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GREETINGS

PROBABLY the uppermost thought in most adult minds as Christmas approaches is 'greetings,' good wishes for every happiness to friends far and near. And such greetings and remembrances are all the more treasured when times are troublous. The first Christmas came in troublous times; a whole country was in a turmoil over a census which a harsh invader had imposed on the Jewish people, for which each head of the family had to go to his native village. It was a time when conveyances were primitive. Imagine such circumstances today if each had to go to his birthplace, with a complete disregard for housing conditions. Amid such an upheaval came the infant Christ to this earth. Although the circumstances of His birth were of the lowliest, yet His reception was accompanied by heavenly grandeur as heavenly hosts sang their praises and greetings—'Peace on earth and goodwill towards men.'

It is this message of 'Peace on earth and goodwill towards men' that the bells will be saying to mankind as Christmas Day is ushered in. Try and visualise the picture in that New Zealand belfry where the first Christmas bells of 1950 will be rung. Probably it is a young New Zealander, who has been trained by those who have settled in the Dominion from this country, who, in the time-honoured phrase, will say, 'Look to, the treble's going, she's gone.' The global message has been started on the bells of Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton, Papanui and Wellington, and with it go the greetings and best wishes of those New Zealand ringers.

Within three hours the refrain will be started again in Australia. Mr. W. H. Rowe has assembled with his band at St. Jude's, Randwick; there are also other companies in action, including those at Turramurra and Parramatta, names now familiar to our readers through our peal and quarter peal columns. They had not finished their music before the twelve at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, with its tenor of 31¼ cwt., take up the message, to be followed by the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, with its tenor of 41 cwt. There is new life at Adelaide; Mr. P. L. Cooper has created enthusiasm among undergraduates at the university and they have linked up with the Universities Association. Before leaving Australia we get the greetings from Mr. A. R. Wilson on behalf of the two rings at Hobart, Tasmania, separated from the mainland by a rough sea crossing.

We would like to think that the four rings of bells in India are rung to-day, but while we have readers there, letters indicate that they are ringers in exile as far as a practical contribution is made to the Exercise. The message, however, will be relayed from South Africa. It will be warm ringing in Durban now, where Mr. Chambers endeavours to keep the torch burning. There are also bells at Capetown Cathedral, Grahamstown and Woodstock.

The full majesty of the bells will be heard, however, in this country. How we would like to peep into the different belfries. As the white cliffs of Dover were reached we would see Mr. C. Turner, of Dover; upright and grey-haired, Mr. John Willis in a neighbouring seaside port. The mind goes along the South Coast to Hastings, to Eastbourne with our many new friends made as the result of the Central Council meeting, to Brighton with its past traditions where 50 years ago some of the greatest ringers of the land added new chapters of fame to English ringing.

We would pause one minute in the Campanile of Chichester Cathedral before passing to that of Portsmouth and St. Mary's, Portsea, and hope to hear the bells of All Saints', Ryde, wafted across Spithead. On to the great port of Southampton as the glorious ten of St. Mary's ring out the message, and also picture the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead greeting his ringers at St. Michael's. At Christchurch Priory we hope to find that fine old veteran George Preston, ringing from the back of a chair and proceed on to Bournemouth with enthusiastic young ringers thronging the belfries of St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road.

Greetings to that fine old College Youth, Mr. A. Macdonald, at Poole, before proceeding through the six-bell towers of Dorset, not forgetting, of course, the ten at Wimborne Minster and the eight at Lyme Regis with the Rev. C. Carew Cox and Mr. Stedman Morris (whose mind is doubtless with his Leicester friends). On into Devon with Mr. Aubrey Bennett at Buckfastleigh to Exeter with its famous towers apart from the Cathedral. We recognise Mr. C. G. Glass and Mr. E. W. Biffin before passing on to much-bombed Plymouth, the home of the Myers family, who have done so much for the maintenance of change ringing.

Cornwall, like Devon, gives much of the message of the bells in rounds and call changes, but change ringing is making progress. At Carbis Bay there will be the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Mr. Harry Miles with other

new friends ringing out across the wide Atlantic. Then come our Welsh friends—Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, with his long association with the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, Mr. F. J. Hannington, of Cardiff, and then into the area of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, with Mr. J. A. Hoare, of St. John's, Sketty. The message is taken up by the scattered towers of St. David's Guild before crossing the Channel into Ireland. Mr. F. E. Dukes will be waiting to greet us and at Holywood there will be Mr. John Dunwoody. We have other faithful ringers in old Ireland, and as we listen we can hear the bells of Limerick, whose team, conducted by Mr. B. A. Brislave, are the champions of all Ireland.

Across the Atlantic and into Canada. It is in distant Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, that our art is chiefly practised, thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. E. W. Izard and his band. To them falls the honour of giving the concluding notes of a great pæan of adoration and worship. And as the scene gradually fades out we picture sitting in his chair at Los Angeles, one far distant from his beloved bells, Ernest Weatherley. His contribution is now one of memories, and these fragrant memories of Christmasses past and present remain constant with those who realise that they are in a sense one with the angelic host, singing 'Glory to God in the highest; peace and goodwill to all men.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHRIE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	*PETER LAFLIN	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
JOHN WORTH	3	WALTER ALLMAN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
*ERIC J. GILBERT	5	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	11
†FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Laflin and Mr. Tom Hammond, of Liverpool. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Association.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	2	HERBERT LANGDON	8
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
*DAVID E. PARSONS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	6
JOHN FREEMAN	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	GEOFFREY M. MAYER	8
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	CHARLES E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Double Norwich Caters by all the band and for the Guild. Rung for the patronal festival.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

JOYCE COX	*Treble*	LESLIE A. TREMEER	6
MRS. E. F. SALMONS	2	A. YORK-BRAMBLE	7
PETER N. BOND	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	8
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
A variation of Sir A. P. Heywood's Six-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*R. D. EDGE (Queens')	*Treble*	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	5
A. R. GUY (Jesus)	2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	6
†E. CHRIS. BATER (Caius)	3	A. W. T. CLEAVER (Down.)	7
C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.)	4	P. A. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. Rung for the patronal festival.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

*DOROTHY LINTERN	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
PERCY SPARKS	2	*JACK A. LINTERN	6
EDWIN H. NASH	3	THOMAS J. SETTER	7
PERCIVAL H. HULL	4	ALBERT J. LINTERN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. E. T. Allen, M.C., M.A., upon his appointment as Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	†S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*‡PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
JILL POOLE	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major and in the method 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
CHARLES E. FISHER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
CHARLES G. SHEMMING	4	SIDNEY W. ARBON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY BARNES	*Treble*	*ARTHUR W. WARD	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	†WILLIAM H. DALE	6
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	7
ARNOLD HILL	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to W. H. Dale, also to Desmond K. B. Penny, grandson of the ringer of the treble.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	H. JAMES TURNER	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*RODERICK J. LEES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
Rung as a farewell to Mark Marshall, who joined the R.A.F. on December 7th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	*CYRIL VALENTINE	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*FRED DUNKERLEY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HAMMOND	5
*JOHN ROBERTS	2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	6
MARGARET RIDYARD	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
*GORDON CRAINE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Margaret Hammond, daughter of Mr. Thomas W. Hammond, to Mr. A. J. Oliver.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES COLES	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
*EDWIN G. MOORE	3	†EDGAR J. SMITH	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
*DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor and the first for the Guild.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	RICHARD KENDALL	5
DONALD CLIFT	2	FRED PLUMMER	6
JAMES NEWMAN	3	*HAROLD BURTON	7
ARTHUR DAY	4	†CLAUDE MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD BURTON.
* 100th peal. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*MIRIAM R. JAMES	*Treble*	*ERIC SUTTON	5
*ELIZABETH M. HANNAN	2	‡REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
†BETTY SMITH	3	*WILFRED F. WEBB	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Teno*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Eric Sutton.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*IAN D. LOMAS	*Treble*	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
*EDWARD A. JACKSON	2	†ALEC CAIRNS	6
*SYDNEY SAGE	3	JACK CLEGG	7
*NEIL D. LOMAS	4	RICHARD BENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Clegg.

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DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHRIE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS	*Treble*	ARNOLD G. MOORE	5
GEOFFREY C. BEECH	2	ARTHUR W. HALL	6
NORMAN SARGEANT	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
*RONALD BARLOW	4	FREDERICK SHELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Edward Steele, who was laid to rest at the above church on November 30th, and was the donor of the 2nd bell when the ring was augmented from six to eight.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt in A.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	OWEN A. NEEDHAM	5
*MARGARET A. SWANN	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	H. LESLIE PASK	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
WILLIAM O. TALBOT	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	3	JOHN AMBLER	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Talbot and to mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson. Also to mark the 60th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BRIAN J. HOWARD	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
BERNARD SADLER	2	PHILLIP SADLER	6
DONALD COOMBES	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	4	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
James William Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	GERALD ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 200th peal.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. W. J. VANN	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	5
WILLIAM J. VANN	2	RONALD W. GIBBONS	6
†PERCY AMOS	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	7
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	ALBERT W. GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. PHILIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
HARRY BARNES	3	ALBERT E. WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

First peal as conductor in three methods. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the mother of Mr. R. Ashworth, the local captain, who died the previous day, aged 93.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WALTER MEAD	*Treble*	*FREDK. COUPLAND	4
FREDK. G. HOOPER	2	HENRY J. CLOXTON	5
†MAURICE LEACH	3	RALPH WING	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Henry J. Cloxton, captain.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL A. MARTIN	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM HALL	4
*SAM W. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
STANLEY R. GARDNER	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A welcome to the Rt. Rev. Harold A. Maxwell, M.A., the new Vicar of Copt Oak and Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

HAXEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
JOSEPH SAXTON	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
*DONALD CHADWICK	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Bob Minor. The first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Challans, H. T. Rooke and James T. Rooke, aged seven, son of the conductor.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

STANLEY PARAGREEN	*Treble*	PETER HALLAM	4
GEORGE PICKERING	2	COLIN KIRK	5
FREDERICK WATSON	3	W. HORACE CHENEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN KIRK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony McNulty, of Corby.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*ALFRED WILKINSON	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	4
DAVID SMITH	2	HARRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	4
*GLADYS K. JARRETT	2	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First 720 of Surprise. First peal as conductor in more than one method. A birthday peal for Ronald Reader, nephew of the conductor, and Miss G. K. Jarrett. Also for Mrs. G. A. Naylor, sister of Mr. F. Cheal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. D. R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
JACK BAILEY	2	†ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
*MAURICE BAILEY	3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	*BERYL N. WHITE	3
COLIN W. REED	2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
ARTHUR E. CHILTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDK. G. HOOPER.

* First peal in the method. First five-bell peal for the Guild. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. B. Mahon.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CLAUDE COUSINS	*Treble*	JOHN E. FOX	4
*CYRIL COUSINS	2	CECIL EBBERSON	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS	3	ERNEST MASTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

* First peal 'inside' in five methods. C. Cousins and E. Mastin have now 'circled' this tower.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*DOUGLAS F. DRIVER	*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	4
LUTHER J. HONESS	2	JOHN J. MEDHURST	5
ALBERT W. KELVIE	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

GREAT BIRCHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

DONALD PEGG	*Treble*	CHARLES TOVELL	3
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	ROBERT ALCOCK	4
TONY OWEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

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APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Childwall and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WALTER AYRE .. .. .. *Treble*		WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	4
*GWENDOLYN F. GOOD ..	2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	5
†KEITH GOOD	3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being five 720's of Kent and two 720's of Oxford, seven different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOAN SMITH .. .. .. *Treble*		HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	4
†HAROLD DENMAN	2	*GEORGE CHALLANS	5
‡DENNIS PARSONS	3	*FRANK BRADLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in two methods. † 100th peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER HARRUP .. .. *Treble*		*RALPH NEWELL	4
*STANLEY DASH	2	JOHN GIPSON	5
†ARCHIBALD TUCK	3	FRANK HARPER .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by a local band. The first peal on the bells since being augmented to six.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, Kennington, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure and Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ALEC GAMMON .. .. *Treble*		†LOTTIE R. PIMM	3
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ..	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
ALAN R. PINK .. .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in 21 methods. Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob Doubles.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN HOLBROOK .. .. *Treble*		†DONALD MILVERTON ..	4
THOMAS M. GRIFFEN ..	2	DAVID HOARE	5
*ARTHUR J. JONES	3	*DAVID S. YOUDLE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ARTHUR J. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the patronal festival.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL DEEM .. .. .. *Treble*		JACK CARTER	4
BRIAN PIDGEON	2	JAMES SMITH	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	*JOHN QUICK .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7-8
*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ..	9-10		

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

* First peal of Spliced Royal. A compliment to Mr. James George on the eve of his 97th birthday.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN J. FIELDING	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES.. ..	3-4
*JOAN MCKINLAY	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal. 50th peal as conductor. Rung in honour of engagement of Cyril Galbraith, District Secretary (Southern), to Ann Myles, both ringers of St. Mary's (Limerick) Society.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris J. Morris's Variation. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ..	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
ALAN CATTELL	3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*RONALD BARLOW	1-2	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW.. ..	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3-4	†CHARLES H. PAGE	7-8

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal of Major in the method 'in hand' as conductor. First peal of Major in the method 'in hand' for the Association.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, viz.: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALEX J. WEBSTER	1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT	3-4
FRANK VARTY	5-6		

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3-4	JOYCE GIBBONS	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY. Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

* First peal on handbells away from the tenors.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALEX J. WEBSTER	1-2	JULIA M. PRESTON	5-6
†ROGER C. PRESTON	3-4	FRANK VARTY	7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal on eight handbells. † First peal on an 'inside' pair. First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Prescott (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. A. Gambrill (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. M. Maynard 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 4, W. Payne 5, A. Gambrill 6, E. J. Wells 7, W. C. E. Goldup 8. Rung for the festival of St. Nicholas.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. S. Gatty 1, A. Ward 2, Miss B. Carter 3, P. P. Carter 4, J. B. Robinson 5, D. Ogden 6, R. Edwards (cond.) 7, P. R. Harrison 8. First quarter for 2 and 4. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (being 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob): R. Soars 1, G. Lowe 2, F. K. Thompson 3, J. W. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (first of Minor as cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6. First quarter in two Minor methods for 2 and 3.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Wilbur 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. Hough 3, J. Needham 4, H. Duncum 5, T. Yates 6, A. Hough 7, J. Armstrong 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Armstrong 1, A. H. Hoven 2, H. Duncum 3, T. K. Deacon 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. C. Belton 6, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 7, G. P. Garner 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Burry 1, F. Hacker 2, F. Walker 3, R. Barry 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, W. Haines 6. A compliment to Canon H. V. White, chairman of the Calne Branch, on his appointment to a Canonry of Salisbury Cathedral.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gipson 1, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, T. R. Dennis 4, H. L. Martin 5, C. Hurst 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, P. Border 8. First quarter of Stedman for 6 and 7.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Mackears (cond.) 1, C. Simcock 2, L. Squires 3, S. Whaley 4, H. Squires 5, W. E. Dale 6, J. Cragg 7, G. Scott 8. A birthday greeting to the ringer of the 7th.

CROWLAND, LINCS.—At the Abbey on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. Strickland (first quarter) 1, M. Strickland (first quarter) 2, C. Pepper (first quarter) 3, R. Strickland 4, W. Smedley 5, M. Brown (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to R. Strickland (captain).

QUARTER PEALS

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hartland (first quarter) 1, J. Stevens 2, G. Hartland 3, E. Dabinett 4, R. Hector 5, T. Locke (cond.) 6, H. Perry 7, G. Budd 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Willey, member of the local band.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Phillips 1, H. Langdon 2, Miss J. A. England 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, W. Langdon 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, H. Belcher 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, Miss D. Lidbetter 10. A birthday compliment to H. M. Page.

GOODNESTONE, KENT. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): H. Stringer 1, Miss M. M. Brockman 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. Walter 4, R. G. French 5, H. R. French (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, also 17th wedding anniversary to ringer of 3rd.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Dec. 10th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, W. Langdon 4, C. Finch 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. W. Bailey 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Bullock 9, E. T. Beauchamp 10.

LIVERPOOL.—At Emmanuel Church on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. W. Hammond (cond.) 1, P. Heyes 2, G. Henshaw (longest length in any method) 3, T. E. Horridge 4, T. Larby 5, W. Court 6. Rung for the 70th birthday of the conductor and the wedding of Miss Margaret Hammond to Mr. A. J. Oliver.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. F. Hatchley 1, D. Gare 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, Miss D. Webb 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, H. Godfrey 6.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 April Day, 480 Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire): A. E. Bawden 1, C. Clark 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Davis 4, R. Short (first as cond. in three methods) 5, W. Keirle 6. First in three methods for 1, 4 and 6.

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of Grandsire, Canterbury, Clifford, St. Columb, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob, Antelope and 180 Grandsire): H. Short 1, E. Fowell 2, A. R. Botting (cond.) 3, R. W. Ferriss 4, G. Williamson 5, T. Howell 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, T. H. Bullock 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. Rung for anniversary of accession of King George VI.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cornelius 1, R. Beale 2, D. Best 3, R. C. Beale (first 'inside') 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch (cond.) 6, K. Welch 7, I. Best (first quarter) 8.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 April Day, 480 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. K. Lane 1, J. W. Hovey 2, D. L. Hooper 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, L. L. Willis 5, W. G. Lane 6. First in four methods by all. First quarter on the bells.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (180 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob): Rev. R. W. Bennett 1, James Honey 2, Jonathan Honey 3, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 4, W. Cudd 5, J. E. Wilks 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. R. W. Bennett before his last service as Rector of Sunningwell.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. F. Hatchley 1, F. J. Hazzard 2, D. Gare 3, Miss D. J. Webb 4, P. Sparks (cond.) 5, H. Godfrey 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. F. Hopkins, ringer at this church.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, D. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, H. Denman (first quarter of Grandsire Doubles) 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 2 and 3.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Bob Minor: G. W. Holliss 1, G. H. Lee 2, N. Smith 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First quarter of Minor for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss J. Haynes 1, Miss J. Smith 2, F. Flint 3, D. H. Rooke 4, D. Chadwick 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter St. Clement's for 1 and 2.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,500 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): F. W. Lewis 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith (first as cond.) 3, H. Stoveld 4, P. R. Blackman 5, R. Harvey (first quarter) 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, W. H. Hewett 2, W. Nudds 3, E. A. Reeve 4, R. W. Stannard 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. Harrison 1, R. M. Currie 2, J. A. C. King 3, H. D. Buckingham 4, P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, D. Verrier 6. Rung for Advent Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. Cooke, of Uxbridge reminds us that the claim that the peal of Chiltern Surprise at Ewhurst on November 15th was the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild cannot be substantiated. The first peal of Chiltern Surprise ever rung was by the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 25th, 1934, at Egham, Surrey. It was conducted by Mr. Alan R. Pink, and the late Mr. John S. Goldsmith rang the third

The Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World' send their Christmas greetings to all ringers, far and wide, and especially to correspondents who, week by week, provide the journal with such a varied assortment of news of interest to the Exercise.

One of the many encouraging letters this week is from 12-year-old Doris Walden of Piddlehinton, Dorset, who expresses her thanks to all those who have given her a chance to ring in over 150 towers and especially to Mr. J. Lilley and Mr. W. Panter for arranging outings.

Mr. Claude Cousins was in an unaccustomed role when he rang the treble to a peal of Minor in five methods at Terrington St. John on December 2nd; in fact, it is 29 years since he rang that bell to a peal. In the same peal Mr. E. Masters was ringing the tenor to a peal for the first time. Their purpose was to 'circle' the tower.

The Good family, who made three of the band for the peal at Apsley End on December 4th, would like to say how much they appreciated the spirit of the remainder of the band in turning up when travelling conditions were so bad. Besides being a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Ayre, this peal enabled a father to call his son's first peal and his daughter's first 'inside.'

A non-ringing friend of Mr. G. Kenward had expressed a wish to watch a peal being rung. Mr. Kenward invited him to watch the peal at Snodland, Kent, on December 2nd, and he sat it out with apparent interest. On being asked at the conclusion of the peal if he was 'bored stiff' he replied he was a little stiff but not bored! We hope on that score he will go a step further and become a ringer.

There will be no practice ringing at St. Matthew's, Clapton, until the first Wednesday in 1951.

On December 30th an attempt will be made at Frodsham by the Chester Diocesan Guild for a peal of 8,032 Spliced Surprise in eight methods (A. J. Pitman). The attempt will start at 2 p.m.

The band which rang the peal of Treble Bob Minor at Hallaton, Leicestershire, on December 9th, wish to acknowledge the excellent hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

The bells of St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs, will be broadcast on Christmas morning. Ringing starts at 9 a.m. and the service, at which the address will be given by the Bishop of Lichfield, at 9.30 a.m.

Will conductors of quarter peals desirous of publication please write same in the style appearing on page 807 of this journal. After the town and county give the date and method. Thank you.

Mr. E. Sutton, of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, celebrated his 21st birthday on December 9th. In honour of the occasion, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Bitton, six of the band scoring a 'first' of some sort. The band and friends and relations of Mr. Sutton were entertained after the peal, at Bristol. Handbell-ringing and party games finished a very happy day.

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A CHRISTMAS QUIZ FOR RINGERS

By KEWSETT

Kewsett again presents his popular Christmas Quiz to the Exercise. Three book prizes are offered for answers nearest to the correct solution. Closing date, January 10th, 1951. Envelopes to be addressed, 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

1. Which church, with a ring of eight, has its tower directly over the principal altar?
2. Which church, with a ring of eight, has no aisle opposite the main altar?
3. Which church, with a ring of five, has a memorial window showing many different kind of birds, as a memorial to a famous naturalist, who was Vicar of the parish?
4. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, is there a stained-glass window with inscription concerning the 'fifth Sunday in February'?
5. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, is there a recently painted mural extending the whole width of the west wall?
6. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, was Dorothy Sayers' father once Rector?
7. Where is the tallest spire over a ring of ten bells?
8. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, is there a stone statue holding a dodecahedron?
9. Where are there Russian bells in England?
10. Which two churches have the same number of bells, the same weight of tenor, the same dedication and the same place name?
11. Which ring of bells is nearest the highest point in England?
12. Where can the old year be last rung out?
13. Which two rings of bells are nearest together of all hung anticlockwise? State distance apart.
14. Which two churches with rings of 12 are nearest together?
15. Which two churches with rings of 12 are farthest apart?
16. How many of the changes on six bells are divisible by 11 (treating each change as a number of six figures)?
17. How long is the longest touch of Grandsire Triples obtained by using an ordinary bob or single at every lead?
18. Solve the following anagrams. All the solutions are phrases connected with Stedman's Principles:—

    WINCH BOOT TUB
    WILSON
    OOLUG BEDDED
    SHALLOW NUTTER
    PLUG WREN HOLLOW
    DAMN TRIPLES PINCES

19. Having rung the extent of Plain Bob on their ring of bells, the ringers of Ursa Major augmented their ring with two more trebles and then rang the extent on their new ring. The number of changes in the second peal exceeded twice the number of changes in the first peal by 15 times the number of blows in the first peal. How many bells have they now?
20. Six youngsters rang a plain course of Bob Minor on our ring of six, which is hung clockwise and in a good circle. Alec rang next to Jill. Tom and Alec did not dodge together. John was on Jean's left, and Tom was opposite Jean. Mary cannot ring the tenor, neither can the other girls? Which bells were they ringing?

THE BELFRIES OF ENGLAND

The Churches' call to prayer
Of God's great goodness tells,
As Gospel tidings
Fill the air
With music, from the bells.

List to their merry peal,
They lilting changes ring
As lovers wed
(For woe or weal)
Their festive offering.

Or doth one lonely bell
With quiv'ring sadness sound?
Then know a friend
Bids thee farewell,
For he our hope hath found.

Our bells strict vigil keep,
They mark each useful hour
That in God's time
Who works may reap
The blessings of His power.

Yet they in silence wait
Man's aid each voice to raise.
One, two, three, four,
Five, six, seven, eight
Then blend in songs of praise.

Long may our bells be heard.
Long may our ringers' skill,
In constant witness
Of God's word,
Each one his task fulfil.

Tavistock. G. CAMPBELL GRILLS.

50 PEALS AT APSLEY END

The bells of St. Mary's were installed in 1871 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank but it was not until 1902 that the first peal was rung. This was in seven methods—two Treble Bob and five plain—being conducted by George Price, who rang quite a number of peals around this district about this time.

Another lapse, this time until 1923, when Walter Ayre called a peal of Plain Bob. Then on to 1926, when two peals were rung—Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob. Things started moving a little now, but owing to the bad 'go' of the bells not many peals were attempted.

Walter Ayre now became a regular visitor to Apsley and joined the local band. His influence made a vast difference to progress, until in 1936 a peal in 14 methods was successful. Peals were now rung in various numbers of methods and, in 1938, peals in 25 methods and 24 Surprise methods were brought round.

After the war a new start had to be made and what an uphill task it was! However, progress has been made, several peals of seven Surprise, one of 14 Surprise and one of 21 methods having been rung.

We come to the 50th: several attempts were made for 30 methods without success. The golden wedding anniversary of a one-time ringer approaches—a peal must be rung for this—so it was decided to ring seven Surprise—and a good peal it was. The conductor could be none other than Walter Ayre, who conducted 43 of the 50.

In these peals 43 different methods were rung. Twenty-four of the peals were in seven methods, one each in 10 and 11, four in 14, one each in 21, 24, and 25. May the next 50 be as varied!

YORK MINSTER

Ladies' Guild in Memorable Service

In a service of rare beauty, the women of Yorkshire on December 9th welcomed back to the north transept of York Minster the famous Five Sisters Windows, which were removed for safety when war broke out in 1939.

Many women's organisations were represented in a huge congregation of 2,500. At the invitation of the Dean and Chapter the service was sung by a special choir of 100 supported by 800 massed singers from the Women's Institutes of Yorkshire.

The lessons were read by a Girl Guide, members of the Girls' Friendly Society, the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institutes, and a Sister of the Order of the Holy Paraclete.

In his address the Dean described the architect or mason who conceived the windows as a genius who had created a masterpiece of architecture unparalleled in the world. Tracing the history of the windows from the 13th century, he said: 'There is nothing in architecture like this row of slender giantesses, each 53½ feet high and each five feet and one inch broad. Even without their stained glass they were bound to be five of the most renowned windows in Christendom simply from their enormous height unbroken by any stone mullions or tracery.'

BATTERY OF CAMERAS

Some months ago the Minster ringers had requested the Dean and Chapter to be allowed to invite the Ladies' Guild to ring the service touch on the middle eight, and for the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) to hold a meeting. Permission was readily granted with the result that between 79 and 80 ringers crowded into the ringing chamber.

Advance publicity had attracted press photographers and before the bells could be raised, the ladies had to face a battery of cameras and flashlights. As a result, several well-known lady ringers found their pictures in the local and national press on Sunday and Monday mornings.

The Ladies' Guild members rang exceptionally well and found the long draught of rope (80 feet), plus the weight of metal (tenor 25 cwt., treble 9 cwt., approx.) no apparent handicap. The way they handled their ropes and struck their bells earned the praise and admiration of the men. Before the event, several 'Doubting Thomases' had thought it was too much for the ladies to attempt. The following took part in the service touch of Grandsire Triples:—Mrs. D. E. Kelly 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, Miss K. Burchnall 4, Miss F. Laflin 5, Mrs. K. Lewis 6, Miss J. Poole (conductor) 7, Mrs. H. Poole 8. This was the first time in history that a complete band of ladies had rung for a Minster service.

Before the start of the service the Minster Sacrist, Rev. A. J. McMullen, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Dean and Chapter.

BUSINESS MEETING

After tea, a short business meeting was held in the belfry at which Mr. Fox, vice-president, expressed thanks to the Dean and Chapter and the Minster ringers for being allowed to ring the bells and hold a meeting. Mrs. D. E. Kelly, Northern Branch secretary, Ladies' Guild, added her thanks on behalf of the ladies and said how much they had enjoyed the visit. Mr. H. Walker replied and said that as soon as the Minster knew about the service, they thought it a wonderful opportunity to invite the Ladies' Guild to ring the service touch, and for the Yorkshire Association to hold a meeting. He hoped they would all come again next year when, without doubt, the Yorkshire Association dinner would be held in York.

As this was mainly a ladies' event, a fashion note would seem to be appropriate. The method diagram jumper worn by the wife of a well-known composer and conductor was much admired. Patterns are, however not available.

Now, ladies, what about a band for twelve next time? H. W.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—3

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

Mr. Fussell's diary labelled 1881 is actually dated September, 1885, and has this note on the first page: 'Having resolved to make up my Diary Complete from the even year 1880, the following is the result of all notes and memorandums collected in my various notebooks connected with any ringing I have taken part in for the year 1881:—

'O all ye bells and ye ringers thereof,
Praise ye the Lord.
Ring unto Him, and sing unto Him,
For ever and ever.'

He begins on Saturday, January 1st: 'Measured myself, at the time with God's help being in good health: chest cir,, 33in.; naple, 25½in.; thighs, 18¼in.; calves, 12¼in.; right arm, 9½in.; wrist, 6¼in.: height, 5ft. 8¾in.; weight, 9st. ½lb.

'Rang the old year out last night at 12. Got up this morning at 10 to 9, had no breakfast, got to Windsor at 10, heard the Curfew and Parish church bells ringing. [Next day] Sunday received for ringing during 1880 from W. Leader 30s.; chimed for morning service at Slough and *staid* to it. Rang at 6 o'clock service. A party in at my brother's.'

Then followed varied notices of ringing and chiming at Slough with handbell practices, etc.

On January 16th, Sunday, he went skating at Langley Park and 'spoke with Sir Robert Harvey,' and on the Tuesday, January 18th, 'a remarkable day! Heavy storms of snow, railway blocked and traffic all suspended. The worst day known for 30 years. 1½ hours riding by train as it had to be dug out. Wednesday I walked to Windsor. The Dutchman's Farm completely snowed up to the roof eaves, and the river nearly blocked.'

It must be appreciated that at this time there were no buses or suchlike conveyances for getting about as there are to-day. Most of the journeying was done by walking very long distances or cycling through hail, rain, snow, or sunshine, and the return journeys in the dark along the country lanes speak much for the great enthusiasm shown by such a pioneer of bellringing.

A typical Sunday's occupation noted many times at this period is 'went to service in the morning, chimed in afternoon and evening at Slough, and afterwards rang handbells at Alf's, "pricking out G minor—see Troyte, p. 46-51."' On Saturday, February 5th, 1881, 'went to Slough church and rang with Baron and others from 7 till 8.30. Went to Gater's, "The Crown Tap," and rang the bells till 10. Rang 720 Grandsire Minor first time being the West Middlesex Association meeting there, conducted by the Instructor to the Association, W. Baron.' The next day for service he records 'three 120's of Grandsire Doubles called by me.' At this time Mr. Fussell was in the Volunteers, and he records many instances when he went to drill with them. On February 13th he records, 'Huchinson preached a good sermon at Slough in morning. Had a walk after coming out of church. Went to Staines by train in evening.'

He states during next week 'my employer P. J. Byrne an Architect of Windsor laid up!,' and on several occasions he reports 'went sketching.' On February 26th, 'rang at Slough with Wilder, Woodley, Pursey, Steel, Alf Leader and others till 8.30. Gater's room was full so went to Nallis's at the Royal Hotel ringing handbells till 10, came home with J. Perryman.

The next day he 'chimed and *staid* to the morning service at Slough with F. Simkins, walked to Chalfont St. Peter and back with C. Sargeant and rang for evening service. Rang with the Vicar's son, a very fat boy. Got home from Chalfont at 10 to 10, made rough sketch in my 1st pocket book. Was told the Vicar's son often walked about at night to try and reduce the enormous quantity of flesh he makes, causing him great inconvenience, which was the reason he took to ringing.'

THE 'BELL NEWS' PUBLISHED.

Mr. Fussell records February, 1881, 'The 1st no. of a journal called "The Bell News and Ringers' Record" came out this month, a paper devoted to ringing matters alone. Gave order for it at the booksellers (Herbert).'

On Sunday, March 6th, 'chimed and *stayd* to service at Slough in morning. C. Sargeant and I walked to Beaconsfield in the afternoon at 3, *staid* to service. I made a sketch or two, saw some of the ringers, got home ¼ to 11, tired. Calld in Chapman's at Farnham, went among the bells at Beaconsfield.'

On the Wednesday he 'walked 2 miles in 19¾ minutes, heavy boots, leggings and usual clothes on for training. Strong wind. Making an etching of interior of Langley tower?' The next day, March 10th, was the Prince of Wales' marriage, and he rang at Slough, then walked to Beaconsfield and made sketches. The following Saturday he 'had bicycle ride in afternoon. Walked to Uxbridge and to St. Andrew's 7.15 by enquiring for Hillingdon church was led out of my way to old church there. After ringing at St. Andrew's with Rev. C. Mayo we went to the old church of St. Margaret and rang, then returned by train.'

WORKING IN LONDON

Mr. Fussell then went to work in London, and he records 'packing things to go to Town March 16th; St. Patrick's Day, 17th, this being the first time I ever went to London to work. Got to 303 Strand at 10.13 a.m., called on W. Baron in evening and saw St. Martin's church—walked about generally. On Saturday went from Waterloo to Staines, got to Egham 5.40 and rang the 6 bells there. Baron present and nearly tight! Left Egham 10.18. At Staines while waiting for train played some tunes on handbells in waiting room. I left my carpet bag and stick there. Walked from Datchet to Slough, got to bed 11.30 p.m.'

He records that he recovered his lost bag, and rang for the first time at St. John's, Waterloo, the 3rd to 1,000 Grandsire Triples. The weather was wet and miserable and he 'walked all the way home to Finsbury Park and got to bed 12.20 with my old chum Jim'!

On Sunday, March 27th, he rang for first time at St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct. 'Went to Hopkins' house in Plough Court and rang handbells. Hopkins showed his peal book with about 60 peals entered. Rang trebles to Grandsire Royal and saw their old black dog. Next day to St. Clement Danes, where ringing stopped owing to broken rope, but saw their peal book at the meeting room.'

On April 1st 'went to Cumberland Headquarters, met J. Cox, Stack, Baron and others and saw them ring a touch of Stedman Cinques with J. Hayes, a College Youth. Got home 12.30 p.m. April 2nd my sister Flo's birthday. Went home to Slough and got book left by Mr. H. Appleton called "Hubbard's Campanologia."'

The following Saturday he went by train to Isleworth—took notes, etc., and rang in touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards 'went to the pub by the Windmill Bridge for awhile and got home midnight.' Next day 'went to the "Olympic"—my first visit to a Theatre.'

During the Easter week-end he rang for all services at Slough and on the Friday following while at work at 303, Strand, 'I could hear St. Clement's bells ringing during the afternoon as my office window looked out into Holywell St. Went up the tower at 7 and let two of the bells down—walked home.'

On Sunday, April 24th, 1881, he went to St. Andrew's, Holborn, and rang both morning and evening, 500 and 700 Grandsire Triples, and the next week rang at St. Clement Danes the 4th to Grandsire Caters. 'H. Hopkins stood behind me.' Mr. Fussell went to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and rang on eight, then heard some Stedman Cinques, there being 33 members present. Mr. Appleton, a ringer at the Curfew tower at Windsor, 'gave me a copy of Hubbard's Work (1868 edition), which he had come across at a furniture sale!'

WITH LONDON RINGERS

During the next few weeks Mr. Fussell mentions many walks and cycle rides to practices, services, etc., including visits to churches in the city of which we hear little these days. Thus on May 4th, 1881, he rang at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, a touch of Triples, 'went up on hearing the ring while passing.' Next day he rang 'call changes' at St. James', Clerkenwell, and later at St. Anne's, Highgate. Other places visited were St. Andrew's, Uxbridge; St. Stephen's, Hampstead Heath; Kensington, where he rang Grandsire on the back eight of the ten, with Baron, Barrett, Newson, Hopkins, Dains, Cox, Nelms, etc., names well known in ringing history. He also rang at the Chapel of Ease, Holloway, when he 'received of Dains 4s.,' and a similar sum on a later occasion here. On one occasion he heard St. Clement's ringing while at work, and met Hopkins, Dains and others coming down, 'and we all went to St Bride's and rang back ten—received 1s. of Dains.'

In June he records 'some Minor at Slough. Farnham men over. W. Leader in a wax about it. Walked into Windsor and saw Steel and Woodley in Eton. Rang at the Curfew tower, and then saw the firework display from Eton Brocus fields.' On the 29th he had a cycle ride of nine miles and, nearing home, fell over the handles and broke his lower jaw bone. He says, 'I had little sleep or rest for many nights afterwards; my jaws were bandaged, my teeth wired, and everything to swallow was in liquid form, being unable to masticate anything for some weeks.' One day a short time after the accident he 'said goodbye to my kind old landlady and returned to Slough, greatly surprising my parents when I walked indoors, they having known nothing of what had happened. Thank God the fall was not worse.' When out once, he continues, 'I was nearly taken up for a notorious murderer named Lefroy, my features being disguised by the bandages. The said Lefroy having coldly murdered an old gentleman in a Brighton train, and had made his escape from detention for some time.'

We have recently seen correspondence on 'wedding fees,' and an interesting instance is quoted by Mr. Fussell in September, 1881. He says, 'Went up and oiled the bells and rang at 12 and 3 o'clock. Met again at 6 and rang till 8. Received 5s. for ringing' [for Miss Charsley's wedding].

About this period Mr. Fussell seems to have been out ringing nearly every evening, and his diary is abundant with walks and cycle rides to neighbouring towers. A typical example is quoted on September 3rd, 1881:—

'Rode to Twyford and walked to Hurst from there in company with some Farnham and Boyne Hill ringers. Arrived at church 11 a.m. and rang Grandsire Minor. From

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W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY—Cont.

Hurst we walked to Wargrave church and after a crust of bread and cheese we rang rang Minor here. Crossed the Ferry and went to Shiplake, where some men from Reading joined us. Rang a 120 Doubles with the Revd. Sturgess at Wargrave. Rang three 720's in all. Beautiful fine day and moonlight night. Left Shiplake at 7.50 after saying good-bye to Rogers, Smith, Flaxman, Parker and others and walked to Reading, arriving at my sister's at 9 o'clock. The road seemed a long one, not having been along it before, but the bright moon made it a pleasant journey.'

WALKED TO LONDON.

The next day he rang at St. Laurence's, Reading, and the following day he walked from Reading to Slough, left at 1.50 and arrived home 5.40, then walked to Eton from Windsor and walked back. On September 9th he walked to London from Slough. Started 10.40 and met his friend, James Smith, at Brentford, then went on together to St. Margaret's, Westminster, arriving at 5.30, where they met many ringers and heard them start for a peal of Treble Ten, which was successful. Left at 7 and walked to Islington.

On September 17th he went to St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, for a peal, but after ringing an hour the conductor missed a bob. They met here again on the 22nd, and, after waiting about till 7, they had enough to start but did not get it. Rang about 1¼ hours Grandsire Triples. On the 24th he walked to Farnham Royal, where, after ringing till 9 p.m., he says, 'Parker lent me a book on ringing.' This was Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' which he 'laid in bed reading.'

Many more instances of ringing both for practices and Sunday services are quoted, and at the latter he occasionally adds 'staid to service—heard a good sermon.' On Oct. 13th he writes of a visit to Acton with W. Wilder, where he met Baron and the Rev. Mayor, and rang till 9 p.m., when they went into a pub close by. 'An old woman came in and declared Wilder was my uncle, and she gave me a good deal of advice on many subjects!' And he adds, 'Since seeing this old lady at Acton I continued to call Wilder "uncle" on every occasion.' On the 15th he met 'Uncle' Wilder and walked to Farnham together, arriving at 7 p.m. and rang till 9.30—got home 10.30. He adds, 'Walking home, I amused myself by eating apples all the way, Wilder having a half sackful on his back taking home.'

The diary is full of intimate details, as when he went to the office 'designing certificate for West Middlesex Association'—'feeling very unwell, pain in chest.' Sunday, October 23rd, 'Rang at Slough at 10 a.m.—called on Leader and saw his wife in her coffin—dead—rang again at 3 and 6 and staid to evening service.' '26th, went into the tower to ring but only shifted the ropes a little and came down on account of poor Mrs. Leader's decease. She was a hard-working and very industrious woman.'

JOINED THE CUMBERLANDS.

In November, 1881, after having a walk to Dalston and Hackney, where he made sketches, he went to St. Margaret's, Westminster, but no ringing, so went to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where he met J. Cox and bought Snowdon's 'Standard Methods' from him. Met Baron, Dains, Newson, Hopkins and others, and later at the meeting rooms was made a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

He records 'cutting up paper to play some changes on the American organette which is used to produce tunes by means of perforated paper.' and in December 'bought Trovte's work at Warner's, Cripplegate, my first visit to this firm of bellfounders.' Returning to Finsbury Park, where he had left a peal board which he was taking to Hornsey, 'I found it plenty heavy enough walking up the hill, and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST LADY TO RING AN AUSTRALIAN PEAL

Dear Sir,—I see by 'The Ringing World' that Ruth E. Donnelly claims to be the first lady to ring a peal of Triples in Australia.

On Tuesday, November 13th, 1934, I rang in a peal of Stedman Triples on the Albert Bells at the Town Hall, Ballaarat. Again on Thursday, November 22nd, 1934, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mark's, Darling Point.

My heartiest congratulations are extended to Ruth E. Donnelly on being the first lady to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples in Australia.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) A. RICHARDSON.

Surfleet, Lincs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. F. W. BRINKLOW

Dear Sir,—May I, as a learner at St. Matthew's, Oxhey, where Mr. Frederick W. Brinklow is Tower Master, offer my sincere congratulations to him on attaining 50 years as a bellringer. Mr. Brinklow has rung 416 peals in 316 different towers and trained three bands of ringers.

I should like to thank Mr. F. W. Brinklow and Mr. J. D. Cleaver, the assistant Tower Master, together with Mr. J. Rootes and Mr. R. Wenban, ringers from Bushey and Stanmore respectively, for giving up many hours to helping myself and the other learners to become good campanologists. I now ring Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Triples as well as Bob Minor and I look forward to the day when I can ring in a Surprise method peal with my fellow learners.—Yours faithfully,

FREDA G. ATTWOOD.

Oxhey, Herts.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I understand that it is possible to ring the extent of Scientific Triples, but has there ever been a composition published?

The method, I'll agree, is very complex, but would it not give incentive for it to be rung, if a composition was published in 'The Ringing World'? A few 'touches' in the method would also, I am sure, be equally acceptable.

Spliced Surprise Major was at one time thought to be 'impossible,' but it was conquered, so why not Scientific Triples?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK

Branston, Lincoln.

A CHANGE OF HEART

Dear Sir,—I would very much like to congratulate Mr. W. Frank Stenson upon achieving three peals in three weeks—despite his severe criticism of 'peal grabbing' some three or four years ago (August, 1946).

Having rung in his three peals, and knowing him, I have no doubt he has good reasons for his change of heart.

He has now five to his credit, all at the first time of asking; 'not bad for a novice.'—Yours faithfully.

HOWARD HOWELL.

Wolverhampton.

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left it with Robins, churchwarden. Went to the church and rang till 9.30. Did nothing but walk about all day, so felt very tired. Next day called at the painter's shop in Seven Sisters Road and got the peal board, which I had to carry all the way back from Hornsey to have a few alterations made to suit the curious whims of the churchwardens.'

At this time Grandsire Minor seems to have been the popular method, for in a summary of 720's rung in 1881, out of a total of 26 no less than 22 were in this method and only four Plain Bob.

(To be continued.)

MY DEFENCE OF 'PEAL-GRABBING'

Dear Sir,—Yes, I have good and, I think, sufficient reasons for my change of heart regarding 'peal-grabbing,' and I know you would not like me—begging a phrase from 'Twenty Questions'—to 're-cap.'

In the first place I wanted to prove that it was not a question of sour grapes, but that if I had the opportunity of being included in a band, especially a good one, I could do my stuff.

I feel no one would have been mare pleased or proud to have added his congratulations than my unseen friend, the late Tom Groombridge, junior, and my greatest regret is that I never rang a peal with him; I was to have done.

Then I think comes the real reason, 'pride in achievement'; you must get to the top.

I have enjoyed most sports and pastimes though have not excelled at any. I have had some very happy times—some full of excitement—and made some very good friends: no less in ringing.

I would like, however, to assure you that I do not want 'too many' peals; but just to try and be useful and leave the Exercise a little better than I found it.—Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

W. F. STENSON.

Crewe.

NOTE.—Mr. Stenson has rung three peals recently, viz:—Grandsire Caters, Crewe; Stedman Cinques, Walsall; Stedman Doubles, Marchington.—ED.

MR. GEORGE NEWSOM

Dear Sir—It is a well-known fact that Mr. George Newsom, spoken of in Mr. Fussell's diary, was a very old and valued member of the Royal Cumberlands, and the late Mr. Fussell was never tired of talking about him.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford

5,079 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of 5,079 Stedman Caters rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, I have read and re-read the footnote as published, and of the first part I am pleased that the peal was successfully rung for so worthy an occasion.

Of the remainder of the footnote, the composition as published on page 798 is a very good one indeed, but did the remarks regarding the position of the fixed bells intend to convey something original? I had the pleasure of calling the following peal at Beddington, Surrey, on August 5th, 1939, when Mr. David Wright (then of Croydon), celebrated his 79th birthday by faultlessly ringing the treble to it. The plan must have been rung over and over again.—Yours faithfully,

F. E. DARBY.

Croydon.

5,019 STEDMAN CATERS

By F. E. DARBY

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BELLS IN EGYPT AND PALESTINE

A destroyer on which my brother was serving had put into Alexandria just before V.E. Day. He rang me at Kasfariet, we met in Cairo and, to our joyful surprise, Grandsire Doubles broke through the noise of traffic. On a previous Sunday evening I'd heard a 12-bell record, and it sounded very good to me, from All Saints' Cathedral tower, but this five-bell music was certainly no recording.

My brother had been out over five years; myself much less. We just looked at each other, said 'Grandsire Doubles,' and accelerated with all speed in the direction. We arrived, somewhat breathless, at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Our hopes should never have been allowed to get so high; we were disappointed to find but one brown-robed English Franciscan chiming, and quite by ear, what he'd heard years before.

When passing through Ismailia some months later, my train stopped long enough for me to hear this very English memory again. I wonder if our Cairo friend had moved, or taught the distinctive air to another Friar of the Order.

Visiting the Copt Church of Abu Sarga, built over the cellar in which the Holy Family lived in Cairo, apparently a very poor church without even one bell, we found a priest walking up and down outside, clashing cymbals together to announce divine service.

When in Palestine I climbed some 150 feet up the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Byzantine tower and walked round the 35-bell carillon from Croydon. On Easter Saturday evening I heard, across the city, this fine carillon play through just once, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.' Immediate enquiry revealed that this was for a recorded broadcast to America on Easter Sunday morning. I was sorry not to hear more of these bells and thought the operators' technique perfect.

The place of Crucifixion is not definitely known. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre stands on the site believed by Constantine in A.D.300, to be Calvary. In the Greek tower are ten bells brought from Russia 75 years ago; they were not hung for ringing and I did not even hear them chime. Six different services are regularly held at the same time in this one church, one in Aramaic, the common tongue of 2,000 years ago.

Four bells, rung electrically, in the nearby St. Saviour's Convent, are frequently heard. On the other side of the city, beyond the Damascus Gate and past the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and Joseph, the Church of all Nations, built over the betrayal rock in the Garden of Gethsemane, has three bells which came from Italy 27 years ago. They are bolted by their canons to wooden headstocks, to which are fitted iron wheels. The bells are rung half circle only, to and fro.

In the garden, tended by a small Arab boy, were flowering, when I saw them in April, marguerites, lupins, snapdragons, carnations, sweet peas, tulips, violets, pansies, wallflowers, iris, geraniums, lavender, cyclamen, with rosemary hedging. Olive trees in the garden are reputed to be 2,000 years old.

The road to Bethlehem from Jerusalem leads past the field of the Shepherds. The Y.M.C.A. carol service is held here on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve service in the Church of the Nativity lasts up to five hours, with only a very few chairs provided for the very old and infirm. The church has three towers, the Greek tower, with ten bells; the Armenian tower, five bells bolted to girders, and ropes tied on the clapper flight; the Franciscan tower with five bells (these I was told are the Christmas bells bolted by their canons to wooden headstocks and swung by means of rope and lever). Their wheels had been removed some time previous to 1945. The church is built over the stable of the inn, the stable being a rock cavern with numerous passages. This very unusual stable is regarded as being one of the few authentic sites of Christian reverence in Palestine.

Quarrying underground and leaving caverns is not confined to Bethlehem. Stone for the Pyramids left tremendous caverns across the Nile, and Solomon would appear to have obtained stone for the first temple from under Jerusalem itself. I saw stones being shaped in this cavern just as they were 3,000 years ago. King Solomon's temple was built on a hill over and around the stone on which Abraham, some 800 years before, had offered Isaac as a sacrifice. The stone is now the centre of the Mosque of Omar. The high, empty, untidy temple area, but for this mosque, is large enough to allow every cathedral and abbey in this country to stand side by side. So much for Solomon's architecture. There are no bells there, I'm sorry to report.

E. L. HUMPHRIES.

Liverpool.

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This lovely, peaceful way of life
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Just as if Thy presence there,
Was in that garden fresh and fair.

Those bells for centuries have been rung.
Like to the hymns we all have sung;
May it be Thy almighty will
For evermore to sound them still;
So all concerned, whate'er position,
Shall carry on this great tradition.

PHYLLIS HUDSON.

Cheddar, Somerset.

SPLICED SURPRISE

By JAMES TOPP

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64352	3	—	—	LBBCL
34256	—	3		LCBBL
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OBITUARY

MR. G. RADLEY

The ringers of Broxbourne, Herts, have suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. George Radley at the age of 74.

He joined the band at Broxbourne in 1905, and two years later was elected Master of the band, a post he held continuously till his death. He was well known in ringing circles in Hertfordshire, being a past president of the County Association. He was also a veteran of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and he will be missed at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as much as at the Hertfordshire towers.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Lane, took place on December 4th at St. Augustine's Church, Broxbourne, and the interment took place in the churchyard.

The bells were rung open by the local band before the service and were conducted by Mr. C. Gouldsmith, 65 years a ringer in the tower, a lifelong friend of Mr. Radley.

Visiting ringers present included Messrs. Newman and Scott (Cheshunt), Mumford (Hoddesden), A. S. Carter (Hertford County Association, Eastern District) and Messrs. Edmondson and Page (Cumberlands).

DEDICATION

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX

Sunday, November 26th, was a memorable day for the village of Hellingly, Sussex. After two years and three months the bells were heard once more.

They were dedicated by the Right Rev. E. G. Reid, the Archdeacon of Hastings, during the morning service. After the second lesson and during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the Archdeacon and the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Shaw, M.A., accompanied by the choir, led by the cross bearer, proceeded to the west end of the church.

The choir then remained below while the Archdeacon, the Vicar and the cross bearer ascended the stairs into the tower, where the Vicar, addressing the Archdeacon, said that it was through the generous gifts of the congregation and parishioners that had made this scheme possible, and asked him to bless the bells in the name of Almighty God.

The Archdeacon then gave charge of the ropes to the captain, Mr. Ben Stepney, telling him that by his example he would keep the ringers ever mindful of the service which they render to God and His Church.

Immediately the bells were rung to 36 changes of Bob Minor by the following local ringers: C. Booth 1, G. Beeney 2, B. Stepney 3, E. G. D. Tonkin 4, G. J. Piper 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

After the service, the bells were rung for an hour by the local ringers, and with the assistance of Mr. W. A. Kitchenside, of Mayfield, they rang a variety of methods up to and including Ken Treble Bob Minor.

The founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., are to be congratulated on the excellent job they have made in recasting the 3rd and 4th and rehanging the bells on an entirely new iron frame. The weights of the bells are as follows:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
Treble	4	3	7	D sharp
2	5	0	23	C sharp
3	6	0	17	B
4	6	1	24	A sharp
5	8	0	8	G sharp
Tenor	11	2	18	F sharp

F. H. H.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. A. Collings 1, E. G. Buck 2, J. Church 3, W. D. Pooley 4, H. E. Werrett 5, J. S. Dear 6, R. V. Webb (first in method as cond.) 7, L. B. Scoot 8. Rung for E. G. Buck's wedding anniversary.

BELLS AND RINGERS OF ST. OSWALD'S, OSWESTRY

By W. A. FARMER

THE ancient towns and villages of England are renowned the world over for their parish churches, the architecture of which reflects the spiritual and material well-being, or otherwise, of the district through the ages.

One aspect of our churches is the ring of bells contained in many, and certainly Shropshire is not lacking in such churches or bells.

The characteristic sound of bells, rung as they should be rung—one man to each bell and each bell swinging a complete circle each time it sounds, is peculiarly English.

It can only be found in isolated examples outside the British Isles, notably in Australia and New Zealand.

Many of these bells have been sounding the grave and the gay for upwards of two centuries. Their secular use has declined with the separation of the corporate life of the community from its original centre, the church; but these same bells still call, Sunday by Sunday, from our ancient churches, and more rarely on civic and national occasions.

CAST IN 1717

Oswestry, as befits a town of great antiquity, boasts an imposing church dedicated to St. Oswald, a King of Northumberland. The massive tower has housed a ring of eight bells since 1717. In that year these bells were brought from the famous foundry at Gloucester. The inscriptions cast in each bell are given below. It will be noticed that three have since be recast.

Treble: John Rudhall, Gloucester. Fecit 1809: John Taylor, Loughborough, Refecit 1880.
Second: A.R. 1717.
Third: A.R.1717.
Fourth: Prosperity to all our Benefactors, A.R. 1717.
Fifth: C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1846.
Sixth: Abra Rudhall, of Gloucester, Bell-founder, 1717.
Seventh: Jno. Jones, Jno. Dawson, Richard Troy, Jno. Rogers, Ch-wardens, A.R. 1747.
Tenor, marked 16 cwt.: God save the church. Edwrd. Parry, Vicar, Richd. Lloyd, Esq., Richd. Owen Gnt., Hump Kynaston Gnt., Nath Price Gnt., Churchwardens Anno Dom 1717.

The newer bells match their companions in tone, an octave of mellow notes quite different from the more strident notes of modern tuning.

The ring was rehung in 1880 by Taylors of Loughborough, and was in continuous use until 1933, when the bearing of the fourth bell broke, effectively stopping ringing for a short time.

This also stopped the clock chiming, as the same bells are used. Immediate and widespread interest was shown throughout the town, and it is refreshing to read in a newspaper report of the time: 'Several Oswestry workshops state, on their returns to the Board of Trade, that they time their working hours by the Oswestry Church Clock.'

A subscription list was opened by the Mayor, Councillor J. H. Profit, with Mr. W. B. Broughall as treasurer. Amounts large and small poured in from parishioners, business firms, townspeople and Oswestrians everywhere, and in the same year Messrs. Taylor installed a new frame and new bearings, which are expected to last another century or so.

What of the men who rang Oswestry bells through this period?

Enough is known to show that the assiduous practice which is necessary to produce English change ringing, when each sequence occurs only once, giving immediate place to another, has seldom or never been lacking in Oswestry.

In 1731 the full peal of 5 040 changes, still recognised as the standard performance, was rung in three hours sixteen minutes. The names of the ringers have come down to us:—Thomas Edwards, Robert Kitchiner, John Lloyd, Charles Jones, Matthew Burton (the conductor), John Avance, John Price, Richard Tomley.

The method of producing these changes, Grandsire Triples, is still used almost exclusively at Oswestry, and in many towns to-day. These ringers were necessarily local, and the performance ranks as a notable one from a national standpoint.

HOLT'S GRANDSIRE

In 1785 members of an 'Anacreontic Society' rang 'Holt's Grandsire' in three hours fifteen minutes. This society was named after a Greek poet, and met at the George Inn to discuss the topics of the day.

We may imagine that convivial evenings followed, and it seems clear that the members were of some social standing, as names from London, Wrexham, Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Anglesey, are given in records.

Bellringing was a pastime of 'gentlemen' at that time, and it is not surprising to find the famous Shifnal ringer Samuel Lawrence conducting a peal of Bob Major here in 1800.

Probably the ringers were collected from various centres as far afield as Birmingham and Wrexham, as it seems unlikely that Oswestry ringers knew this method.

Mr. Griffiths Whitfield, a solicitor and churchwarden, appears to have revived the change-ringing band in 1887, as detailed records have been kept of the formal business meetings with the incumbents, and also of members joining, their progress week by week, and the performances of the band as a whole.

Two evenings a week were required for practice either on the tower bells or on handbells, but we also find outings to Shrewsbury Floral Fete, to London, to Welsh beauty spots as well as other churches with rings of bells.

The bells were heard three or four times on Sundays for many years, and 6 a.m. on Christmas Day. Mayor's Day, birthdays of the Royal Family, etc., are recorded in great detail.

HANDBELLS

As might be expected, the full peal of 5,040 changes was the object of much effort, and various Oswestry ringers rang such peals at Llangollen and Whitchurch; and finally Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire, conducted by Mr. David Davies, was rung by a local band in 1894. The ringers were Messrs. W. Morris 1, David Davies 2, R. Martin 3, Ed. Jones 4, W. H. Jones 5, Richard Edwards 6, Robert Evans 7, J. R. Wellings (tenor).

Tune ringing on handbells was also much practised, and very much appreciated too, if we may again refer to newspaper cuttings of the time, Park Hall, then the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wynne Corrie, was frequently visited, but at Christmas time their carols were in great demand everywhere.

During the next few years many of the band rang in peals of the usual length at Oswestry and elsewhere, and other methods of more intricacy were practised and rung, particularly Stedman's Triples, a more difficult method than Grandsire and generally considered more musical, although similar in many respects.

Coming to more modern times, we cannot help noticing among the names of present-day ringers that of Mr. David Davies, who rang his first three-hour peal in 1893, 'five months after he first pulled a bell.' His record since then as ringer and conductor is one of which he may well be proud.

In the same year Mr. Morris J. Morris rang his first peal, at Llangollen. He rang and conducted peals at Oswestry for many years, afterwards removing to Birmingham, where he now lives, aged 83. He does little ringing now, but has amassed the huge total of 426 peals, many on twelve bells and of twice the usual length.

The name of Kynaston is associated with north-west Shropshire from the earliest times, and among the ringers were the brothers H. and R. Kynaston.

Another brother, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, was at Oswestry and then Shrewsbury, and is now at Swindon, Wilts, and Master of the Bristol and Gloucester Association of Change Ringers. He has conducted and rung peals in many methods, as well as spending a great deal of time instructing learners in the district.

A sister used also to belong to the band at Oswestry, but to-day the only representative of the fairer sex is Mrs. James.

60 YEARS RINGING

Finally, we must mention Mr. John Hughes, Master of Oswestry Bellringers since 1929. To-day, after 60 years as a ringer, and at 80 years of age, he no longer rings long peals, but takes a rope when required. He is also a sidesman, churchwarden, verger and deputy clerk to St. Oswald's, so that we may well endorse his wish 'to stand behind a learner to see that he doesn't go wrong.'

His son, Mr. Harold Hughes, is at hand to deputise when necessary, and with the added experience of Mr. David Davies, the bells of Oswestry will continue to sound as they have done since 1717.

The ringers to-day are Messrs. J. Hughes, H. Hughes, R. Kynaston, H. Kynaston, F. Dickinson, E. Griffiths, J. Warton, D. Mann, G. Beaton, E. Jones, A. Casewell, and David Davies (conductor).

KNEW THE FIVE-MINUTE BELL

Dear Sir—Some years ago I had a Yorkshire terrier who would stay in her basket while all the bells were ringing, but as soon as the five-minute bell was rung, she would always make straight for the front door and sit until I came home. While on tour in Somerset, she would pull the wife to the tower where we were ringing.

A. H. PULLING

Guildford.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. BARKER, of Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, send their Christmas greetings to all ringing friends, and best wishes for the New Year. 8038

The season's greetings to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8067

THE BEDFORDSHIRE TOURISTS send greetings to all their newly-made friends in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex, and hope that they may welcome the East Anglians in their own towers during 1951. 8065

To all ringing friends, hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 8061

To all our friends far and near, a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, 39a, High Street, Ely. 8040

Mr. P. N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends and particularly to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 8103

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. G. BROWN, 40, Fuchsia Lane, Ipswich. 8053

Mr. and Mrs. Fred COLCLOUGH, Bilston, send best Christmas and New Year greetings to members of the Dudley Guild and all other ringing friends. 8069

Conveying to all my ringing friends and their families, especially in South Wales, heartiest greetings for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—George H. CORNER, Chief Steward, s/s 'Egton,' on passage to Buenos Aires. 8049

Instructor-Commander and Mrs. Gordon CROSS send from Hong Kong to their friends in the United Kingdom every good wish for a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. 8063

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to fellow-Cumberlands and all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. CROSS, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent. 8113

To all our ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 8085

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringers who have visited and rung in our tower. —From The DUXFORD RINGERS' GUILD.

A very happy Christmas to my many ringing friends in various counties.—E. T. P. FIELD, Buckland Newton, Dorset. 8089

Season's greetings to all friends.—Mr. and Mrs John P. FIDLER and ARTHUR. 8111

Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends and sincere wishes for a happy and peaceful Ney Year—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 8046

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. FRANCIS, 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 8095

To all ringers and especially my old friends, greeting, happy Christmas and New Year. Good cheer, good ringing and good striking. S. H. G. 8055

My Christmas and New Year greetings to old and new friends.—C. W. R. GRIMWOOD, 19, Endsleigh Gardens, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8094

Warmest Christmas greetings and best wishes for your health and happiness throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Crayford, Kent. 8068

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. HARDING, of Wynncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk, to all their ringing friends, especially those in the Guildford and Oxford Guilds. 8066

Sincere wishes to all ringing friends both far and near. A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—J. B. HESSEY, Queen Street, Chertsey. 8102

Holy Trinity Bellringers Association, HOBART, TASMANIA, send their Christmas and New Year greetings to all bellringers.—A. R. Wilson, Hon Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. HOWARD, of The Caravan, Handpost Corner, Wokingham, Berks, send Christmas greetings to all their ringing friends, especially those at Aldershot, Guildford, Witley, Haslemere and Grayshott. 8108

Seasonal greetings to all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and ringing friends everywhere. — Mr. and Mrs. KYNASTON, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 8070

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year, to all ringing friends. —From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells. 8071

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all our friends, old and new.—From Mr. and Mrs. LATHBURY and NORA, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 8101

Hearty Christmas greetings to all friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth LEWIS and KATHLEEN. 8106

To all ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8058

To our friends in all places, a right merry Christmas. In the coming year, health, happiness and peace.—ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, Barking, Essex. 8099

To all ringing friends. A happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.—James H. MUSSON, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 8091

Wishing all my ringing friends a merry Christmas and prosperous and peaceful New Year.—Thomas G. MYERS, of Plymouth. 8109

The All Saints' Society, PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., Australia, extend Christmas greetings to all fellow-ringers in England, with a prosperous and peaceful New Year.—F. W. FERRIS (captain), A. R. BOTTING (vice-captain), Bruce DUNBAR (treasurer).

To all ringing friends, sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE. 8064

To all our friends. Best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas time and throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne Bournemouth. 8086

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 8037

Seasonal greetings to all friends with a special thought for those at Wolverhampton and in Sussex.—Mr. and Mrs. Trevor M. RODERICK. 8105

To ringers everywhere, young and old, sincere Christmas greetings and a happy New Year.—From the ROTHERFIELD GUILD OF RINGERS. 8080

Best wishes to all ringing friends for Christmas and the New Year. — Charles ROUSE, Cheltenham, Glos. 8096

To 'The Ringing World' and all my ringing friends, kindly greetings and all good wishes. —Wm. SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 8035

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all my old ringing buddies in the Coventry Diocese and elsewhere. And say, you guys, take it easy with them bells till I get back.—Thomas W. SHEPPARD, Box 833, Cary Hall, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A. 7925

Greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the coming year to all our friends. — From Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durrian Farm, Stithians, Truro. 8077

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the New and succeeding years. Thanks to all my ringing friends for many hours of pleasure, wherever they may be.—W. Frank STENSON. 8056

A happy Christmas to all Sunday service ringers at home and overseas and a special one to remaining Australian party.—From Charles SHARPLES, 157, Preston Old Road, Blackpool. 8052

Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol, send heartiest Christmas greetings and the hope of a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends, everywhere. 8090

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS—Cont.

Mr. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD sends to all College Youths and ringing friends, best wishes for a merry Christmas and peace, prosperity and good ringing in 1951.—122, Lee Road, S.E. 3. 8043

To all ringing friends, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 8081

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends.—From Eric SUTTON, Bristol. 8092

To the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and all ringers, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—W. E. CLARKE, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8082

The band of ST. MARY MAGDALENE, Holloway, N.7, wish a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all ringers and friends. 8083

Wishing the ringers and friends of Nantwich and Acton Parish Churches a merry Christmas and happy new year.—From M. HOLDEN and R. TRAVISS, of Lincs. 8112

To members of the Society of Roving Ringers and to members of towers visited by the Society, Christmas greetings and good ringing in 1951.—T. Mark WHITE, hon. secretary, S.R.R. 8093

Best Christmas greetings to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, of Highweek.—From Doris WALDEN, Piddlehinton. 8088

Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year to all friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert WALKER, 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 8116

Greetings and hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all brother (and sister) ringers.—From Frederick WHITE, Culverden, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 8050

To Ralph Wenban, Glos. Happy Christmas and good luck in the new job and new belfry. —From FREDA, 22, Wilcot Avenue, Watford, and all at St. Matthew's, Oxhey. 8054

BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY

The third annual Bellringers' Sunday was held at Barwell on November 26th and, throughout the day the Barwell ringers' own hymns were sung and special prayers offered.

The Rector, preaching at the morning service, reminded the congregation of the message of the bells in their tower, and that they were fortunate in having one of the most enthusiastic and regular bands of ringers in the country.

Mr. Ernest Morris gave the address at Evensong and his most interesting discourse was all too short. Collections for the day were devoted to the Belfry Repair Fund.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

As the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association do not hold a meeting in December, the East Grinstead Guild thought it an opportune time to visit that area and the meeting at Sevenoaks on December 9th proved a great success.

Owing to a wedding, the bells were not available until 4 p.m., but good use was made of them in the hour before tea with rounds, Grandsire and Plain Bob for the beginners, while the more expert knocked off Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

Mr. E. J. Ladd presided over the meeting in the belfry, when three new members were elected, and the next meeting announced as Speldhurst, in January, with Maresfield proposed for February.

After the usual votes of thanks, the company of over 30, from 14 different towers, manned the ropes once more. Cambridge Major went like clockwork and with the help of two locals, who had returned from an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Yorkshire, a well-struck course of that method was brought round.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no meeting at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, and no ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 26th.—A. B. Peck, 1 Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8115

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Practice meeting, Surfleet, Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal. 8047

WALTON-ON-THAMES.—Practice ringing on St. Mary's bells, Dec. 26th, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All welcome. 8100

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Ernest Turner will give a talk on Conducting in St. Giles-in-the-Fields' large vestry, 7 p.m. on Dec. 29th. 8042

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Dec. 29th. Revised ringing times: St. Stephen's, Ealing, 10.30—12.30 (Bus 65 or 97 from Ealing Broadway to St. Stephen's Road). Christchurch, Ealing, 12—1. St. Mary's, Acton, 2—3.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth, 4. Service 5.15. —E. S. John Hatcher. 8078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wye, Dec. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8041

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 30th. Bells (10) available 6—8.30 p.m.—W. Birmingham. 8114

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8), Jan. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Jan. 3rd 8033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Merston Deaneries.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Monday.—F. Farrant, Martock. 8097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division.—Annual meeting at Dagenham, Jan. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Elections, etc. Ringing at Barking in evening 7 o'clock. Names for tea to A. C. Chaplin, 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham. 8075

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Saturday, January 6th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea essential to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Dec. 30th. 8073

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at St. George's, Colegate, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Clement's Hall. Also St. Miles' bells afternoon and evening. Names not later than Saturday, Dec. 30th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Se. 8084

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 6th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Notification for tea essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. (SPR 1025.) 8057

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Cathedral (12), St. Maurice's (6) 1.30 p.m. Meeting 3 p.m. in Smith's, High Street. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 1st, to L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 8062

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Quarterly) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, by Jan. 4th.—A. B. Cooper. 8107

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual, Seaton, Jan 13th. Service 4.15. Tea, Axe Vale Cafe, 2s., names by Jan. 3rd.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 8060

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch. — Annual, Buckland Monachorum, Jan. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan 8th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8110

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