetry on bells at the end. In 1776 appeared a 'Campanalogia' by Monk. All these books are of interest to the connoisseur. I have copies of the 1788 and 1796 editions, the former being incomplete, and Monk's book. Any book on change ringing before 1800 is, I think, a comparative rarity, but books printed in the nineteenth century are to be found occasionally. There were still further editions of the 1788 book in the course of the last century, but they have no great value except to ringers personally.

I have held over mention of Shipway's 'Campanalogia' until last. It appeared in 1816. Trollope had a high opinion of it (vide 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, page 527), and called it 'the best of its kind we possess.' I have no idea of the number of original copies existing. Perhaps someone interested in this aspect of the art will come forward with fuller information about the early books?

Southampton. KENNETH S. B. CROFT.

LEARNERS AND OTHER BELLS

Sir,—I have always been of the opinion that until a learner is fully capable of handling a bell in his or her tower, the learner should not under any consideration be allowed, even under supervision, to touch a rope in another tower.

After the unfortunate accident at St. Albans Abbey, I hope that Ringing Masters will insist that the necessary standard has been reached in all cases, without exception.

Fortunately accidents in a belfry are rare, but it is suggested that a small medicine chest might be considered as an essential item in every ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. HOUSDEN

25, Cranbourne Avenue,
Wanstead, E.11.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER

Dear Sir,—I note that the College Youths' annual dinner has been arranged for Saturday, November 11th, which is the day before Remembrance Sunday, and there were, I think, similar arrangements last year.

The selection of this date will probably mean that some members from the country will be unable to attend the dinner if they are to be in their own church for the Remembrance Sunday morning service.

I think this point might be considered by the committee in future years, as there must be some of us who feel that our rightful place on this important Sunday is in our own belfry and, possibly, choir, instead of spending the Sunday morning travelling home and possibly 'enjoying' a meal supplied by British Railways. Western Region.—Yours truly,

Bridgwater. H. J. CANN, Major.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. JONATHAN CORBETT.

Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost one of its most popular officers by the death on Sept. 27th of Mr. Jonathan Corbett, of Sunnyside, Bagshot, Surrey. He had been in failing health for several months and was 74 years of age.

Bagshot was his native village. Here he spent his life as a builder and as a faithful servant of the church, singing in the choir for almost 60 years and also rendering service in the belfry for an equally long period.

Before the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild he was a member of the old Winchester Guild. Although Bagshot was difficult of access, he attended many meetings in those distant days and took part in a number of peals. He brought friendliness wherever he went, and his love of ringing and bells gained for him a wide circle of friends.

A close friend of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World,' he was appointed hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in succession to the late Admiral P. T. Walker about 1932. He held this office until his death, serving the Guild in a most conscientious manner.

Mr. Corbett was also a prominent Freemason and held provincial rank. He is survived by a widow and three daughters.

The funeral service was held at Bagshot Parish Church last Saturday and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Banks Jones). The church was filled to capacity.

Among the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild present were Mr. A. Harman (Master) and Mrs. Harman, Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Grover, Messrs. A. H. Pulling (vice-president), C. Hazelden (hon. librarian), C. W. Denyer (Master, Farnham District, also representing Major H. J. Cann), S. Joyce (hon. secretary, Farnham District), W. Viggers, A. Chaffey, E. Coward, T. W. White, C. Ayres, H. Hunt, F. Hall and E. Dowson (Bagshot).

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled to Stedman and Grandsire Triples by members of the Guild. The interment was in Bagshot Cemetery.

MR. W. H. SEABROOK.

Mr. W. H. Seabrook collapsed after driving to business on the morning of August 31st and passed away on September 5th at his home at Surbiton, Surrey, in his 66th year. His remains were cremated at Streatham Park on September 9th, and the service was conducted by the Provost of Southwark Cathedral.

Mr. Seabrook was a 'Friend of Southwark Cathedral' and had been a ringer there for many years. He set a good example of 'loyal friendship,' the quality most needed, and was always ready to make up the band. He had enjoyed ringing in 607 different towers and often referred to the many friendly ringers he had met especially during the tours of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. He gave special praise to Mr. Mabbs and ringers at Hartlip during his visit to Rochester and district last Easter Monday, and, again, last Whit Monday he was pleased to have his friends, J. Hawkins and A. Coles, with him during his visits to Wicken and surrounding towers. He was with us at a reunion of St. Andrew's, Holborn, ringers, arranged by Mr. Hawkins at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on July 23rd last.

We will remember his company with pleasure, as will his business colleagues at Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., with whom he served without fail for 36 years. It was always his wish that Southwark Cathedral bells should be open to all ringers, and it is hoped that that will ever be possible. JOHN EUSTON.

MR. HARRY PRICE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Price, of Stratford-on-Avon, on September 21st, after a short illness.

Born at Netherton, Worcs, 72 years ago, he learnt to ring in his native village. Later his work in connection with the brewing industry took him to Lamberhurst, Kent, where for some years he enjoyed ringing with his old friend, Albert Relfe, and the local band.

On moving to Bromsgrove, he rang many peals, most of which were conducted by the late Mr. Bob Matthews. His coming to live in Stratford-on-Avon 16 years ago was a big help to the local band, who mourn his passing. A first-class striker, he was quick to condemn indifferent ringing. He rang nearly 200 peals in a large variety of methods. The only peal he conducted was one of Minor in seven methods at Lamberhurst.

The funeral service was held in the Parish Church, Stratford-on-Avon, on September 25th and was followed by cremation at Perry Barr, Birmingham.

In the evening the bells of Holy Trinity were rung half-muffled to 1,277 Grandsire Caters by W. Cocking 1, F. C. Lyne 2, J. A. Print 3, C. A. Manning 4, J. Findon 5, R. C. Chapman 6, H. Huxley 7, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 8, C. R. Steed 9, F. Kinchin 10.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET

An outing which had been long awaited by the ringers of Shepton Beauchamp and several from the surrounding towers took place on September 9th. The coach took the road at 4.30 a.m., and after a circular tour of the villages set off with a full complement at 5.30 a.m. for Loughborough. A stop was made at Cheltenham for breakfast, and after a long but pleasant run, we arrived at Loughborough at 12.10.

Here we were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who had made all the arrangements for us. An excellent lunch was taken at the Eagle, and then we were escorted to the foundry, where several people tolled 'Great George,' the bourdon bell for Liverpool Cathedral. After an interesting tour of the foundry, most of us made our first acquaintance with the foundry bells, which caused some trepidation when they were tried for the first time.

We next went to the Park, where we had a good look round the War Memorial Tower (surely one of the best war memorials in the country), and were then privileged to hear a recital on the very fine carillon. At the Parish Church we were met by the Vicar, who spoke most kindly to 'we Zummerzet volk,' and we rang on the glorious ten. An excellent high tea was enjoyed at the Eagle, and then we returned to the foundry for the last hour. Everyone had a ring on these bells, and after the initial strangeness of ringing this extremely light ten had worn off, most of us acquitted ourselves quite well.

We said regretful goodbyes to Mr. Fidler, and set out for home (185 miles distant) at 6.30. The journey was uneventful, except for a slight departure from the route at Coventry. We arrived home at 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, tired but happy, after a very pleasant day. We should like to express our very grateful thanks to Mr. Fidler, and to Mr. R. Beale, who first raised the idea of this ambitious and most successful outing. J. W. D.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Howell 1, Miss J. E. Hills (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. Chinnery 3, A. Reeves 4, A. Hammond (first of Minor) 5, J. Armstrong (first as cond.) 6.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Heather Logan (first quarter) 1, B. Harris 2, G. K. Dodd 3, G. F. Sperring 4, S. Holmes (first of Minor) 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS.

The August meeting at Cookham, despite the 'Four Guilds' counter-attraction, was the usual successful gathering of about 60 persons, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London being rung.

The September meeting at Penn was also attended by about 60 ringers. Over 20 new members were welcomed to the branch, and an excellent tea (and supper) was provided by the locals. Methods and rounds were attempted to suit all, but one lot of Spliced came 'unstuck.'

A local Society has been formed, and the Deputy Branch Ringing Master, Mr. R. Biggs, is doing some most useful work instructing the beginners. The hope was expressed that it would not be long before the party revisited Penn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HUNTS DISTRICT.

What is said to have been the best meeting in the Hunts district of the Ely Diocesan Association for many years took place at St. Neots on September 23rd. More than 40 ringers from the county and from Beds, Cambs, Northants and Norfolk took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening.

Surprise methods were very popular and Cambridge, Yorkshire, London, Bristol, and Superlative were all rung with success, as well as methods such as Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, and rounds for the less advanced.

At the business meeting, the Rev. L. Galley, Vicar of St. Neots, was in the chair, and Great Staughton was selected for the October meeting.

The Hunts district now holds regular monthly meetings and has quite a high membership for so small a county. The meetings are very popular and never fail to attract visiting ringers, who always find a warm welcome. S. G.

CREWE RINGER'S WEDDING

At Crewe, on September 23rd, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Kerr, a local ringer, to Miss Kathleen Youde. Unfortunately, after three hours' good ringing, with only four courses to go, one of the bells cast rope and the peal was lost.

The happy couple left for London, and thence to Switzerland, while the ringing was still in progress, and the band would like to take this opportunity to offer their congratulations and wish them health and happiness in their marriage.

The following ringers took part in the attempt: J. Holloway 1, R. D. Langford 2, I. Nichols 3, H. Holding 4, R. T. Holding 5, T. W. Lamb 6, G. A. Packer (conductor) 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8, J. N. Lindon 9, W. Edge 10. G. A. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Despite bad weather, there was an attendance of 40 members at the East Norfolk Branch meeting at Norton Subcourse on September 9th. The Rev. O. Morris conducted the service and tea was arranged by Mr. G. Walpole and the local company.

At the business meeting ratification took place of belfry elections of G. A. Cook (Ashtead), W. Sidwell (Carlisle) and G. R. Poules (Winterton), and new members elected were Miss Joy Randing (Lowestoft) and H. J. Smith (Halvergate). Tribute to the memory of Mr. G. Mayers was paid by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and the members stood in silence. A joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on November 4th was announced.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and those who made the tea arrangements were proposed by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard). Ringing was resumed after tea, and some of the company visited Raveningham Church.

Outings

GUILSBOROUGH BRANCH.

Guilsborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild had their second outing of the 'season,' when a party of 28 toured Bedfordshire.

Ringing took place at Sharnbrook, Milton Ernest, Bromham (where they were joined by Mr. R. C. Noon and Mr. H. Wooding) and Turvey, which had been visited the same day by the Willesden band. Tea was served at Bedford. Thanks are due to all who welcomed the party to their towers.

CYCLING TOUR IN KENT.

Youthful Essex was well to the fore on Sept. 2nd, when nine representatives from Barking, Dagenham, Hornchurch and Stanford-le-Hope set out for a tour of North Kent. Transport was strictly limited to bicycles, although doubts were expressed about one 'pantechnicon' brought along!

The rendezvous was Tilbury Ferry, where the Hornchurch trio were joined by the rest of the party in time to see the last two cars taken aboard. The passenger ferry was pressed into service, however, and the party arrived safely at Gravesend.

The first tower was Milton-next-Gravesend, where Mr. Mitchell awaited us and Stedman Triples was satisfactorily brought home with his assistance. The ringing was unfortunately curtailed owing to a wedding.

The party adjourned to a nearby cafe for 'elevenses' before proceeding to Cobham. Here the rather heavy-going six were rung to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent, although more than one person had difficulty in striking the fifth properly! After the fine tomb and brasses in the church had been inspected and admired, a start was made for Meopham, lunch being partaken beside a haystack.

The party, minus one, then went on to Meopham, where the delightful eight were rung to the standard 'three' as well as call changes for the members of the local band, who very kindly met us. The odd member, sad to relate, had lost his pipe and returned posthaste to Cobham in an attempt to retrieve it. This vital mission being successfully accomplished, he rejoined the main party in time to stand in a touch of Stedman.

The advent of the man who has to work for his living now made the party up to its full strength of ten, and the cavalcade headed for Ash-by-Wrotham, where it was met by two charming young ladies. Ringing on this light six included Spliced Kent and Oxford and Cambridge Minor, the latter being a welcome chance for most of the band, since opportunity for ringing this or other Surprise methods is rare in the home territory.

Tea was obtained at Farningham en route to Bexley. An advance party was pushed ahead as we were getting behind schedule, but 120 Bob Doubles with the aid of three of the local band soon brought along the remainder of the party. Some good ringing on this merry eight included Erin Triples.

A final push brought the party to Eltham, where some of the best ringing of the day was heard on this delightful light eight. The ringing here concluded with three well-struck courses of Stedman.

Home was now the main objective, but those who were still thinking of 'eats' enjoyed a light supper at a roadside cafe. There it was unanimously decided that the tour had been a great success and the ringing well above average. A vote of thanks to David Beard for organising the trip and producing some very pretty time-tables was unanimously passed. The route home was by way of Woolwich Tunnel.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Harris 1, H. Commins 2, Miss J. Tattersall 3, D. T. North 4, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 5, F. Burton 6. Rung prior to the opening of the church fete.

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BIRTH

GREENWOOD.—On Sept. 29th, 1950, at St. Luke's Hospital, to Mary (nee Byram) and Joseph Greenwood, 116, Wessenden Head Road, Meltham, the gift of a son. 7692

MARRIAGE

PADDON—CRIPPS. — On Saturday, Sept. 9th, 1950, at Appledore Parish Church, by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Mayne), William Albert Paddon, Griffin Cottages, Appledore, to Lucy Kate Cripps, 39, High Street, Appledore. 7678

DEATH

HEATHCOTE.—On Sept. 29th, 1950, William C. S. Heathcote, of 11, Clarence Street, Edinburgh, conductor of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church ringers, in his 82nd year. 7695

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MEETINGS

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Erdington, Oct. 7th. Bells at Parish Church (8) at 3 p.m. Bells at R.C. Abbey (8) at 7.30 p.m. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual general meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Church Room. 7611

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7676

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 7th, 955th dedication festival at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking. Ringing 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Advise for tea H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 7635

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. 7663

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Ticknall, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 7671

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7653

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Grayshott (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 6 to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 7636

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cropredy, Oct. 7th. Service 4. Tea. Wardington evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West. 7651

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 7th. St. Marie's (8) 2.30 and Cathedral (12) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7657

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting at Barking (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. V. Gant. 7666

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Michaelmas Term, Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Great St. Andrew's, 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. New members please contact A. W. T. Cleaver, Downing. 7645

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 14th, St. Mary's, Merton (just rehung), 2.15 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Clapham Common, 3.45 to 5; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 to 8, business following; Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, 7.45. 7675

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mellons, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Quarterly, Warkton (5), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m., Weekley (6) in evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Special business—farewell to branch president. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 7640

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting, West Clandon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Merrow (6) afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 9th, please, otherwise you've had it.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford. 7647

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7660

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Potter annual commemoration dinner will be held at King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. St. Mary's bells available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7673

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Lincoln, St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6), Oct. 14th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7650

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 14th, at Canterbury. Bells available, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's, from 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. and after tea; St. Dunstan's ,2.30 to 4.15 and after tea. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea (cash enclosed, 1s. 9d. per head), together with any nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 11th. —B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7662

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 14th, St. Mary's, Bathwick. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea essential by 10th to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 7685

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Meeting at Norton St. Philip, Oct. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Angell, Lyde Green, Norton St. Philip. 7680

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Oct. 14th. Bells of St. Mary's from 2 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's 6 to 9 p.m. Tea at 3s. 6d. for all who notify by first post Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 7697

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5 at Denbigh Arms. Business to follow. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 7705

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Ticehurst (6), Oct. 14th. Tea at Bell Hotel. Names to me by Oct. 12th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7700

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Shouldham, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7693

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Oct. 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7684

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 3 p.m. Six bells. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 11th.—K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 7688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Tea (own arrangements) 4.15. Business meeting, College Room, adjoining church, 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7701

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bring own food. Bus services from Preston Nos. 1, P26 and 29; from Blackburn No. 1.—L. Walmsley. 7689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Milnrow, St. James', Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. For tea notify before Wednesday, 11th, Mr. A. Withnell, 34, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow. 7686

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7707

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea in Vicarage 4.30. Names by Oct. 1th to C. W Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield. 7681

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Leicester Districts. — A joint meeting at Kibworth, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Railway Hotel. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 7690

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District. — Meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business. — T. J. Lock, District Sec. 7682

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 7706

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the North and West Norfolk Branches will take place at Shipdham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cafe. Names or numbers by Tuesday, 10th, please, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 7702

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. onwards. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 11th, please, to B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 7687

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice, Wolverton (6 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 14th, from 6 p.m..—D. Cane. 7698

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 7712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Erdbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool 23. 7708

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Oct. 14th, 3. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 7711

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—First post-war annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 21st, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later.—Dinner Committee. 7630

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A joint meeting of the North and North-East Branches at South Molton on Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Honeycomb Cafe 5. Names for tea by Oct. 17th to Miss B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7691

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st, Wheathampstead, 2.30 to 4.30. Tea in Wheathampstead Church Hall 5 p.m. Sandridge 6.30 p.m. —T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7709

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Notify by Tuesday, 17th. —William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 7683

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7703

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Other towers in the district available after the business meeting. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Oct. 17th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7704

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Edenham, near Bourne, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7699

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Coseley, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 17th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. —Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7694

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.—After rededication open meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Short service 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 19th to Elwick, 19, St. Mary's Crescent, Whitby. 7679

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice.—Owing to difficulty in booking suitable accommodation, the *festival* date has been altered from Oct. 21st to Nov. 4th. Dinner, 6.15, at the Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate, *Loughborough*. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) from H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on receipt of remittance. Ringing details later. 7665

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, A. G. Betts 2, W. Reeks 3, G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. J. C. Holway 6, J. Salway (first in method as cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

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