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INSTRUCTION

ONE of the commonest sights in the quieter streets of industrial towns and on country roads fifty years ago was a person learning to ride a bicycle. The instructor's job was to hang on to the back of the machine, and by main force keep it reasonably upright, until the learner found out for himself how to preserve the balance. The teacher very often could not ride a bicycle himself. Nor had he need to be able to do. But there is a very different tale to tell in regard to the teaching of ringing. Most ringers are willing to impart their knowledge to anyone who wants it, but in ringing, more than in anything else, does the veriest tyro take upon himself to teach others, and as one moves about the country one can see the results of it. One district may have fine rope handlers and strikers, although only a few miles away the ringing is sloppy and the striking bad. Probably those responsible for these two differing states of affairs are long since dead, but their work remains, good and bad. In the first case, the teacher was probably one who was a stickler for belfry discipline and the honouring of belfry usages. He may have been a bit of a martinet; he may have driven someone from the tower by his insistence on proper behaviour, keenness and wholehearted allegiance. The legacy he left behind was worth it all. The second instance very likely arose through a man of forceful personality, who resented criticism, and by his personality, aided perhaps by a little sharp practice, kept himself at the head of affairs in his district, so that his standard, however mediocre it might have been, was the standard of the district. Instead of doing his best for learners, and hoping that the pupil would surpass the master, he took very good care that nobody did surpass him. Fortunately, this sort of thing is dying out, but it does crop up from time to time.

So, then, it follows that learners should have the best instruction that is available. It is only fair to them. The teacher should not only know his job properly, but he should know the appropriate moment to make a forward step in the teaching. All good ringers know, and heartily dislike, those ringers who, in spite of well-meant advice, are always striving after something which is just a little beyond them. They are always 'passengers' in what they ring, and because they have to pay so much attention to the method, the striking suffers. Good striking is automatic, and is generally brought about by proper insistence on the striking of simple methods. There can be no such thing as perfect striking, but it can become so nearly perfect that few humans can detect the infinitely small variations in the intervals between individual notes. There are people who admit that they cannot hear their own bell once it is launched into changes. Some, indeed, apparently cannot hear it in rounds. It is a pity that they take up ringing. Cases of this sort are not hopeless, however, and it would be a grave mistake to do anything to drive such individuals from the tower. It needs a really skilled teacher to effect any improvement here, although it can be done.

Different teachers have different methods, although successful teachers find that their basic methods are alike or very similar. The instructor who 'stands behind' his pupil is usually doing him a disservice. First of all, there are comparatively very few people who CAN stand behind effectively. It is an art in itself to issue instructions the right amount of time before the pupil has to do the work. A mere simultaneous instruction is worse than no instruction at all, and merely serves to distract the attention of the learner from what he should be doing for himself. After the principle of hunting is grasped, there should be no need for 'standing behind.' If a pupil has been taught the right way, and has been allowed to proceed only at the rate which his natural aptitude will allow, he should with confidence be able to stand in for a method entirely new in practice to him, and know quite well before he starts that he can make a good job of it. Such confidence comes of right teaching and of, what is more important, right learning.

That great little man, Louis Wilson, asserted in these pages that in fifty years' teaching no pupil of his broke a stay. It doesn't sound much, but it argues a high standard of teaching, one that was born of sheer commonsense. Years ago, men learnt to ring their bells without stays. Might it not be a good idea, where practicable, to remove the slider before teaching a beginner? Probably, a few journeys up to the bell chamber to replace the rope would have more effect than many words. At any rate, it would prevent that nasty jar which is given to the bell and its fittings when a stay is broken, due to unskilful teaching.

J. T. D.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	7
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	ALAN JACQUES	11
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on 12 tower bells. † 50th peal on 12 bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	9
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	REGINALD WOODYATT	10
GEOFFREY HEMMING	5	CYRIL TANSELL	11
JOHN THOMAS	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of twelve bells. Rung for the patronal festival.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	10
JOHN HILL	5	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	11
*JOHN BRAMLEY	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

LONDON, W.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	*ARTHUR W. BUTLER	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	†CECIL J. MATTHEWS	8
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	‡WILLIAM BOTTRILL	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	*FRANK MATTHEWS	10
*MARJORIE JACKSON	5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	11
A. RONALD LING	6	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method and on twelve bells. † 50th peal of Cinques. ‡ 50th peal of Stedman on tower bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK NEWTON	7
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	*JOHN R. MAYNE	9
H. JAMES TURNER	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
ALBERT WALKER	6	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 HARBORNE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	8
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Being 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 27 changes of method.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*E. ALAN JACQUES	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*J. FREDK. MILNER	8
*ALFRED BALLARD	4	*G. STEDMAN MORRIS	9
JOHN HILL	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

J. NORMAN HADLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	3	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Royal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	FRANK L. FISHER	7
*MAX PAGE	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	8
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	9
*RODERICK W. PIPE	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor, age 11.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. FINCH	6
WILLIAM WELLING	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS	3	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	8
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
*PETER A. LAWRENCE	5	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung for the patronal festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A flat.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	MRS. PETER T. ROBBINS	5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

RICHARD WHITE	*Treble*	CLAUDE CORDEROY	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23½ cwt.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
†DIANA PANTING	2	JOHN B. GUY	6
†SUSAN M. BROWN	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
†PATRICK PRESTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

DOUGLAS JORDAN	*Treble*	CLAUDE CORDEROY	5
JAMES P. BLOND	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
HENRY L. BISHOP	3	WILLIAM CORDEROY	7
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH	4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
IVAN KAY	2	SELYWN H. DEARDEN	6
HERBERT BARLOW	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
FRED PRITCHARD	4	JOHN T. WALMSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9). Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.
Rung in honour of H. Barlow's 74th birthday.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	†JOHN R. MAYNE	5
†MURIEL REAY	2	*JOHN PINFOLD	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 50th peal during 1951. † First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN A. BROWN	*Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE	5
*FRANCES M. LAFLIN	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
NEVILLE A. BROWN	3	DAVID VINCENT	7
ROY BROOM	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	T. COLIN RYDER	5
*SHIRLEY BAMPTON	2	*PHILIP COOTE	6
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
ARTHUR FIRTH	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's. Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD R. C. VINES	*Treble*	*FREDERICK PRECEY	5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY	2	HENRY R. PINK	6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	3	RICHARD H. DUKE	7
HENRY J. STEED	4	JACK W. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate Canon A. W. Markby's 50 years in the ministry, and 21 years as Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Dorchester.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	*RUSSELL PARKER	5
WALLER W. MILLER	2	*WALTER RUFFLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 1). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ERIC NIXON	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
JEAN BROWN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
DEREK OGDEN	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 21¼ cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	*Treble*	*W. H. NOEL DEVONSHIRE	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	JESSE HARRISON	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	†ALBERT C. BRIDGES	7
*RALPH H. WINSER	4	*STANLEY W. HATFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival by an entirely local band.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

THOMAS J. FOWLER	*Treble*	ERNEST E. GOSLING	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	*ERIC SUTTON	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
JESSE ELDRIDGE	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal in the method. Rung for All Saints' Day.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES	*Treble*	*ALBERT PRYKE	5
*MRS. D. G. MAYELL	2	HARRY TURNER	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4	JOHN SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the festival of All Saints.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	A. RYAN PRICE	5
*MRS. A. R. PRICE	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	6
*DILLYS HULBERT	3	THOMAS YEOMAN	7
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS	4	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal. Believed to be the first peal with four ladies standing in for the Association.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb.

F. BERNARD DITCHER	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	†JOHN SEYMOUR	5
*MICHAEL BISHOP	2	HENRY L. BISHOP	6
MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	*JACK BERRY	7
*JAMES P. BLOND	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	5
*ALAN SMITH	2	ARTHUR SMITH	6
ALBERT ADAMS	3	FREDERICK W. COLLINS	7
†GORDON PETERS	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	*Treble*	‡EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	5
†EILEEN M. BURTON	2	SIDNEY HARRISON	6
*GEORGE HEBBORN	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	†MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal in method 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the spire was demolished. A 21st birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	*WALTER G. SOAR	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	†FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal in the method and 50th peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
*WALTER G. SOAR	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*A. D. R. KER (Clare)	*Treble*	A. R. GUY (Jesus)	5
M. N. BLAND (Christ's)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
REV. A. C. BLYTH (Sel.)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	4	P. A. F. CLARK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.
* First peal of Major.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung for the patronal festival.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	4
ANNE WORTH	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
DOROTHY KIDD	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.
Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Noel J. Moores.

WINSHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 callings. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

GEORGE L. RODEN	*Treble*	HAROLD E. HARRISON ..	4
*NOREEN BRAIN	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
WILLIAM J. LEACH.. ..	3	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Doubles in the method.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 102 lb. in G.

*PATRICIA CLARKE	*Treble*	*MAX P. PAGE	4
*ROBERT E. LESTER ..	2	*†WILLIAM J. BUTTON ..	5
††GEORGE W. PIPE	3	‡RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. First peal of Oxford Minor as conductor and 100th peal for Suffolk Guild. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Pryke, of Otley, and to mark Trafalgar Day. Robert E. Lester has now completed peals of Minor from one to seven methods.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MALCOLM G. HOOTON ..	*Treble*	JAMES G. NEWMAN	4
ROBERT PIRON	2	FREDK. J. PLUMMER ..	5
JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ..	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal. First peal in ten methods by all the band. First peal as conductor.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Pitman's Composition. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLIN	*Treble*	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN ..	4
FRANCIS R. GODDARD ..	2	HERBERT G. GODDARD ..	5
FREDK. J. WOOD	3	FREDK. W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) College Bob and Single Court, (4) London Bob and Double Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Plain and Double Bob, and (7) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, 115 changes of method. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	*Treble*	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4
GEORGE SAYER	2	*BERT GOGLE	5
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in 14 methods and on the bells.



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CORBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	BERNARD S. PAYNE	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
F. KEVIN THOMPSON	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *cwt.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

TONY OWEN	*Treble*	ERNEST SHORTING	4
*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	2	*RALPH SETCH	5
*DAVID HEIGHTON	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal in five methods.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*MARION HARRY	*Treble*	DENNIS BOUNDS	4
BERYL J. STRANGE	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5
THOMAS I. HOLBOROW	3	BERNICE M. STRANGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fricker on their diamond wedding, and to Peter Henderson on his 21st birthday. Miss B. M. Strange has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Double Oxford Bob Minor, St. Clement's Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, St. Simon's Doubles, St. Nicholas' Doubles, Reverse Canterbury Doubles, Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN ELLWOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
JOYCE HEARN	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
BRIAN TAYLOR	3	DAVID H. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
First peal in twelve Doubles and Minor methods.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	ALFRED BOXLEY	4
GERALD L. BOWEN	2	JOHN H. PAGETT	5
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	3	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.
A coming-of-age compliment to G. L. Bowen.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. WILLIAM HALL	*Treble*	JAMES W. BOWLEY	4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
RICHARD E. MANTON	3	SAMUEL A. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. C. W. Hall, wife of the treble ringer. Also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Fretwell, of Castle Donington. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle.

COWDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores of Stedman (four callings), sixteen of Plain Bob (four callings) and twenty of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

LUTHER J. HONESS	*Treble*	†ERNEST J. LADD	4
*EDWARD J. JENNER	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
†RICHARD D. DIVALL	3	†JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to William R. Manser.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	4
WM. B. DAWSON	2	CYRIL WANDER	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
The conductor's 100th peal and 50th as conductor.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*REV. C. P. SHERWOOD	*Treble*	†CHARLES SMITH	4
MARY HART	2	CECIL POCOCK	5
†LESLIE FOGG	3	*DEREK WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL POCOCK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the restoration of the church and dedication of the new belfry screen.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER WOOD	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
RONALD BOYKETT	2	ALFRED LITTLE	5
HENRY PRATT	3	STANLEY BONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
Rung in honour of All Saints, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Little, of Stebbing, who was 67 the previous week.

TRULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	HARRY PURCHASE	4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	2	CLAUDE TARR	5
REGINALD G. PERRY	3	HARRY COMMINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.
Rung for the patronal festival.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	RICHARD WILSON	4
RAYMOND P. WOOD	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
HENRY C. WEAVER	3	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal. A welcome peal to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Rees.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GILLIAN GOULDING	*Treble*	*DEREK WOODWARD	4
*DOUGLAS COLLINS	2	†MAX P. PAGE	5
ROBERT LESTER	3	*GEOFFREY PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. Mr. G. Page has now rung peals of Minor in one to seven methods.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	4
*DAVID WOODLEY	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
CHARLES COLES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods. Rung on the Feast of St. Leonard and within the Octave of All Saints.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 34. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	7-8
		KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's. Tenor size 15 in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3-4	WALTER J. CLOUGH	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5-6
HARRY POYNER	3-4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	7-8
		*J. MARTIN THORLEY	9-10

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Umpire: GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,456 Plain, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 464 Reverse, 576 Little Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

* First peal of Spliced 'in hand' and in eight methods.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DENIS R. CARLISLE	1-2	PETER NIX	5-6
ALFRED MOULD	3-4	JACK BAILEY	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
First peal as conductor of eight bells 'in hand.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Liverpool Cathedral bells will ring a welcome to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip as they pass through the city tomorrow (Saturday) morning. The ringing will be followed by a short service of dedication. In the afternoon there will be ringing. Three 12-bell bands from the Ancient Society of College Youths, Leicester and Birmingham, have, we understand, been invited to be present. Afternoon ringing will be from about 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, Kent, enjoyed listening to the peal rung on the local bells for his 86th birthday. He writes complimenting the ringers on excellent striking.

Mr. Harry H. Fern rang his 50th peal during 1951 at West Bromwich on October 27th. Brother George E. is waiting till the end of the year before counting his.

Mrs. Rosemary Howard, of Godalming, Surrey, was taken to Farnham (Surrey) Hospital on October 27th with an acute attack of asthma. She is now out of hospital and making steady progress.

Coincidence: Mr. Albert E. Jones, who took part in a peal at Bromfield, Shropshire, on Sunday, November 4th, rang his first peal on a Sunday, November 4th, conducted his first peal on a Sunday, November 4th, and has now rung his first peal on the treble on Sunday, November 4th. Mathematical students can work out the respective da es.

The Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association have a warm spot in their hearts for Mr. Herbert Barlow, who joined the Association in 1898. His birthday is not permitted to pass without peal honours and on October 27th Herbert participated in the peal of Stedman Triples at St Thomas's, Moorside, to mark his 74th milestone.

Congratulations to Roderick W. Pipe, who at the age of eleven has called his first peal, of Royal, at Grundisburgh. He is showing the same enthusiasm as his elder brother, George W., who has now rung 100 peals for the Suffolk Guild.

Stratford-on-Avon tower was strongly represented at the meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild at Butlers Marston. The omission in the report sent in is regretted by our correspondent.

By taking part in the peal at Kidderminster on November 3rd, Mr. George Morris, of Worcester, completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The tenor bell at Sparsholt, near Winchester, has been recast by Messrs Mears and Stainbank and will be dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Maundrell) at evensong on November 18th, at 6.30.

Writes Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham: Could you please state whether Canterbury Pleasure Major is now recognised by the Central Council as this method has not Plain Bob Major lead ends? We trust the appropriate committee of the Council will give a reply.

Six brawny ringers at Shebbear, Devon, on November 5th performed the yearly ritual of turning over the 'Devil's Boulder,' a massive rock weighing several hundredweights. Legend has it that the devil 'just before he died with cold at North Lew' dropped the rock and that unless it was turned over once a year on the night of November 5th the village would suffer some grave misfortune. The ceremony is preceded by sounding a wild jangle on the bells in order 'to exorcise the Devil,' and at the end the bells are rung in thanksgiving. Owing to bereavement there was no ringing this year. The boulder was quickly toppled over by the skilled use of crowbars.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

314th ANNIVERSARY DINNER — SAD PLIGHT OF LONDON BELLS — C.Y.s STANDARD BEARERS OF THE EXERCISE — 'RINGING WORLD'S' GAME FIGHT — UNIQUE ASSOCIATION WITH QUEEN VICTORIA

THE 314th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at Pimms Restaurant, Bishopsgate London, on November 10th, was a great reunion and a most happy function. Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the present Master, was in the chair, and the other officers supporting him were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), A. B. Peck (secretary), H. G. Miles and W. H. Passmore (trustees), J. G. A. Prior (senior steward) and F. E. Collins (junior steward).

Among the guests were Canon Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. E. G. Turner (St. Giles', Cripplegate), and the Rev. C. P. Sherwood (Mapledurham, Berks). Mr. E. H. Lewis came down from Scotland for the gathering.

Those with long membership were honoured during the proceedings and the list included: R. Stannard 61 years, I. Emery and E. A. Young 60 years, W. T. Elson 59 years, G. R. Newton 57 years, W. H. Passmore 56 years, A. Walker and C. Fenn 55 years, G. N. Price and A. D. Cullum 54 years, E. S. Fenn 53 years, W. Shepherd 51 years, A. B. Peck and H. Hodgetts 50 years.

APOLOGIES

The hon. secretary read apologies from the Provost of Southwark, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. D. H. Booth, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. J. W. Jones, Harry Miles (Kensington), F. Warrington, R. Fenn, W. C. Downing, E. Shepherd and G. W. Critchley. The Earl of Shaftesbury wrote thanking the Society for the great honour they conferred on him by ringing a peal for his 80th birthday.

The Master, in extending a welcome to those present, especially those members who had travelled a great distance, said he was happy to see such strong contingents from Birmingham and Lancashire. If those gentlemen were able to be present at the meetings of the Society in London they would be very surprised at the warmth with which they received new nominations from Lancashire.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the Master said some years ago a relation of his, who happened to be a parson in Yorkshire, told him he had been invited to preach at a ringers' service and asked him for advice as to what he should speak about. He said 'Talk about anything but bells' (laughter). A little while ago he saw this relative again and told him he was proposing the toast of 'The Church,' and asked him for advice. He said 'Talk about anything but the Church' (renewed laughter).

We had all endured very patiently long addresses from well-meaning clergymen at ringers' services on information culled mainly from the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' about bells, and for that reason he was not proposing to deliver a long discourse about the Church. Suffice it to say they were all good churchmen and he did not think of all the people connected with the Church there was any body who had more enthusiasm than the ringers for their service for the Church. It was perfectly true that when they were at work in the tower more people heard what they were doing than the choir or organist. Therefore they must see that the message sent out was a good one.

LONDON BELLS

The bells in London suffered great losses as the result of the war. They knew as well as he did how many rings of bells they lost. Many of those bells were in sad need of some bellfounders' tonic and now those bells that were left were also in need of that tonic. It was up to London members to keep in mind the importance of bell restoration so that they might not lag behind in their restorations the splendid work being done in the provinces. They had not the facilities in London to practise the higher methods but that would come in due course. He was glad to know that the restoration of Cripplegate was under way, but they needed someone with £7,000 to come along before it could be completed. St. Magnus' might also soon be restored, Fulham had been restored and the old ring of All Hallows', Lombard Street, had been moved to Twickenham.

The Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate, who replied, recalled the last occasion he attended the dinner was the 300th anniversary of the Society, and looking at a photograph of that gathering at the Whitechapel foundry he noticed that there were many more clergy there than on the previous occasion. Among the clergy were the present Bishop of Southwark and that grand old man, Canon G. F. Coleridge. The Canon was a very big Freemason and was always getting further honours and taking home new aprons. When he was made an honorary Canon of Christ Church his housekeeper said to him, 'I suppose this will mean another new apron?' The Canon replied, 'No, only a rosette.'

CRIPPLEGATE BELLS

Mr. Turner said he had always had a most happy relationship with ringers. They knew the nursery rhyme associated with St. Giles' bells of brickbats and tiles but he well remembered the magnificent peal that was rung on the bells for the Jubilee of King George V. They put up a board in honour of the event but it unfortunately perished in the fire. For their new bells they had to find £7,000. Eight bells survived the fire and four disappeared down the crack. Those eight bells were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry and they were melted down and used for other bells. As long as he was Vicar there would never be any idea of their bells coming from any other foundry than Whitechapel (applause). When he was an undergraduate the curate at his parish was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. He had in those days a deep baritone-bass voice and he used to delight the Temperance Society with his songs (laughter).

The Vicar concluded by saying that for various reasons he had never been a ringer although when staying at a Lincolnshire rectory he did have a lesson in handling a bell. The only time he had rung a bell was at the time of his induction. There was a superstition that the incumbent would remain in the benefice for as many years as the strokes he gave on the bell at that service. He always gave a good many pulls to the bell (laughter).

'PREMIER SOCIETY'

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haines. He said that one reason why he had been honoured by being asked to propose that toast was because their Master had in the past been connected with Birmingham. He was glancing through some old copies of 'The Ringing World' for the years 1929-1930 and was interested to read a letter which stated: 'How much longer is the Ancient Society of College Youths going to keep up the pretence of being the premier ringing society in the country?' The letter was signed 'Unknown.' He did not think the Ancient Society should claim to be the premier society in the country. It was right that each Guild or Society should aspire to be, but if it was so they should not say. He felt now, more than ever, that the Ancient Society could claim a leading place among the ringing societies in the country.

Some of them might be familiar with Pistol in Shakespeare. He was also known as Ancient Pistol. Ancient was another word for standard bearer. To him the College Youths had always been an object of admiration; they had always been standard bearers for good company, good striking and dignified proceedings.

In Birmingham they were very pleased to see their old friend Mr. Smallwood as Master of the Society. For many years Frank had been wandering about the countryside but now he seemed to have found his spiritual home. The other name he associated with the toast was Mr. Peck, who had been secretary of the Society since the death of Mr. Cockerill, some 17 or 18 years.

Mr. A. B. Peck, who replied, said he would like to assure the Vicar of St. Giles' that about 20 hours ago he left the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards with a glass of Worthington and some bread and cheese (laughter).

The Society had had a very successful year. They had had 12 business meetings, all well attended, and 47 practices, and out-of-town meetings at Birmingham, Eltham and Croydon. The Birmingham meeting was exceptional: they went to Bill Barber's grave and the Birmingham ringers received them so well that he enjoyed it as much as any meeting he had attended. They had a good meeting at Eltham and a fortnight ago had a wonderful time at Croydon with a bountiful tea provided by Mr. Cooper and his lady friends.

62 NEW MEMBERS

At those 12 business meetings they elected 62 new members, which was a record for the time he had been secretary. The new members were L. Stilwell (Horsham), F. Oakshott (Epsom), H. J. Turner (Bournville), W. E. Thompsett (Birmingham), J. Taylor (Rochdale), J. G. Clay (Sevenoaks), B. W. White and E. Lish (Henfield), K. W. Mackintosh (Wistaston), A. Pritchard (Hadley), A. J. Adams (Woodmansterne), L. A. Reece (Carshalton), T. R. Hampton (Erdington), J. Scott (Great Budworth), E. Jenkins (Bradford), T. G. Southam (St. Albans), N. David Lane (Solihull), R. O. Fry (Bath), J. W. Southam (St. Albans), W. F. Slaughter (Horley), J. Hill (Ewell), F. H. Newman (Whittlesey), C. K. Lewis (Altrincham), A. Short (Erdington), H. Shutt (Fulham), W. F. Scudamore (Bristol), L. W. Penfold (Smallfield), F. J. Hurrell, P. K. Radlah, and T. J. I. White (Eltham), R. A Laming (Woolwich), J. M. Ellwood (Slough), C. F. Sayer (St. Albans), M. Hatchett (Chalfont St. Giles), P. W. Wecks (Colerne), L. M. Callow (Coventry), G. E. Bagley (Coalbrookdale), H. O. Baker (Chester), P. J. Staniforth (Leicester), R. Tomlin (Carshalton), E. J. Smith (Bicester), E. Pearson (Banbury), R. G. Field (Yeovil), D. V. Gore (Queen Camel), J. Brackley (Woking), H. Milford (Plymouth), H. Poyner (Leicester), T. J. E. Hayward (Bath), T. A. Thornber and B. G Warwick (Leicester), A. E. Jacques (Loughborough), N. Mallet (Axminster), J. E. Cannell (West Wickham), W. F. Butler (Windsor), A. D. Rivers (Slough), T. Barker (Chorley), J. T. Williams (Swansea) A. Cairns (Cheadle), R. A. E. Dunn (Chislehurst), T. E. Marks (Yeovil), F. R. L. Blewer (Camberwell), D. Kingston (Hornsey) and F. W. Goodfellow (Ivor Heath).

The Society rang 28 peals during the year, all of which were of excellent quality.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

THE SILENT TRIBUTE

The company stood in silence as Mr. Peck read the following names of those who had died during the year:—John H. Godfrey, Joseph Evans, Leonard Harris, John W. Wilkins, Charles Edwards, William J. Walker, William A. Clark, Harry Kilby, William H. Shuker, Thomas H. Reeves, James George, John Dixon, Albert Darnell, Alfred Miller, Oliver Sippetts, Charles Dean, George Holmes, John Neal, Walter Claydon, Edward G. Morrad, R. Congreve Pridgeon, Maurice F. R. Hibbert and Thomas Groombridge.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors.' He gave a special welcome to the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He was reminded that a good many years ago his presence would be not only unthinkable but he did not know what would have happened. Happily that was a thing of the past.

In the course of his duties as librarian to the Central Council he had an opportunity of seeing what progress was being made. It was very interesting to see where these books went. During October 220 publications were sold and those books were distributed among 28 counties in England and three in Wales. They extended from Northumberland to Cornwall and from Kent to Westmorland.

Somebody might tell him that the reading of books could not teach a person to ring. He did not propose to say anything about the decline in the standard of striking although something might be said on that subject, but he wanted to say something quite the opposite.

BELLS RUNG PROPERLY

The other day he was at a ringing meeting in Hertfordshire and a young keen ringer told him that he had recently been taking part in some ringing not far from London and he had never in his life heard bells rung properly before. He told him that he had got exactly the same impression many years ago and, curiously enough, in the same district. Such experiences did nothing but good and he hoped he would convey it to his friends.

Recently there had come to Aylesbury a ringer from Melbourne, Australia, named Richards. He had been very interested in his description of ringing in Australia. The arrival of two ringers from England, at Melbourne, had created a phenomenal advance in the quality of their ringing. If Mr. Richards could gain a sound knowledge of ringing while in England, he would be invaluable on his return, for at Melbourne the addition of one good ringer meant so much.

Mr. George Cross received a great ovation on rising to reply as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. An equally cordial reception was accorded Mr. A. Tomlinson, of the Lancashire Association, who offered his Society's congratulations to the Master. Some of them remembered the time Mr. Smallwood spent in Lancashire, when they saw something of his ability. To the visitors it had been a wonderful day.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The toast of 'The Press' was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes who mentioned that he was a member of the first committee connected with 'The Ringing World' and was still in touch with the present committee. They all knew what a good job the present committee was making and 'The Ringing World' was showing good signs of improving. They had read of the campaign for 1,000 new postal subscribers in order that the journal might pay its way: he hoped all members would give their fullest support to the committee. Nevertheless he felt, personally, that the committee would have been wiser to increase the price to sixpence.

Mr. T. W. White, the editor, in reply, in thanking Mr. Hughes and Mr. Smallwood for their support, said that the Master had this year not only the responsibilities of his high office but had thrust on his shoulders two big tasks by the Central Council—the shepherding through of the Rules and Decisions of the Council, a subject upon which snags were constantly occurring, and a greater task of placing 'The Ringing World' on a sound basis.

The decision to retain the price of the journal at fourpence was a bold one and the new committee knew it meant a hard fight. There was one characteristic of the British people—if they saw a man fighting gamely for a worthy object they would not stand aside. This was what was happening in the Ringing Exercise and, as editor, he had been greatly encouraged by the practical gestures of support and friendship.

There were three ways they could help: by doing their utmost to bring in the 1,000 new postal subscribers; by sending a voluntary contribution with peals and quarter peals to meet the added cost: by donations to tide over the period until the 1,000 new subscribers were forthcoming. He had very great hopes that they would succeed.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was again entrusted to Mr. E. Alex Young. He said that was the 14th occasion that he had the honour of being asked to propose the toast. The three names they had to honour were James Robert Haworth, Master in 1851: Francis Baker, 1751: and John Stace, 1651. For details of John Stace, who was a merchant of London, and Francis Baker, he must refer them to the admirable book by the late Mr. Trollope.

Haworth must have been known to a dozen men in that room. He knew him personally at the age of about 70 when he, the speaker, was a young man. Haworth was a compositor and he also contributed articles about ringing. 'I met him,' said Mr. Young 'in the scroof of St. Clement Danes and Westminster Abbey.' He was one of that remarkable band of young men who, as clever ringers, dominated change ringing in London for many years, viz., John Cox, Henry Haley, James Dwight, George Ferris, George Muskett and many others. He was born in 1821 and at the age of 18 joined the College Youths and appears on the roll as 'Robert Haworth of Fleet Street.' He was then a fully-fledged ringer, having been a member of the St. James' Society, whose founder, Thomas Tollady had joined the Society ten years before. Peals were infrequent, one or perhaps two, a year, and it was not until December, 1841, that he rang his first peal for the Society, one of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Bermondsey. In the next four years, however, he rang in seven out of the eleven rung by the Society.

AN ASSOCIATION WITH QUEEN VICTORIA

When Haworth died in 1910 there was a special paragraph in the annual report of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse and Orphan Asylum Corporation. It mentioned that his last employment as a compositor was with Messrs. Virtue, when between 50 and 60 years of age. Much of his time after this was spent in travelling throughout the country taking part in opening ceremonies connected with bell-ringing. He was an official bell-ringer at Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of Queen Victoria and took part in the ringing on the celebration of every subsequent birthday of Her Majesty, also on the occasions of her Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. Her Majesty caused her photograph to be sent to him, which he presented to the Ancient Society of College Youths. Every birthday of King Edward VII. saw Mr. Haworth in the belfry at the Abbey and when His Majesty, as Prince of Wales, presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Institution, he honoured Mr. Haworth by a separate audience and evinced a gracious interest in his career. He was also a very generous benefactor of the Institution.

A popular feature of the evening was the selections on handbells played by Mrs. A. A. Hughes. There was also a touch of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' in which the Master participated.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

The six bells of Rushden St. Mary's have not been rung since 1919. The top part of the fine spire is to be taken down and rebuilt and it has been decided to have the bells rehung at the same time. There is a fine team of lads chiming these bells, and its leader and another interested friend decided to approach the Guild for aid in teaching the band change ringing on handbells to keep them interested and attached until the tower bells are ready.

The secretary of the Wellingborough Branch, therefore, invited them to the quarterly meeting at Ecton, on October 20th. This visit resulted in the election of the two adults, Messrs. Charles F. Clifton and Hodgkins as honorary members, with the promise of help from Branch members. The visitors were especially attracted by the fraternal feeling throughout the meeting. It was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting at Irthlingborough in January.

'The Ringing World' also figured on the agenda and the secretary distributed the leaflets to induce more postal subscribers.

The meeting also provided a surprise for the new Rector of Ecton, the Rev. Stuart W. Artless, and his wife. It was their first attendance at a ringers' meeting. The whole atmosphere, together with courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the handbells, gave them much pleasure.

About 60 were present at the tea provided and served in the Church Rooms by the local ringers' wives.

This tower is interesting for its very old tablets and wall painting of the six ringers. The church contains the ancient font which, with another in the nearby village of Billing, is the oldest in Northamptonshire. There is also a Franklin memorial tablet, Rushden being the ancestral home of Benjamin Franklin. The bellfounder, Bagley, of Ecton, is commemorated by a large stone tablet in the central aisle.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was not too good as the ring of six rather heavy bells needs practice to get good striking.

MITCHAM RINGERS' SERVICE

The bell-ringers' service which was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, at 6.30 p.m. on October 28th was well attended. Ringing started at 5.30 p.m. and 16 ringers participated in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, who preached on a text from Exodus: 'And the sound of the bells shall be heard when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord.' The Vicar pointed out that bells were only mentioned in the Bible in connection with religion. He thanked the bell-ringers for fitting themselves to ring the bells and also for their regular ringing before the church services. The ringing of the bells, he said, proclaimed to all who cared to listen that the House of God was open for the celebration of the Holy Communion and for other services of public worship. In the broadcasting of this message the ringers were performing a vital function in the life of the church.

The lessons were read by two ringers who were for many years members of Christ Church but have now left the parish. The choir sang a special anthem, 'Ding-dong Bell.'

Christ Church suffered badly by enemy action during the war and later by fire, and the ringing and service took place with scaffolding all round the tower and also inside the church. It is hoped that all the repairs and the decorations will be completed and that the church will soon be made beautiful once more.

After the service the bells pealed out again for about half an hour.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on October 20th. There was a good attendance of members and friends and about 50 sat down to tea at the Royal Restaurant, the Vicar, Canon Prentice, joining the party. Evensong followed in the Church of Holy Trinity, conducted by the Vicar, who incorporated the Guild's prayer and suitable hymns applicable to the visiting ringers.

The business meeting took place in the south aisle of the church presided over by the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Messrs. White and Huxley. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chilvers Coton in January. New members elected were Messrs. H. Braunston and R. Bowyer (Bishop's Itchington), Mr. H. Reeves (Ladbroke), Miss D. Palmer (Southam), and Miss J. Maskell (Harborne). The ratification of the election of Miss M. Reay, of Northfield and Mr. B. G. Warwick, of Leicester, prior to peals, was duly made.

A short discussion followed the mention of reports for the years 1950 and 1951 and it was decided to form a small committee consisting of the Master and secretary and one representative from each of the Districts to go into every aspect of the matter and report at the next meeting.

The Master then urged the members to do all they could to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' If each member could obtain only one or two new subscribers, particularly postal ones, then the Guild could be said to have done its best in promoting greater circulation. The Vicar was then thanked for the use of the bells and for the service specially altered to suit the ringers, and the local band received thanks for having everything in readiness.

The lovely ring of ten was made good use of during the afternoon and evening and everybody had a thoroughly happy time.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

A good meeting was held at Kirkheaton on November 3rd. The tricky six bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Doubles and Minor. Some of the spliced touches were very well struck which proved that these bells can be rung. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, the Rev. Mr. Spivey, conducted the short service and also presided at the business meeting.

About 20 members attended and one new member was elected. A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements, which included a warm room and cups of tea at no charge, was heartily endorsed.

The Rector hoped that our visit would encourage his own ringers to stick together. It is hoped to get a central tower for the annual meeting in January.

A suggestion that a collection be taken at the meetings was left over for later discussion, the secretary pointing out that we had ample funds for the current year. Two designs for a rubber stamp were submitted and the secretary was empowered to acquire the one chosen. Handbells and further tower bell ringing until nine o'clock completed a good meeting. A. W. B.

LONG BUCKBY PEAL TABLET

The ringing chamber of St. Lawrence's, Long Buckby, Northants, has been presented with a tablet to record the first peal rung on the bells. This was dedicated at evensong on October 28th by the Vicar.

These bells were a rather 'hard-going' five until March of last year when, having been 'Taylorised,' the 'First Peal on the Bells' was much enjoyed by all who took part.

The tablet is the gift of Mr. P. Amos, whose family has connections with the village dating back more than a century.' E. G. O.

CALLED PEAL AT 11



Roderick W. Pipe, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, has called his first peal, one of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which was his own composition.

Since the age of seven he has been handling a bell, but owing to his slender physique did not start ringing until the beginning of 1950. In May of that year he rang his first 720 on an 'inside' bell, to Bob Minor. He could also ring Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Triples and Major.

It was in June, 1950, that he called his first touch and in February, 1951, his first 720. Roddy attempted his first peal before his 11th birthday, but this could not be recorded owing to a miscall. His first peal—on an 'inside' bell to Kent Treble Bob Major—was rung on May 26th this year. The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, on November 3rd, was his first attempt at calling a peal.

An excellent striker, Roddy has, from the beginning, shown a great interest in figures. He has compiled his own collection of touches of Bob Triples and Major and can now ring up to Cambridge Surprise Royal. Recently he started handbell ringing.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The first District meeting to be held at Barwell for two years took place on October 20th, when 27 members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild participated in ringing at St. Mary's Church. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. S. C. Kipling), and the Barwell Society's own hymns were sung. Mr. Alan Hough read the lesson.

Following an excellent tea, the business meeting was held. Visitors were present from Hinckley, Leicester and Loughborough Districts. The arrangements were made by Miss B. Colver, of the Barwell Society.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): B. Parkin (first in three methods) 1, R. Taylor 2, R. Dowdeswell 3, D. Surman 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Reuben Hemmings, for many years captain at Charlton Kings.

FORTY YEARS AGO
From 'The Ringing World,' November 17th, 1911

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

Congleton, Cheshire.—On Saturday, October 21st, after meeting one short for a peal, 504 Stedman Triples:—G. Smith 1, J. W. Washbrook 2-3, Harry Washbrook 4, J. Darlington 5, W. R. Washbrook 6, J. W. Washbrook, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Shone 8. The ringers of the 4th, 6th and 7th rang blindfolded.

Tasburgh, Norwich.—On Sunday, October 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles:—J. F. Duffield 1, E. P. Duffield 2, G. H. Cross (cond.) 3, W. C. Duffield 4, F. R. Copeman 5. Also 1,260 Bob Doubles. The average age of these ringers is 14¼ years. On handbells, 224 Bob Major and 120 Bob Minor: also two courses of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. These were conducted by G. H. Cross.

[Mr. G. H. Cross is now Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and Mr. E. P. Duffield a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. W. C. Duffield is one of the Norwich Diocesan Association's representatives on the Central Council.]

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held on September 29th at Cradley when over 50 members and friends accepted the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Yaxley, vice-president of the Guild) and the local ringers.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave an unusual and inspiring address.

The secretary reported that he had seen the Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. Mr. Keith Murray, who had consented to be their president. The Vicar of Dudley appealed to the Guild for help at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, for his band of young ringers. The meeting suggested that the secretary should try and make arrangements to fix a practice night suitable for all concerned.

The secretary stated that it had come to his knowledge that Mr. John Goodman, late secretary and Ringing Master of the Guild, had passed away since the last meeting. This information was confirmed and the members stood in silence to his memory.

Suggestions for the next quarterly meeting were Rowley, Oldbury or Wood Green, Wednesbury, and arrangements were left to the secretary. The members wished the Vicar and Mrs. Yaxley god-speed on their departure to Edgbaston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at Rayne on October 27th. The afternoon's ringing was curtailed through the clapper of the third bell falling out: on investigation it was found that the cause was a locking nut which had come off. The clapper was taken to a local garage, repaired and refitted. Ringing then continued.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Clifford), who also gave an interesting address. The collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 18s. 6d.

Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom by members of the local Mothers' Union. At the business meeting which followed, the District Master, Miss H. G. Snowden, presided. Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. D. Smith, J.P., of Witham, an honorary member of the District, who died on October 7th. Six new members were elected. The next meeting will be at Braintree on the third Saturday in January, if convenient.

After the meeting the bells were again rung in a variety of methods by members from Bocking, Stebbing, Finchingfield, Rayne, Black Notley, Braintree, Kelvedon, Dunmow, Witham, Dagenham, Great Easton, Wimbish, Great Bardfield, Woodford, Felsted, Danbury, Wickham St. Paul's, Castle Hedingham and Colchester.

DEATH OF MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE

Former Master of the College Youths

Mr. Tom Groombridge, whose death on October 29th, at Slough, was reported in our issue of November 2nd, was one of the outstanding personalities in the Exercise. He was 84 years of age.

Born at Hurst Green, Sussex, on October 9th, 1867, Mr. Groombridge began ringing in April, 1891, at Tunbridge Wells. The towers to which he had been attached were St. Andrew's, Sevenoaks, 1896-1901; St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, 1901-1940; the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, 1940-1945. Upon the death of his wife he made his home with his son, the late Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., and rang at Daybrook, Notts. It was here he rang his 800th peal on his 80th birthday.

Mr. Groombridge rang his first peal at Tunbridge Wells on December 24th, 1891, and among his notable performances were the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which afterwards proved to be false, 7,392 Cambridge Maximus and 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, both at Bow, Cheapside, and a father and son peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch. He had handled the tenors of Bow, Southwark, Manchester Town Hall and Cornhill but was equally proud of managing Foots Cray treble of one cwt. plus a few pounds to a peal of Stedman Doubles.

To the Kent County Association he gave long and faithful service. From 1903 to 1924 he was hon. secretary of the Lewisham District and was afterwards District Ringing Master for 19 years. He served on the General Committee of the Kent County Association from 1924 to 1943, and from 1910 until 1938 he represented the Association on the Central Council. In 1938 he was elected an honorary member of the Council and held that office until the time of his death. He had a long association with the Ancient Society of College Youths and in 1926 was elected Master of that body.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place in the graveyard at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and was attended by a representative gathering of ringers. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Groombridge (son and daughter-in-law) and a relative of the late Mr. and Mrs. Groombridge.

Owing to war damage the church could not be used and the service was conducted at the graveside by Canon R. S. Greaves (Vicar), the depressing circumstances of a wet day being relieved at the moment of burial by a brilliant gleam of sunshine. At the end a course of Stedman Triples was rung by J. F. Smallwood (Ancient Society of College Youths) 1-2, T. H. Taffender (London County Association) 3-4, G. R. Cross (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) 5-6, A. B. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths) 7-8. Thus three Masters and a secretary of Societies represented gave the ringers' lovely farewell to their old colleague.

Among others present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. A. Young and A. C. Hazelden (Central Council), E. Barnett, P. Spice, W. J. Rawlings and I. Emery (Kent County Association) and E. Mounter (local band).

Before the party dispersed permission was given by the Vicar for the church bells to be rung to four courses of Stedman Triples by F. J. Smallwood (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, E. Barnett 3, A. A. Hughes 4, I. Emery 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, A. B. Peck 7, A. C. Hazelden 8. Later a shorter touch of Stedman was rung by local ringers and Mr. F. G. Groombridge.

MR. GROOMBRIDGE'S PEALS

Doubles.—Stedman 1.

Minor (various).—21 (conducted 15).

Triples.—Grandsire 90 (47), Oxford Bob 4 (1), Plain Bob 1, Erin 1, Union 1, Stedman 162 (82 conducted, 1 non-conducted).

Major.—Plain Bob 39 (11), Double Bob 1, Double Norwich 77 (12; 1 non-conducted), New Double Norwich 3 (2), Double Oxford 5, Hereward 2, Kent Treble Bob 71 (28), Oxford Treble Bob 4, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Granta Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 64 (5; 1 non-conducted), New Cambridge 2, Superlative 32 (5; 1 non-conducted), Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, Ipswich 1, Crayford 1, New Cumberland 3, London 22 (1), Bristol 11 (1), Four Spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 35.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 1, St. Clement's 1, Forward 2, Duffield 1, Kent Treble Bob 15 (4), Cambridge Surprise 10.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 48.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 7 (1), Cambridge Surprise 16 (3), Superlative Surprise 2.

Handbells.—Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 1, Granta Treble Bob Major 1 (1), Granta Treble Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Major 14 (1), Plain Bob Royal 4, Plain Bob Maximus 1.

Total.—800 (conducted 220).

AN APPRECIATION

Those ringers of a younger generation, who only knew Tom Groombridge as an elderly man, can, I suppose, have but a vague idea of the almost fierce energy with which, as a young man, he pursued ringing and every other thing connected with it.

I had my first contact with him 55 years ago, in 1896. When he arrived at Sevenoaks I had just become interested in ringing at the nearby village of Sundridge, which place had a very decrepit ring of six. Sevenoaks Parish Church had a heavy-going eight with a cracked tenor. Both towers were served by ringers who rang set changes, and had no use for either the Kent County Association or for what they called 'scientific ringing.'

One of the ringers of Sundridge, who had taken an interest in me, was attempting to teach me the handling of a bell by allowing me to pull the back stroke while he controlled the sally. Sharing this kind of tuition was the late Mr. W. E. Pitman who, already an expert musician, wanted to add ringing to his accomplishments.

This was the set of circumstances into which Tom Groombridge projected himself. He must, however, have handled the situation with wisdom, as we all joined the Kent County Association early in 1897. At Sevenoaks the position was worse; there, the more or less polite hostility of the ringers was supported by that of the Rector, who had a private grudge against the Kent County Association.

But neither of them could either ignore or resist the enthusiasm of Mr. Tom Groombridge. A result of his representations was the recasting of the tenor bell and rehanging of the whole ring as a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Afterwards a change-ringing band of ringers was built up, which still exists.

A. C. HAZELDEN.

MR. J. H. CLARK

The district of Heckington, Lincs, has lost a very highly-respected old ringer by the death of Mr. J. H. Clark, aged 84 years. He had been captain of the tower of St. Andrew's, Heckington, for over 50 years and was also a member of the Church Council and a sidesman. 'The Ringing World,' which he had taken since it was founded, was always a source of great pleasure to him. His many and varied ringing touches can be considered unique.

His interment took place at Heckington Cemetery on October 13th and in the evening the bells of St. Andrew's were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

A. D.

MR. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

Mr. Arthur Hibbert, Chapel-en-le-Frith, writes:—

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

Although I only had the pleasure of meeting him during a week's holiday at Bushey last summer, I feel that I have lost a real friend.

His genial disposition and friendliness towards my friend and I, both complete strangers to him, dispelled all our fears of joining in the ringing with such a notable character of the ringing fraternity and I am sure that his presence both for service ringing and for peal attempts will be sadly missed by his fellow-ringers.

MR. HIBBERT'S PEALS

Doubles.—Stedman 1 (conducted 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Cambridge 3 (2), London 1 (1), Seven Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 8 (5), Original 1 (1), Erin 2 (2), Stedman 63 (18).

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (1), Original 1 (1), Duffield 1, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich 1, Kent 12, Oxford 2, Double Norwich 17 (3), Superlative 37 (4), Cambridge 27 (1), New Cambridge 3, Bristol 28 (2), Eryri 1, London 21 (2), Yorkshire 9, Rutland 2, one each of Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Aldenham, Bushey, St. Albans, Ashtead, Pudsey, Oxhey, Hertfordshire, Elstree, Wembley, Uxbridge, Cassiobury, Langley, Ealing, Watford, Eastbury, Ickleton, Apsley, Kendal, Hitchin, Southall, Newbury, Sedbergh, Raunds, Minsmere, Woodston, Delrow, Verulam, Deben, Tilehurst, Queensbury, Pinner, Zetland, Bedford, Northchurch, Napsbury, Goudhurst, Belgrave, Barnet, Shenley.

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1, Three methods 1, Four methods 17, Five methods 1, Six methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Erin 1 (1), Stedman 12 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent 1, Cambridge 6, New Cambridge 1 (1), Yorkshire 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 16 (1), Erin 1 (1).

Maximus.—Kent 2 (1), Cambridge 4.

Total.—Rung 360 (conducted 52).

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Maperton on October 27th. Fifty-three members attended the service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. V. Langley, assisted by the Rev. D. Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-sub-Hamdon. Canon C. W. Wakeman, of South Cadbury, read the lesson and Miss E. M. Pound was organist. Mr. Langley welcomed the ringers to his church. Tea was partaken in the Village Institute, provided and served by Mrs. Langley and her helpers. The president, Canon Wakeman, presided at the business meeting when Mrs. Langley was elected a member of the Association.

A poem by Mr. P. Sparks (Assistant Ringing Master) relating to a swarm of bees taken by him at a previous quarterly meeting at Charlton Mackrell Churchyard, was read by Canon Wakeman. Copies were afterwards sold: the whole of the proceeds, £2 2s., was given to the Bell Restoration Fund at St. Thomas-a-Becket's Church, Pylle.

RINGER'S DIARY

As it has not been possible to write individually to thank all persons who replied to our request for information regarding annual meeting dates, etc., for the 'Diary,' we wonder whether we may thank them through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

Receipt of the information is much appreciated and enables us to keep our 'service' up-to-date. Many thanks.

W. VIGGERS,
M. HODGSON.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Carter (first quarter) 1, Elsie Walker (first 'inside') 2, Joan Carter, 3, J. Carter (cond.) 4, L. Hill 5, C. L. Cheetham 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Walker.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Groves 1, J. Russell (cond.) 2, Miss Solly 3, G. Wanstall 4, H. Luck 5, L. Everest 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Emery 1, W. H. Hewitt 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, P. A. Corby 5, J. E. Ryddiard 6, P. J. Spice 7, T. Brett-Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murray-Walton (son and daughter-in-law of the Vicar), who sailed the next day for Northern Rhodesia. This was the 64th anniversary of Mr. I. Emery first ringing at this tower. He has since taken part in 60 peals. First quarter on the new bells.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Goverd (first quarter) 1, F. Symonds 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, H. G. White 4, L. T. Summerwill 5, W. P. White 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): S. Hodgson (longest touch, aged 13) 1, J. B. Porter 2, Miss A. Bousfield 3, A. Hodgson 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Butterfield (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, W. Goldstone 2, R. Andrews 3, J. B. Hessey 4, M. Harbott 5, W. Peck (cond.) 6, D. Sleet 7, J. Crocker 8. For the 50th anniversary of All Saints' Church.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day and Plain Bob, and 540 of Grandsire): Monica Howard (first quarter) 1, Audrey Ewins 2, G. Herd 3, W. Butler 4, J. Brooks 5, C. H. Vitler 6.

CORSTON, BATH.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. L. Hannam 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, S. G. King 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 5, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob for 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rung for the patronal festival.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. L. F. Lockwood 1, B. Chilvers (cond.) 2, B. Lester 3, F. Sterry 4, L. Forster 5, S. Arbon 6, T. W. Lockwood 7, L. Last 8. First quarter on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Pike 1, E. Atyeo 2, H. W. Pearce 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, R. Selway 5, A. Atyeo 6, W. E. Turner 7, H. Pike 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John's, on Nov. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Brown (first quarter) 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Miss P. Steere 3, E. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, W. Williams 6, F. E. Collins 7, G. H. Humphries 8, D. Cooper (cond.) 9, W. F. Oatway 10.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): R. T. Clarke 1, E. Nobles (cond.) 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. Rung by Sunday service ringers half-muffled in respect to Mr. L. M. Crockett.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Green 1, Miss M. Sheamer (first quarter) 2, R. Gardner (first quarter of Minor) 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Taylor 1, H. Taylor 2, Miss K. I. Tivey 3, G. Margetts 4, J. Wilkinson 5, F. Lowe 6, H. Danvers 7, M. J. Barker (first in the method as cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen I. Tivey.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. C. Stacey 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, F. A. Staveley 5, J. McCluskey 6, H. Wagstaff 7, G. Jackson 8. First quarter in the method for 5 and 6. First quarter in the method on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Pam Webb (first quarter in the method) 1, B. Brown 2, M. Bishop 3, R. Blond 4, A. Woodley 5, J. Blond 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Napper 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 4th, 1,080 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Charge 4, Miss D. Lidbetter 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. Sanders 7, R. F. Deal (cond.) 6.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Black (first quarter) 1, R. G. Black (cond.) 2, R. F. Turner 3, L. Toseland 4, A. Warren (first 'inside') 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Black on his 89th birthday and to Mr. A. Y. Tyler, Irthlingborough, on his 82nd. Mr. Black is the sole survivor of the band who rang these bells in the closing years of last century, and is believed to be the Peterborough Guild's oldest member.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. D. Cooper 1, Ruth Foreman (first of Cambridge Major) 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, E. G. Talbot 4, W. F. Oatway 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. W. Knight 7, R. Davies (cond.) 8. Birthday compliments to Mr. W. F. Oatway and Mr. E. G. Talbot.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. West (first of Major) 1, G. Green 2, J. Roast (first in the method) 3, P. Green 4, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, P. Came (first in the method) 6, E. W. Furbank 7, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—All Saints' Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Levett 1, C. A. Levett (cond.) 2, J. W. Piper 3, A. A. Easton 4, J. Pennels 5, R. G. Roberts 6, J. W. Downing 7, P. H. Avey 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John's, On Oct. 31st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. G. Baldwin 1, Mrs. N. Manship 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, A. R. Turley (first of Stedman Caters) 6, C. H. Chapman 1, H. W. Impey 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, F. Corke 10. For the choir festival. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. N. Manship 1, W. N. Genna 2, E. W. Thurlow 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, A. R. Turley 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, W. H. Coles 7, F. Corke 8, H.W. Impey (cond.) 9, A. R. G. Twinn 10.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1, D. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for all except tenor.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. H. Woodberry 1, A. Boxley 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, W. H. A. Compton 4, R. Woodyatt 5, K. Salter 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. Tansell 8, T. Hemming 9, T. W. Lewis 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, W. D. Grainger 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, B. A. Richards 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, T. H. Taffender 6, C. W. Ottley 7, E. T. Beauchamp 8.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,951 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Linfoot 1, W. Dransfield 2, G. Gee 3, J. Cottingham 4, D. Sharples 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung for Guy Fawkes' Day.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Facey (14) 1, B. Bissatt 2, W. A. K. Grey 3, J. Rich 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. Gilbert 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—At all Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Atwell (first quarter) 1, B. Parry 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Dyllis Hulbert 4, Jacqueline Evans 5, A. R. Price 6, D. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Fitzgerald 8. Rung for all Saints' Day.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Jean Sanderson 1, T. Putwain 2, R. Dixson 3, H. Werrett (cond.) 4, I. Werrett 5, J. Collings 6, M. Collings 7, T. Werrett 8. First quarter by an all-Norton band.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cross 1, J. Burt 2, R. Franklin 3, J. A. Coombs 4, D. Stone 5, A. H. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, G. Coussins 8. For All Saints'.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris M. Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, R. Clothier 3, J. Coombes 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a 13th and 14th birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 respectively.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss B. Beeson 2, E. W. Thurlow 3, H. G. Hart 4, G. M. Kilby 5, R. W. Wilkinson 6, T. Collins 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich for 2 and 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Gray 1, W. C. Shute 2, R. Sherman 3, R. E. Tiller 4, R. N. Marlow 5, D. R. Reed (cond.) 6, W. E. Cheater 7, J. Hartless 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 1 and 3.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Minster, Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Fowkes 1, C. Shaw 2, R. Fowkes 3, F. Pickard 4, G. E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (cond.) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, L. Hemstock 8. A birthday compliment for the ringer of the third, and for the 20th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White (first quarter) 1, W. Panter 2, E. Retter 3, Miss P. Willmington (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Dunster 5, J. Salway 6, W. Recks (cond.) 7, A. Tapley 8.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: S. New (first quarter) 1, J. M. Parry 2, W. T. Forrester 3, H. Howson 4, E. J. Rowe (first quarter as cond.) 5, L. Green (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a local band.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Old Norfolk and Plain): Rita Thompson 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, S. F. Saban 6. Rung for Trafalgar Day.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Euston 1, G. A. Parsons 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. H. Begrie 4, H. C. Jones 5, R. W. Winterton 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. J. Winterton, B.A., upon his retirement after 44 years as Vicar.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Lyne 2, W. Cockings 3, J. A. Print 4, C. R. Steed 5, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Garner-Hayward 9, F. C. Lyne 10. A 75th birthday compliment to A. Goode.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss P. Manning (first of Stedman) 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, Miss M. E. Richards 4, G. Townsend 5, D. Goodridge (first of Stedman) 6, R. Townsend 7, E. J. Berry 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles in six methods: K. Stacey 1, J. Clark 2, W. Smith 3, R. Ferris 4, L. Butcher (first as cond.) 5, J. Hordern (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Archbishop of York, and also to mark the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the new Church of St. James, Turramurra.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Whiting 1, E. Shouler 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, O. Warren (cond.) 5. Rung for the harvest festival by Stoke Goldington ringers, whose bells are at the foundry, at the invitation of the local band.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Ashman 1, F. Warren 2, F. Veasey 3, J. Metcalfe 4, A. Kingston (cond.) 5, C. E. King 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. F. Mounte, of Wanstrow, and Miss M. Salvage, of Witham.

WARSOP, NOTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,296 Oxford Bob Minor: Alan Whittle (first in method) 1, Miss Jean Haynes 2, Douglas H. Rooke 3, Roland T. Flint 4, Donald Chadwick 5, Herbert T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 4th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. King 1, Miss D. Wykes 2, Mrs. C. W. Partridge 3, D. King 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, R. Wykes 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Wykes.

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DEDICATION

BALDERTON, NOTTS

St. Giles' Church, Balderton, was filled to capacity on October 31st to witness the dedication of the restored six bells, the new eight-bell frame and the ringing floor.

The illuminated cross high up in the tower acted as a beacon calling all men to worship and the newly-painted floodlit clock in some intangible way suggested the brightness and beauty of the church within.

In the absence of the Bishop of Southwell, the act of dedication was performed by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The Vicar of Balderton (the Rev. W. Marshall) and the Vicar of Newark (the Rev. G. W. Clarkson) also took part in the service.

In his address Canon Wilkinson gave an historical survey of ringing and church bells throughout the centuries, which must have proved of particular interest to the lay mind. He said there was a verse in the Book of Exodus which came to his mind that evening, 'The sound thereof shall be heard when he goeth into the holy places before the Lord,' and if the congregation would have another passage of Holy Scripture, 'Their sound is gone out into all the earth.' The Canon emphasised the fact that the service was one of rejoicing and that it took a good deal to get English people to church on a week night.

Immediately after the act of dedication rounds were rung by a mixed band consisting of Miss Beryl N. White and Messrs. P. Holmes, A. E. Chilton, J. W. Raithby, F. W. Vernon and P. N. White, and the first 360 changes of Bob Minor after the service was rung by the same band.

A £1,000 SCHEME

St. Giles' Church has had a ring of six bells since the year 1900. The treble was originally hung above the others and, becoming unsafe, was taken down in 1930. The bells were previously extremely noisy in the ringing chamber and it was as much as one could do to make one's voice heard above the sound of the bells. It was impossible to correct a trip, and after calling a quarter peal the conductor was usually in a state of exhaustion as well as very hoarse. All that has been altered beyond recognition by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented at the ceremony by Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler.

The bells have been lowered in the tower and a new ringing floor added. There is now no unsightly clock case in the ringing chamber and the bells can be heard distinctly but quietly.

Retuning has been carried out where necessary and the bells have been turned and hung in a new H frame with ball bearings and new fittings and with provision for two extra bells. The job is a credit to the founders and the bells are a joy to ring.

The whole scheme has cost approximately £1,000 including local contractors' work and about £950 has already been raised. The clock has also been overhauled by Messrs. Potts. The Vicar and churchwardens together with the parishioners are anxious to complete the octave as soon as practicable and there seems reasonable hope that this will be accomplished in the not too distant future.

The tenor bell is inscribed 'Jehovah Jireh,' and was cast by John Taylor in 1842. Its weight is 8 cwt. 24 lb and its note G sharp.

So far as is known the only peal rung on the bells in recent years is one of Minor by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 1911.

It is pleasing to record that there is an enthusiastic band of ringers in the village in various stages, and under the leadership of Mr. Peter N. White there is no fear that this now lovely ring of bells will be silent on the Sabbath. J. W. R.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch at Westhoughton

On October 27th Bolton Branch kept up its reputation of having a good meeting at Westhoughton. Here there is a handy ring of bells which are in first-class going order; a Vicar who loves bells and always extends a hearty welcome to all ringers; a ringing chamber which would be better described as a ringing parlour, with its polished linoleum and chairs, central rug, electric fire and decorated walls. The credit for this goes to the tower-keeper, Mr. William Smalley. The local members and their wives provided an excellent tea.

Youth was not quite as predominant, but a high order in striking was maintained. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major in nine different methods. Towers represented were Bolton Parish, Holy Trinity, St. George's, St. Bartholomew's, Smithills, Farnworth, Walkden, Newchurch and Westhoughton, along with a number of visitors.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. Dimmock, presided at the business meeting and said he always enjoyed the ringing, whenever there was a meeting or a peal being rung.

The secretary distributed leaflets appertaining to the welfare of 'The Ringing World.' He urged more members to take the paper regularly and to have it delivered through the post. By doing so they would get it earlier, but a more important point was that the Editorial Committee would benefit financially by cutting out distribution charges. It is 'our' paper and ought to have all 'our' support.

The members were reminded of the 'Branch Picnic' to be held on May 17th, with Loughborough in view; more names were given in.

The secretary, after moving a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, said it would be remiss if, on behalf of Branch members and other ringers and friends who attended, he did not voice thanks to the Vicar for arranging a ringers' service last August. It certainly was appreciated and a successful effort, and he would like another service next year.

The Vicar said the hard work had been done by his ringers, especially Mr. Smalley, and it would be a pleasure to arrange another. Sunday, August 17th, was fixed.

Next meeting at Leigh. P. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.E. Branch Meeting

The towers comprising the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are few and widely separated, with Bampton perhaps the most isolated of them all. It is, therefore, very gratifying to report that the quarterly meeting held there on October 27th was one of the most successful the Branch has held for a long time.

The singing at the service was led by a full surpliced choir of men and boys, the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Frayling, gave an address which it is no mere platitude to call inspiring, and as for the magnificent tea, which was provided free of charge by the Bampton ringers and their wives, the combined efforts of nearly 70 ringers, assisted by the choirboys, failed to dispose of it all. Even cut-rounds and cream remained uneaten at the end. A collection in aid of the Guild Bells Restoration Fund realised £2 1s. 2d.

In addition to Branch members, who turned up in greater numbers than usual, and the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, visitors were present from Exeter, Honiton Clyst, Brampford Speke, Chipstable, Combe Martin, Taunton, Wellington, Milverton, Wiveliscombe, Dulverton, Dunster and Peterborough. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor and included such oddities as Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles and Grandsire Minor.

The Branch annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 5th.

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ENGAGEMENT

BURTON—WARWICK.—The engagement is announced between Winifred May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester, and Brian Geoffrey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Warwick, 76, Collingham Road, Leicester. 9787

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Eighth Annual Dinner, London, Friday, January 4th. Details will be circulated later. Prospective new members please write to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9776

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Ormesby (St. Cuthbert's), Saturday, November 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—Peter W. B. Semmens Hon. Sec. 9764

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, Saturday, November 17th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; please bring own food.—Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 9769

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, November 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9739

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe, Saturday, November 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9731

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, November 17th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at King's Head, 5. 9713

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Saturday November 17th, 6—9 p.m.—R. H. Mills, for Dis. Sec. 9747

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Lamberhurst (6), November 17th, 3 p.m. 9733

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting arranged for November 17th at Thurcaston is cancelled.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 9732

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at East Harling, Saturday November 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 9737

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, November 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, moderate charge to all who notify, by November 16th, Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaith, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9770

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke and Winchester Districts.—Combined practice meeting at Preston Candover and Ellisfield, November 17th. Bells: Preston (5) 2.30; Ellisfield (5) 6. Service at Preston 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Vicarage. After tea, Erin and Carter's practice. 9708

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly, Saturday, November 17th, at Sopley (5) and Ringwood (8). Ringing, Sopley, afternoon. Tea and meeting Ringwood 5.15 p.m. Ringing afterwards at Ringwood.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9756

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Saturday, November 24th. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 9771

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Badgworth, Saturday, November 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 9774

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; good cafes nearby.—Maurice Bailey, Dis. Sec. 9773

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, November 24th. To honour the president on attaining his 80th birthday. Names for tea, by November 22nd, to Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead 8. Method: Grandsire. 9675

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bentley (5), November 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sanderson, 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 9763

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Last 1951 meeting Warmley (6), November 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Tea names, by November 19th, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9759

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 9780

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's) on November 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by November 21st, at latest, to Mr. B. Key, 295, Dallow Street, Burton-on-Trent. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 9702

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, November 24th, St. Mary's, Guildford. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Y.W.C.A. Club, 119, High Street. Names, by November 21st to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. Gentlemen cordially invited 9789

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, November 24th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9777

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Bury on Saturday, November 24th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Tea to be had at cafes near church.—J. Paton. 9791

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, November 24th. Bells (6) 3. Tea at Dog and Gun, 5. Names, please, by November 20th, to Mr. P. Hallam, 41, Desford Road, Thurlaston. 9786

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 21st, to Mr. J. Morris, Eaton, Grantham. 9781

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, November 24th. Names for tea, before November 17th, to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 9768

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 24th. Ringing, Harlington (8) 3—5. Buses 90a, 98. Names for tea (5 p.m.), before Wednesday, November 21st, to Mr. Nelhams, School House, Harlington. Business meeting, Harmondsworth (6) in evening. Bus 224.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9785

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Fakenham, Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall for those who notify, by November 21st, Geo. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec. 9734

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Kingsthorpe, November 24th. Names for tea, by November 20th, to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 9755

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, November 24th, Great Missenden, 2.30 p.m.; Little Missenden 3.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Amersham, 6 to 7.30. Names for tea by November 19th.—Barker, Cambridge Wexham, Slough. 9783

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice at Thame on Saturday, November 24th, at 2.30 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 9772

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), November 24th, 3 p.m. Farewell to the Rev. Kendall. Names for tea to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker. 9782

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Mayfield (8) on Saturday, November 24th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea, by 22nd, to W. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield.—P. H. R., Hon. Div. Sec. 9761

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Strathfieldsaye, Saturday, November 24th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. Best, The Stores, Strathfieldsaye. — J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9794

WORCESTERSHIIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, November 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9790

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting on December 1st at Cranfield (first for 13 years). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. Also please book January 5th for A.G.M., Bedford. 9784

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 26th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 9760

HERTS and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting will be held at Sawbridgworth (8) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. Kemp, Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford; G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street Hoddesdon. 9788

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Barming, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, in Church Hall, 5.—Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9775

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, November 26th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Buckland, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by November 28th, to M. J. Pryor, 9, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9756

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by November 24th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9793

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at Wimbledon on Saturday, December 1st. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45; St. Mary's, Putney, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Nominations for District officers, 1952. Names for tea to Mr. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Street, S.W.19.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9779

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Lenton, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, November 24th, to Mr. K. Lee, 25, Cloister Street, Lenton, Nottingham. 9792

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Aberavon (8 bells)), Saturday, December 1st, 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 9758

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