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A SIDELIGHT ON METHOD EXTENSION

MUCH consideration has been given, especially since the war, to the question of method extension. Discussions have taken place and learned articles have been written in the columns of this paper in an attempt to influence the opinion of the Exercise as to the most acceptable form for the extension of eight and sometimes six-bell methods to the higher numbers. As a result, the Methods Committee of the Central Council is making an effort to find a suitable formula for method extension that will be sufficiently acceptable to all parties to receive the general consent of the Exercise.

The Methods Committee has a hard problem, but it is not with this that we would concern ourselves in this article. Rather we would suggest that the attention given to this subject has exaggerated its importance and we point to a risk that the Exercise runs of repeating a serious error of judgment of the past.

In the earlier days of the development of change ringing three comparatively difficult methods, Cambridge, Superlative and London, were evolved. To these methods the family name 'Surprise' was attached and gradually it became the ambition of all good ringers to master the Surprise methods. In this way considerable emphasis was placed upon Surprise and the three original methods were followed by others in the same group. The theory was that the Surprise methods were more difficult than the others. Subsequent knowledge has proved that this is by no means true, although even to-day ringers generally are much influenced by this fallacy. The result of all this is that dozens of Treble Bob methods, often more musical, equally well constructed, as free of composition, are neglected because they are not 'Surprise.' Plain methods, of which some are exceedingly difficult, are almost entirely neglected.

The most amusing thing of all is that some thirty years ago it was found that Bristol, that prince of all methods, was not Surprise and the definition of a Surprise method had to be discreetly amended to overcome this anomaly. Surely much the same thing is happening to-day with regard to method extension. Practical ringers have set the Exercise a 'corker.' Supposed extensions have been rung and named and now the rules have got to be altered to suit the game instead of the game being altered to suit the rules—otherwise someone is bound to be offended.

This interest in extension seems to be resulting in a polite disregard of the Royal and Maximus methods that do not bear the names of methods already known on eight bells. That there is no lack of such methods can be seen from Mr. A. J. Corrigan's excellent collection.

Academic discussions on method extension are doubtless most diverting, but what is the real practical value of this problem child? If we consider Cambridge Surprise it is a fact that if a man were able to ring Cambridge Minor really well and could also ring on eight bells he could be told one or two simple points and would then be able to ring Cambridge Major without having previously looked it up. This would be even more true of the advance from Major to Royal, and when it comes to Maximus the only need is the ability to ring twelve bells.

Cambridge is an extension universally accepted. So also, one believes, is Yorkshire. However, although a knowledge of Yorkshire on one number certainly helps when ringing on other numbers the method has to be learned afresh on each number of bells. After these two methods none, within the writer's experience, bears much practical relationship on varying numbers of bells, even in the case of the universally accepted extension. It would seem, therefore, that the only practical value could be the similarity of name.

It is said that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. And so, indeed, the value of a method is but little affected by its name. However, we must face the fact that this affection for names seems to be reaching incredible proportions. It seems to derive from a desire to wrap four methods into a neat little parcel, tie them up securely with stout string, and attach a label bearing the family name. The ringer is then able to say, 'I have completed the Cambridge family, the Timbuctoo family and so on ad inf.' The fact that the members of his family are squalling, howling brats whose parentage is often a matter of extreme doubt does not seem to matter!

What conclusion can we draw from all this? Surely the Exercise must look to the ringers with adequate ten and twelve-bell facilities to provide a lead to the rest of us. Such ringers would be doing a great service to the Exercise if they would for a year or two tackle some of the many ten and twelve-bell methods that Mr. Corrigan by his enterprise has made so readily and cheaply available. By so doing they might well pour oil on the troubled waters of method extension and make for themselves a more permanent mark in the history of the Exercise. P. A. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Comprising 672 Rutland, 1,008 Superlative, 672 Pudsey, 1,344 Cambridge, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Belgrave, with 83 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE ..	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	*SHIRLEY BURTON	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
JOHN R. SMITH..	6	HAROLD J. POOLE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 400th peal. † 200th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung in six methods and all those taking part are members of the Cathedral service band.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

HENRY H. FEARN ..	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
*MURIEL REAY	2	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ..	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY..	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Pudsey Royal.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 14. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	*Treble*	*JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ..	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ..	3	*RONALD N. MARLOW ..	8
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ..	4	FRED PRICE	9
*DAVID R. REED	5	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to Philip, son of the conductor, Mr. George Preston, captain of the tower, and Ronald N. Marlow.

GLASGOW.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary's Cathedral Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32¼ cwt.

H. F. SARGENT	*Treble*	L. BOUMPHREY	6
W. H. PICKETT	2	†E. BOUMPHREY	7
*†A. C. SCOTT	3	E. A. STAFFORD	8
†MISS K. M. H. BRANSON	4	C. R. RAINE	9
†R. M. PRESTON	5	T. C. WINDERAM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDEN. Conducted by W. H. PICKETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters by the Scottish Association with Scottish service ringing members. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the bells and as a thanksgiving for the recovery of H.M. the King.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

EDWARD E. COWARD ..	*Treble*	BERNARD HAWKINS ..	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	ARTHUR SMITH	7
ALAN SMITH	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ..	8
GORDON P. T. PETERS ..	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	9
GEORGE L. GROVER ..	5	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

BRYAN D. WOOLLEY ..	*Treble*	SQN./LDR. JOHN S. MASON	6
HENRY H. FEARN	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	7
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 63. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	DENNIS MADDOCK	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ..	2	CECIL RADDON	6
JOSEPH WHITTAKER	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	RALPH EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 35 cwt.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ..	2	JESSE HALLETT	6
HORACE D. TAYLOR	3	SEALY S. WOODBURN ..	7
LEONARD DERRICK	4	KENNETH F. MEDWAY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
A birthday compliment to Sealy Woodburn and John Owen.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW..	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	†WILLIAM A. FARMER ..	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

SANDFORD DUMBELL ..	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS.. ..	5
ROGER HAWKESWORTH ..	2	ALBERT G. RICHARDS ..	6
EDMOND MALIN	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	7
ROY K. MOWFORTH ..	4	ROY BASTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

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[illegible]TON [illegible]ORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
[illegible] LEICES[illegible]COLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
[illegible]ec. 12, [illegible]8, 1951, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT T[illegible] THE [illegible]CH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A P[illegible] OF [illegible] 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
(C.C[illegible]s Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	HAROLD MORWOOD	5
*C. AUBREY HARR[illegible]	2	JACK BRAY	6
FRED LACEY	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
†RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. [illegible] Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in th[illegible] as [illegible]ethod 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of [illegible]birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Finn, both being members [illegible] the local band.

LOUGH[illegible]BOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

DONALD C. PRICE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RICHARD J. W. JURD	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN H. HUNT	6
†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
ERNEST A. JURD	4	*ASHLEY H. E. WALTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. H. Reynolds and as a 51st birthday anniversary compliment to Mr. F. G. Barron, both members of the local band.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE	5
†KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* 25th peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 5th and tenor. Specially arranged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Canon Jenkin Jones, Vicar of Blackhill, and Rural Dean of Lanchester.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5
ERNEST J. GOWER	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3	CHARLES CLEGG	7
*BRIAN WOOD	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
BERNARD W. PANKHURST	4	JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
Rung as birthday compliments to the ringer of the 4th and the parents of the conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE H. PAULSON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
PHILIP H. WHITAKER	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. George Freebrey, of Derby.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
*PETER E. PARRY	2	JOHN W. BEST	6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS (204). Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the completion of 40 years in the ministry by the Rector, Canon G. Vaughan, who was ordained on St. Thomas' Day, 1911.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt, in A.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. ANDREWS, SEN.	5
GEORGE N. ORMAN	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
ROY A. DUESBURY	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. J. G. BROWN. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

J. NORMAN HADLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELD, HOLBORN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

W. NORMAN GENNA	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 HARLESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
ERNEST G. SHORTING	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	WILLIAM J. FLATT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method, which is Superlative with 8ths place at the lead-head.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	DAVID R. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	†JOHN PINFOLD	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 100th peal. † 400th peal.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOAN M. PEACOCK	*Treble*	*SIDNEY PENFOLD	5
A. HAROLD WORBOYS	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	6
JOHN SITCH	3	COLIN E. WRIGHT	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	NORMAN CORNWALL	5
F. DONALD BOREHAM	2	WALTER LEE	6
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	A. REGINALD BLABY	7
DAVID COX	4	FRED COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. DONALD BOREHAM.
First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anthony Cox, a member of the local band, who is in H.M. Forces in Austria.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	PETER N. BOND	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	PATRICK PAGE	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	PETER [illegible]	5
†GEORGE FRANCIS	2	JOHN [illegible]	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	JOHN [illegible]	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 CHERWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 b.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in this method (E. W. Tipler's E 30/4). Rung for the feast of St. Stephen-the-Martyr. The conductor's 450th peal.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JAMES CARTER	*Treble*	*CHRIS. N. P. JOHNSON	5
DEREK OGDEN	2	*ROGER LEIGH	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 b.

*BERNARD R. MILLWARD	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	5
*ROGER B. MORRIS	2	HARRY BYE	6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Kent as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHADLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDGAR J. SMITH	*Treble*	*CYRIL H. KINCH	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	EDMUID E. PEARSON	5
CHARLES COLES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal 'inside' in eight methods. The first peal on the bells. Rung on the feast of St. Nicholas.

ARBORFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MISS B. VASS	*Treble*	‡THOMAS TILLEY	4
*JOHN MASON	2	†LAURE HALL	5
†ALFRED G. STREET	3	†STANLEY G. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY G. DAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 48. 49, 50, 51, 28 and 29). Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

WILLIAM R. DRURY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
CECIL E. CARR	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	5
ALFRED BALLARD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry Bird, who was captain and a loyal member of the local band.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising seven extents each of Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
BRIAN TAYLOR	2	DAVID H. PEARCE	5
STANLEY DAY	3	*FRANK TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge, (5) Hull, (6) Norwich, (7) Bourne. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	4
BERTIE BEE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK

First Surprise peal in eleven methods by all the band except the 5th. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	LEWIS HEMSTOCK	3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	2	CLARENCE BRIGGS	4
ARTHUR E. CHILTON ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal on the bells for the Guild. A birthday compliment to His Majesty the King.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NEIL E. DOLLIMORE ..	*Treble*	†ROY L. SHUTTER	4
KEITH B. GOOD	2	*REGINALD E. SHEPPARD..	5
*JANE M. PLUMBE	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All the above are members of the Apsley tower.

GREAT KIMBLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GORDON J. STRATHDEE ..	*Treble*	VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY ..	4
AUBREY SEYMOUR	2	HARRY JONES	5
ARTHUR POULTON	3	JOHN CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Canterbury Reversed and twelve extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

PETER MASON	*Treble*	*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	3
DONALD H. METTAM ..	2	W. ROBERT PARKER ..	4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. King George VI.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*EILEEN M. BURTON	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to His Majesty the King.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents, viz.: Three of Plain Bob and one each of Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Laminated Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DOROTHY KIDD	*Treble*	RONALD BARLOW	4
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH ..	5
SYDNEY SAGE	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung as a mark of appreciation of 37 years' service completed by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Henshall, the local Sunday School superintendents, on the occasion of their retirement.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	4
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN H. HUNT	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT. Witness: PETER N. BOND.

First peal in the method by all, and believed to be the first peal in the method for the Association.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Treble*	*MAVIS COOMBER	4
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN..	2	LUTHER HONESS	5
DOUGLAS F. DRIVER ..	3	REGINALD L. SILLS.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz: Bourne, Beverley, Chester, York, Durham, London and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

MRS. W. N. PARK	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
*FREDERICK W. COOKE ..	2	ROLAND PARK	5
W. NORMAN PARK	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the installation of the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 73, 74, 65, 66, 64, 58, 59). Tenor 8¼ cwt. (approx.) in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	ALAN CATTELL	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*FREDK. C. ROPER	*Treble*	ALBERT G. HARRISON ..	4
WALTER ELSEY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
†JAMES MORLEY	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 50th peal for the Association. † First peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Norwich, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DONALD H. METTAM ..	*Treble*	*PETER MASON	4
*BERTIE BEE	2	MOSES BILLINGS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in twelve methods.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	4
ERNEST STITCH	2	MAURICE G. TURNER ..	5
J. NORMAN HADLEY ..	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

GEORGE BUSH	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
FRANK WARRINGTON ..	3	JOHN BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

DAVID SMITH	*Treble*	ALBERT H. CRAWLEY ..	4
BERNARD J. ONGLEY ..	2	A. DOREEN EDWARDS ..	5
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ..	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	4
*BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN W. MEADE	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* 25th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and St. Simon's Bob, eight of Grandsire (six callings), and 28 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 3-4
BRIAN R. SUTTON 5-6
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in four Doubles methods by all. Birthday compliment to Mr. R. W. Warwick.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL (CITY).
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JEANNETTE A. ROSE .. .. 1-2 | ALAN E. PEDLAR 3-4
JACK R. WORRALL 5-6
Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 98, EVESHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4 | FREDERICK E. WILSON .. 7-8
Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to Peter J. Staniforth.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4 | JOHN F. PEDLER 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

RUTH M. K. HOW (Oxon).. 1-2 | E. J. LINDLEY (Cantab) .. 5-6
R. F. B. SPEED (Cantab) .. 3-4 | ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Cantab) 7-8
Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

50th peal as conductor.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*PAMELA MARTIN .. .. 1-2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | BRENDA FELLS 7-8
Composed by F. F. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal 'in hand' on eight bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *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 | ROY C. HURST 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST 9-10
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Philip Matkin.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 13 in E.

HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 1-2 | MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. .. 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 9-10
Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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PRESSURE

The past week has been one of pressure in dealing with new subscribers. Should any errors in addresses have been made, will readers at once communicate with the Editor. Our aim is that 'The Ringing World' shall be delivered by the first post on Friday morning.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Leicester has produced something new in 12-bell ringing with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in six methods by the Cathedral band.

Mr. S. Anthony Jesson has joined the select band of those who have rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Errata.—The last course end of the composition of Double Norwich, on page 815, should read 32564.

Wickersley Modern School (Yorkshire) handbell ringers appeared in the Children's Hour T.V. Newsreel dressed in 1851 costume.

The peal of Doubles rung at Chelford, Cheshire, on November 27th, was the first peal in three methods for Arnold Worth and not his first peal, as printed.

Following the example of Mr. 'Bob' Collins, of Sevenoaks, Mr. Charles A. Bassett has forwarded us a donation toward 'Ringing World' expenses of one penny for every peal he has rung. Thank you!

Mr. R. Roger Savory's question regarding young ringing masters has prompted Miss Elizabeth Morton, of Barnton, near Northwich, Cheshire, to write that she was deputy ringing master of the Northwich Branch in 1949 at the age of 19 and ringing master in the following year. Another young leader is Miss B. N. White, of Balderton, Notts, from whom a letter appears on another page.

Congratulations to the band of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on ringing their first peal of Stedman Caters. The issue was never in doubt, writes our correspondent, despite the fact that A. C. Scott, the young ringer on the third, had never before attempted more than a short course of Caters. He was to have rung the tenor, but the local captain insisted on ringing the tenor himself so as to give Scott an opportunity of scoring his first peal on ten 'inside.'

Next Monday Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Andrews, of Forton, Longparish, near Andover, celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. To mark the occasion, members of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will attempt a quarter peal ot Doubles, with Mr. Andrews, whose 93rd birthday was last Friday, on the tenor. For 73 years he has been a ringer at Longparish.

St. Michael's, Basingstoke, at their annual meeting decided to purchase a copy of 'The Ringing World' to be placed in the tower for the benefit of probationers and visitors. If this practical method of support was adopted in other towers we would soon reach the 1,000 new subscribers mark.

'Change ringers are not musicians but merely clamorous mathematicians, who do their permutations with rather more noise than people who make out football pools to a system.' —'Glasgow Herald,' in commentary on the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, company.

Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch Priory, celebrated his 82nd birthday on December 18th. Alas, the quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques at the Priory, which he was calling, was not successful. Nevertheless, it was an occasion for rejoicing and congratulations to this veteran stalwart of Hampshire ringing.

Featured in the 'South Wales Echo and Express' just before Christmas was an article dealing with the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Cardiff, and an interview with Mr. Fred Hannington, the secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. At St. John's half a dozen young people are training in preparation for the time when the bells of Llandaff Cathedral can be rung again. Veteran ringer at St. John's is Mr. Seymour R. Barker, who has been ringing for more than 40 years.

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RECORD PEAL OF ROYAL AT WORSLEY

Three Long Lengths Superseded

ON Saturday, December 15th, at the Church of St. Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, a peal of 15.480 Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung, conducted by John Worth. The church, in a beautiful setting amid the trees, in a commanding position dominating the surrounding countryside, possesses a modern ring of ten bells which is the pride of its ringers and renowned throughout the north-west for its excellence.

Another feature of the church is the liberality which is accorded to peal attempts: they seem to take place at almost fortnightly intervals. No words can convey the welcome visiting ringers receive at the hands of the local band, and in particular Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire. Nothing is too much trouble for him. When permission was sought for the attempt the matter was soon arranged through his good offices, the Vicar, Canon Colin Lamont, kindly giving his consent. The incumbents at Worsley have always been good supporters of ringers, and the present Vicar has already shown himself in the tradition.

New ropes were obtained, and on Wednesday evening before the peal several of the band went along to see if anything was needed in the way of rope adjustment, etc., but found that everything was in apple-pie order. The ropes had been fixed by Mr. Derbyshire and used once or twice to take the newness out of them. Such care on the part of the local ringers greatly encouraged the band, and it cannot be wondered that they scored an excellent peal which surpasses all the existing Royal records and is also the longest length of Cambridge Surprise yet rung on any number.

The peal itself was uneventful, the bells went off into changes at 8.5 a.m., and at the start the pace was on the slow side, but it smartened up later, and a good beat was maintained throughout. Previous records which are superseded by this peal are: 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, December 26th, 1923; 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, April 13th, 1914; and 12,740 Plain Bob Royal, April 7th, 1950. The longest length of Cambridge on any number was, of course, 15,312 Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929.

The ringers who accomplished the feat are men whose names have appeared in similar performances of late years.

Treble.—Henry O. Baker, a proud Salopian, took part in the 21,600 Bristol last year, is 43 years of age and rang his first peal twenty-six years ago.

Second.—Fred Dunkerley, ringer and aviator, well known in both pursuits; he also took part in the 21,600 Bristol and 8,032 Spliced Surprise, is 46 years old, and rang his first peal 29 years ago.

Third.—Wilfred Stevenson, another member of the Bristol long-peal band, rang his first peal 22 years ago and is 43 years of age.

Fourth.—John E. Bibby, a ringer with a list of long peals—11,232 Superlative, 6,496 Spliced Surprise, and, of course, 21,600 Bristol. Fifty years old, he rang his first peal 31 years ago.

Fifth.—C. Kenneth Lewis. Thirty-eight years of age, took part in 21,600 Bristol and 8,032 Spliced Surprise. Rang his first peal 17 years ago.

Sixth.—Walter Allman rang his first peal 14 years ago and took part in the long peal of Bristol and 8,032 Spliced; is 41 years old.

Seventh.—Edward Jenkins, a name to conjure with whenever long lengths are mentioned, for he conducted 11,232 Superlative and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob, and rang the treble to the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus. His first peal was rung 33 years ago, and he is 56 years of age.

Eighth.—James C. E. Simpson, well known as a ringer and conductor: he called the 8 032 Spliced, but this was his first venture into five figures. He rang his first peal 25 years ago and is 43 years old.

Ninth.—Joseph Whittaker, should have taken part in the 21,600 Bristol but was prevented by indisposition. This time there was no doubt, and he fulfilled his task nobly. Thirty-four years of age, he rang his first peal seventeen years ago.

Tenor.—John Worth, known throughout the Exercise for his genial personality and ability as a conductor. He called the 21,600 Bristol and rang in the 8.032 Spliced, and is 41 years old. His first peal was rung 22 years ago.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

The Editor, the Editorial Staff, the Editorial Committee and Mr. J. E. Jeater extend their good wishes to all readers for 1952.

The wide measure of practical appreciation that has been evinced since 'The Ringing World' faced its financial difficulties has convinced the Editor of the popularity of the journal and the strength and enthusiasm of the Exercise.

We have not yet reached the 1,000 postal mark of new subscribers; there is still time to send a subscription of £1 2s. 6d. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11 Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent, and enjoy the full benefits of being enrolled as a 1952 postal subscriber.

To those who send small donations with their peals and quarter peals we accord our special thanks. This additional source of revenue should enable us eventually to introduce improvements, notably in the field of illustrations. In the past few months these have only been used when contributors send a remittance to cover the cost.

Thus we enter upon 1952 full of confidence in the hope that the high tradition of British ringing will be fully maintained and the witness of the bells to the greater glory of God will add to the strength and vitality of His Church.

DEATH OF AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

As a mark of respect to the memory of Monseigneur William Francis Brown, D.D., Titular Bishop of Pella and Auxiliary in the Diocese of Southwark, who died on December 16th, members of the local band rang the bells of the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, Clapham Common, half-muffled, on the following Monday evening and Thursday evening, the eve of the Requiem. The ringing included Grandsire Doubles and the 'whole pull and stand.' Those taking part were P. J. Hutchings (Master), T. J. Farmer (secretary), Miss M. E. Powell, E. J. Wall, S. Whitman, P. Somers, A. J. Clifford, J E. Twiggs and T. H. Taffender.

The Society were represented at the Solemn Requiem Mass, sung by the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev. C C. Cowderoy, D.D., in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, by the Master, Mr. P. J. Hutchings.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX. — On December 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: S. Bull 1, A. Reeve 2, Joan Hills 3, H. Kenyon 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6, Peter Wright 8. Rung for the wedding of Guy Saunders, ringer and server at this church, to Miss Dorothy Tate, which took place at St. James the Great, Bethnal Green, on the previous day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Special interest was taken in the Farnham District meeting at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on December 8th, when the draft form of the Guild's revised service was used for the first time.

The Vicar of Aldershot (the Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall) conducted the service assisted by the Rev. G. Phipps-Neap (curate), and the address was given by Canon G. L. Cole, Rector of Bentley, who is a ringing member.

Lady ringers and friends of St. Michael's prepared and served tea to 80 persons, and Mr. W. Shepherd (Addlestone) expressed the company's thanks to these ladies. He also thanked the Vicar of Aldershot, Canon Cole, the Rev. G. Phipps-Neap, Mr. G. Goodwin (organist) and the choir.

In the course of the business meeting Hannah Butler, an 11-years-old recruit at St. Mary's, Frensham, was elected a member and welcomed to the meeting. The District officers were renominated to serve in 1952 with the exception of Mr. P. Eldridge, who has left the district. His place will be taken by Mr. W. Viggers.

Following the general business, a smaller meeting, composed of one representative from each of the District's 14 towers, discussed the past year's working and made proposals for operations in 1952. It was felt that the younger ringers should be encouraged to take over more responsibility and this is to be put into effect at future meetings and practices.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Arrangements are now well in hand for the 'Coming of Age' celebration dinner of the Guild at Leicester on Saturday, January 26th, and it promises to be up to the usual Leicester standard. Many may remember that the Guild was founded in Leicester in 1931. It is hoped on this occasion to meet once again the many friends who have in the past been associated with the Guild annual meetings and also other ringers and friends interested in the Guild activities. Every effort will be made to accommodate all who wish to come.

Ringing arrangements in Leicester will be advertised later, and in addition peals outside Leicester are being arranged. Those interested should write, giving details of methods they are able to ring and whether able and willing to conduct, to Mr. C. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, from whom tickets may be obtained (10s. 6d. each). Early application should be made, as no tickets may be obtained after Wednesday, January 16th.

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HIS FIRST PEAL AT 69

DERBYSHIRE VICAR TELLS HIS STORY

BY LT.-COL. REV. R. J. MORRIS, D.S.O., VICAR OF MELBOURNE.

IT must be some four and a half years ago when I took up bellringing, driven, as I was, by a strong urge to study the art of campanology and learn its mysteries in practice which, after all, is the way we learn our religion.

I have learned quite a few things in 69 years, but one of the most interesting to the body, the mind, the spirit and the soul, is that of bellringing.

At my age, you do not see so well. You do not hear so clearly. Your brains and memory are certainly not too accurate. There is something else amiss, too. It is the power to keep still.

I have not, perhaps, found this quite so difficult. Maybe, my military training has helped me in this. To stand at ease for a considerable time, before coming to attention, to be inspected by a fighting general, is one thing. But to stand at ease (which is the position of the feet in a peal) for three hours is quite another thing. Try it. But try it in a peal and in a ringing chamber.

I shall always remember the startling experience when I broke my first 'stay.'

The maid at the vicarage was a learner at the same time, and what a promising pupil she was, too. How delightfully unselfish she was. 'I have rung up and down, and so must the Vicar ring up and down.' The Vicar did. But only up, while the ringing down process was so quick and unexpected that I was only half conscious of the rope leaping out of my hand and finding myself taking cover in the chancel and seeing the maid dashing up the nave; while my instructress was nonchalantly standing watching the rope dancing about like the devil in his glee.

FIRST PEAL.

Let me now come to my first peal, Stedman Triples. The day and date, Saturday, December 8th, 1951. The tower, Melbourne. I was asked by my good friend, Mr. Francis Lowe, of the Derby Association of Bellringers, of which I have the honour to be a member, to ring the covering bell in a peal in my own tower.

I thought at first he might be pulling my leg. Not at all. He meant it. I wonder if Mr. Francis Lowe realises the power of faith. I think he does. I have only one hope, that my answer was humble, and had in it the inspiring greatness of his faith in me.

I am most grateful to Mr. Francis Lowe in particular, and, indeed, to the other members of the Derby Association of Bellringers, who have been very helpful to me and my ringing learners. If we help each other in this way, we shall greatly advance the art of change bellringing to the glory of God.

But, of all my bellringing friends outside my own tower, let me mention a very distinguished ringer, Mr. Albert Ward. For 3½ years now he has not only showered me with torrents of abuse and sarcasm of a forgotten age, both at practices and more restrainedly at every service. But, even so, let me place it on record that he has also shown a high regard to my person with that dignity that is worthy of the best traditions of the Exercise. He, of course, belongs to the old school, which, I believe, is now closed. At all events, I hope so. I shall never forget his loyalty to me.

Now come and have a peep at my own ringers. Look at their ages. Mr. H. Hollingworth (84), of a renowned family of bellringers. He is our Master, and my inspiration. We go down in ages now until we reach the boys, the youngest of whom is eleven years of age. What a grand lot of boys they are, too.

Back again to December 8th, 1951. 'Look to, treble going and gone.' 'Go, Stedman Triples.' We are eight ringers. Each ringer independent of each ringer and each ringer dependent upon each ringer. The individual and the team. No hope, no success without the individual spirit and the team spirit, the bride and bridegroom of the Exercise. This is what we mean by bellringing, and it goes back down the far distant ages of our long history and our ancient tradition.

I wonder now if I might be allowed to urge the clergy to take up and pursue the art and science of bell change ringing.

Of whatever age, you will not be too old, unless you are too old to die. Bellringing will teach you not to be casual and slovenly in performing your offices. You will have no time to yawn in the midst of prayers. Bellringing will teach you to concentrate on what you are doing. You will learn afresh that God demands that your words start in open truths and come round and home in wider truths—the truth of your 'peal' to His command.

MUST RING TRUE.

For myself, the more I ring, so the more I realise that everything I do and say must ring true. Faulty and halting words, like bad striking, are discordant sounds to the ears of our hearers. In learning to ring bells, too, you will find the right environment for laughter. It is danger.

Let me take you into a ringing chamber. Here you will most assuredly learn the saving grace of humour. Our coats are off and 'Sally' waiting silently, and not so coy, for her revenge. The clown in the circus, and on the stage, and in the King's court, are for our entertainment and laughter. But for funny faces that split one's very side with laughter, I will show you in the ringing chamber.

Bellringers must be men of humble heart and spirit, and they are. How otherwise shall bellringers ring and hope their ringing may give comfort to a dying man. Our turn will doubtless come, and we only ask that God will grant us hearing enough to hear the muffled bells of our departing.

The dying change bellringer, however near to death he may be, will listen for good striking, and this will be his greatest solace and comfort at his end. It will be a new hope for his soul and, as his last breath leaves his body, his one last lingering desire will be to hear the bells come round and to know that another peal is won, both in fact and in truth. And, I think, his dying request will be—take my 'Sally' and treat her with that gentleness she so richly deserves, in spite of all her moods. Dying men do not ask questions. But I think they will ask just this one—has she not reminded all of us that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living?

MULTI-METHOD PEALS

Dear Sir,—Knowing how pressed you are for space, may I suggest that in future, when printing these multi-method peals, that you merely state a peal in 'say nineteen' methods has been rung, and for goodness sake cease to inflict all those queer names upon your humble readers, as they can have little meaning or interest to most of them.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. LOCK.

Abingdon, Berks.

NOTE.—We regard the name of the methods rung as essential to the publication of the peal. —ED.

TREBLE TROUBLE AT MANCHESTER

Stephenson May Pull Off Manchester Treble

Royston trainer W. Stephenson, who saddled the Derby winner, Arctic Prince, has run up a sequence of successes with his hurdlers during the last six weeks. He may add to it at Manchester to-day, where he has excellent prospects of landing a treble with his recent purchase, Fill Gelt (Juvenile Hurdle), Tall Palm (Jupiter Handicap Hurdle) and The Moke (Weaste Novices' Hurdle).—'Daily Telegraph.'

Dear Sir,—The recent discovery of the document printed above throws new light on the question of ringing in Manchester at the close of the year 1951. The document, it is believed, is a fragment from the sporting page of a newspaper in circulation at that date. I would draw your attention to certain conclusions that can fairly definitely be stated.

Manchester ringers were clearly facing a serious problem over the handling of their light bells and had called in the veteran instructor, W. Stephenson, of the Hertford County Association, fresh from his recent success at Derby. Among the beginners at Manchester three were particularly fancied—Fill Gelt, Tall Palm and The Moke—interesting names. (In those days the term 'hurdler,' now obsolete in ringing terminology, evidently meant a beginner.)

However, 'landing a treble' is no easy operation. We know that novices (Weaste or otherwise) at the treble hunting stage are not infrequently 'too high' when coming down, and it may well have been thought that Tall Palm would have been handicapped by his failure to pull in his backstrokes. Exponents of the 'floating' backstroke in peals of Cambridge Minor are inclined to dispute this point.

Then there is the question of pulling off the treble. This, it may be thought, would not be difficult, but a ringer visiting Cassington on a certain occasion failed to pull off the tenor 'I'll try again next handstroke,' he gasped. So rounds were rung, back and hand, on the front five, and again the tenor man failed. 'I don't think it can be "up,"' he said.

Was this the cause of the trouble at Manchester?—Yours faithfully,

(REV.) ERIC B. WOOD.

The Vicarage,
Cheshunt, Herts.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 5th, 1912

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1911, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt.

Samuel Jones ..	Treble	Richard Jones ..	5
George Jones ..	2	James Morgan ..	6
Robert Sperring..	3	Edwin H. Lewis..	7
William Bibby ..	4	Henry W. Wilde	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. W. Wilde.

Believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung in this method.

[Some controversy arose over the naming of this now popular method, an extension of St. Simon's Doubles. The 1702 edition of 'Campanologia' was cited in its favour, and the 1753 edition against. Mr. Henry Dains, however, quoted it as 'Reading Bob,' from a Doubles method published in 1668!]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—In order to be consistent with the non-inclusion in the Peals Analysis of methods with irregular lead-ends, we do not propose to include in the Analysis for 1951 any 'peals' which either contain, or consist of:—

(a) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob,
(b) Reverse College (although printed in the Collection of Minor methods),
(c) Canterbury Pleasure Major,

unless instructed to do so by the ruling of the Central Council.—For the Analysis Committee,

W. AYRE,
Convener.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. J. Bailey, jun., has mentioned the railwaymen's peal at St. Woolos', Newport, on May 27th, 1925. There was another—5,040 Grandsire Caters—in the same tower on June 6th, 1925, all the band being members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. The band was: F. J. Bailey 1, J. Bullen 2, C. Greedy 3, J. W. Jones 4, A. Pitman 5, L. Wright 6, A. Parnell 7, W. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain (cond.) 9, B. Weaver 10.

There were many railwaymen's peals at that time, but I think we were the first to 'kick-off.' Shortly afterwards I rang the tenor to a railwaymen's peal at my home tower, Marden, Herefordshire. This was a peal of Grandsire Doubles, arranged and conducted by J. P. Hyett. In this peal there were four signalmen.

There would be no difficulty in forming a Railway Guild. There are quite a few in the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and in Hereford. At one time there were a number in Swindon. So be a Wilfred Pickles and 'have a go!'—Yours sincerely, B. WEAVER.

18, Arcot Street,
Penarth, Cardiff.

FOUR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Re railwaymen's peals, a peal in four Minor methods was rung at the Church of St. John, Cranford, Northants, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild by six employees of the L.M.S. Railway on Saturday, July 14th, 1928. G. W. J.

Thrapston.

SILENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. William A. Theobald is right off his horse in his opinion on the very fine point of non-conducted or silent peals.

He states that 'the correction of trips is obviously as much conducting as the calling of bobs.' and 'I myself regard the correction of trips as conducting.' He also states that a non-conducted peal team should obey the strictest of rules.

But do they create their own rules? What are these rules he mentions? I think they still have to be properly and officially defined by the Central Council. If, according to Mr. Theobald's stipulation, the conducting of a peal demands that **all trips** are to be corrected by the conductor only, then I contend that many hundreds, if not thousands, of peals rung in the past should be immediately withdrawn, as no doubt these peals have been claimed as **conducted**, but just 'bob called.'

Therefore, as we accept the publication of a peal 'conducted by so-and-so,' we must also be prepared to accept the publication of a completely silent peal (no signs, etc.), or a peal rung with no particular ringer calling the bobs or singles, and in the same way accept the honour of truth by the peal band in question.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS R. LOWE.

Derby.

SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—It is not usual for me to enter the realm of controversy, but I would like to comment on the leading article of December 14th by P. A. C.

There is much in the article which is commendable and desirable, and there are many towers where 'par excellence' in Sunday service ringing can, and should be, insisted upon.

In the writer's own tower, for instance—I think I have guessed his identity correctly—there is a band of very experienced ringers whose Sunday ringing should be beyond reproach in almost any method. In such towers the captain *can afford* to insist on good striking, etc., on a Sunday.

But my plea is for the less fortunate towers. What are they to do? A band, depleted in number, crying out for recruits, who are not easy to obtain; some willing learners, at a stage when they can just about manage to ring rounds and call changes, or at best ring the treble to a very short 'touch,' and who, unfortunately, cannot attend on practice nights, whatever arrangements one tries to make to accommodate them, on account of evening classes at school, etc. We cannot expect them to give up their evening classes for ringing practice.

Are these enthusiasts to be barred from ringing on Sunday owing to a 'no practice on a Sunday' rule, when the band is such that method ringing is possible? But when the band is depleted they are eagerly pressed into service on the vacant rope.

I have seen this 'fetish' in action, with the result that the once enthusiastic learner has become discouraged and disillusioned, and has eventually decided not to come any more.

Thus no advance has been made either in efficiency or numbers, and much teaching and patience wasted. Furthermore, more often than not, when the band is incomplete there is no ringing at all, neither practice night nor on Sunday, with the added grave risk of ringing ceasing altogether.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that we as ringers must 'cut our coat to suit the cloth,' and, however reluctant we may be to do so, relax our standards a little and accept some practice on Sunday—with discretion, of course—even to the extent of accepting a little indifferent striking until we can afford to insist on a high standard with a competent band.

One does not expect this in our cathedrals. In fact, one does not expect our cathedrals to have raw recruits at all or inexperienced ringers.

There are many very competent ringers whose ambition is to become members of such bands, who are, after all, teams of experts without the difficulties of many lesser towers. —Yours, etc.,

A. GROVE, SEN.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Hearty congratulations to our call-change friends at North Tawton, Devon, for giving us such a magnificent example of *perfect* striking on Christmas Day. Every bell could be heard clearly and distinctly, and the striking of 1 and 2 behind, with the tenor covering, was a joy to listen to.

When broadcasting, a lot depends on where the microphone is placed, and it appears that in most cases, especially where 10 and 12 bells are concerned, this instrument is placed *too* close to the bells.

Personally I feel that to get a really good reception eight bells are sufficient and answer the purpose required quite sufficiently.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

SUNDAY RINGING AND SERVICES

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' we had a very good article on the subject of Sunday ringing. In a recent 'Daily Telegraph' appeared a report of some friction between a band of ringers and the clergy in a parish in Derbyshire. Whilst some 'high' church clergy are doubtless prone to be somewhat dictatorial, your contributor, P. A. C., a ringer, points out that bellringing exists for the benefit of the church, and not vice versa.

Are there in the Exercise two kinds of ringers, namely, (a) peal ringers and (b) Sunday ringers, with peal ringers as the dominant group? Is there good striking at practices and meetings, in addition to the numerous peals for which considerable space is given in 'The Ringing World, with corresponding poor striking in Sunday ringing, because the 'spivs' are more interested in ringing as a hobby than as a form of church work?

It would be a good thing if the ringers amongst themselves could agree upon a code, as a guide to self-imposed conduct, not only in regard to attending services but also to bring home P. A. C.'s point that Sunday ringing is not just another practice. Such a code could be drafted by the Central Council and given publicity in 'The Ringing World.' I know you have a set of model rules for bands of ringers, but that is not the same as a code affecting the Exercise as a whole.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARNACLE.

Hull, Yorks.

YOUNG CAPTAINS OF TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I have no great wish to publicise myself or my brother, but I felt I could not let Mr. Roger Savory's challenge pass unanswered.

At the age of 19 my brother, Mr. Peter N. White, was asked by the Vicar to form a new band of ringers as the previous band had gradually faded out. All of our present band were taught by my brother, with, admittedly, a little help from our Newark friends. At 21, Peter was called up, my other brother and myself carrying on until he, too, at 18, had to go in the Forces. I am the present captain, only temporarily, maybe, but I'm not yet 17.

I might add that I have another brother, younger than myself, also a ringer, and the oldest member of our band is 20.—Yours sincerely,

B. N. WHITE (Miss).

Balderton, Notts.

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DEDICATIONS IN FOUR COUNTIES

SILSOE, BEDS

It was with pride that the residents of Silsoe heard their bells ring out merrily on Saturday, December 8th. after the dedication by the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris, of the new treble and five 'old' bells. In just under two years they had raised to within £20 of the necessary £800. (The outstanding amount was cleared on the Saturday with the collection and proceeds of a dance held that evening.)

A public meeting was first held in January, 1950, at which time they had £200 in hand. Since then there has been an unceasing campaign to raise money—in addition to donations received from the Bell Fund, local Sports Clubs, British Legion, etc., the usual dances, whist drives and draws have been held; they have been carol singing and handbell ringing at Christmastide; organised a gymkhana and horse show and revived the old Silsoe Fair (originally held annually on May 13th; they now hope to raise a further £52 to 'complete the job' by replacing the chimes.

The church was filled for the joyful and impressive service, conducted by the Vicar. During the first hymn, 'Come let us join our cheerful songs,' the procession of Bell Fund Committee, choir, visiting clergy, churchwardens, Rural Dean, servers, Archdeacon and Vicar moved to their places. The first lesson was read by the Vicar of Maulden and the second by the Rural Dean; this was followed by the anthem, 'God is a Spirit,' beautifully sung, unacompanied, by the choir. The procession then proceeded to the tower during the singing of the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' where, following their dedication, the bells were immediately rung in rounds by the following members of the local band:—A. Martin, F. Bunker, J. Scott, T. Allen, C. White and S. Stapleton.

BELLS 'TALK'

The hymn 'Now thank we all our God' preceded the Archdeacon's address for which he took as his text 'Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings.' He reminded his hearers that bells 'talk' even to non-ringers, and it is an honour to be able to help them to do this. Among his many quotations, etc., of six syllables, he stressed mostly 'Lov'st thou Me more than these?' 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' made a most fitting ending to the service. The local band rang rounds immediately afterwards and were soon joined by the many visiting ringers who were only too eager to have a ring and also inspect the bells, which were kept going to a variety of methods, standard up to Spliced Surprise (not forgetting rounds for the learners) until quite late in the evening.

The large gathering of parishioners and visitors assembled in the Village Hall for tea after which, before the company adjourned to their homes or the ringing chamber, the Vicar expressed his appreciation and gratitude to all who made this act of dedication possible and asked the Archdeacon to present tokens of appreciation to the chairman, secretary and treasurer for their untiring efforts.

The old bells, which were in an oak frame, have been turned, had entirely new fittings including new clappers, and been rehung (with new bell) in an iron frame by Messrs John Taylor and Co. who, all present agreed, have completed a very good and neat job.

Originally there were two bells (the present fourth and fifth) cast by Warner in 1857, a further bell (the present tenor—weight 6½ cwt.) also cast by Warner, was added in 1887 on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee and two trebles were added in 1926 in memory of Richard and Mary Eve: these were cast by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The new treble is inscribed, 'With my sound will I praise Him. Restoration of the peal 1951. This treble was added through the zeal and energy of the Bell Fund Restoration Committee and many friends; A. J. Woodward, chairman; T. P. Harris, secretary; E. J. Baigent, treasurer; J. Adams, Vicar.'

Silsoe had only a stoney band but now, under the able tuition of Mr. T. Harris, has a very keen band of young ringers who are aiming to establish a change-ringing band (one has already rung his first quarter) and we wish them all every success.

ROTHWELL, YORKS

The Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds and president of the Yorkshire Association, rededicated the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, on December 8th. The bells have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. E. Mercer), and during the singing of the hymn after the Third Collect a procession was formed consisting of the verger, ringers, choir, architect, representatives of the founders, churchwardens, Vicar and Archdeacon. This proceeded to the base of the tower, and the ringers only mounted into the ringing chamber. After the dedication the bells were rung in rounds for one minute by eight members of the local band. An address was given by the Archdeacon.

After the service the bells were open to visiting ringers until 5 p.m., when about one hundred sat down to tea in the Parish Hall. The Vicar gave a welcome to all present and thanked them for coming in spite of the inclement weather. The Archdeacon voiced the thanks of the company to all concerned in the arrangements, particularly the ladies who looked after the tea. He was ably supported by the chairman of the District Council, Cclr. Phillips, and Mr. J. P. Fidler. Mr. Hemming, of Evesham, expressed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers the thanks of the visitors. The bells were then open again for the visiting ringers and were lowered at 9 p.m. The founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and are to be congratulated on turning out another fine ring. The weight of the new tenor is 15 cwt. 21 lb. The second bell was given by the local ringers.

HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

There were three bells at Rothwell in the 18th century, but when they were installed has not yet been discovered. In 1836 six bells were ordered from Taylor's, of Oxford, and allowance made for the metal in the three old bells. These were opened on January 29th, 1837. In 1838 two trebles were added to complete the octave, and these did good service until the present scheme was launched. The old bell frame was unsafe and so was the floor of the bell chamber. The bells had lost all their tone and were out of tune. A new floor has been put in and the stonework rebuilt at the set-off level of the new frame. A new iron frame has been erected, mounted on steel girders, and all the fittings are new. So now all hope that the verse on the tenor will be true for another century.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

Treble.—Holiness unto the Lord. Alleluia. Taylor's. Bellfounders. 1838.
Second.—Taylor's, Bellfounders, Oxford. 1838. The Ringers' Bell.
Third.—W: and J: Taylor, Oxford, Founders. 1836. The Revd: John Bell, A:M:, Vicar. The Revd: James Horrex, A:B:, Curate. Wm: Hulland, J. Hinchcliffe, C: Wardens.
Fourth.—W: and J: Taylor, Founders, Oxford, 1836. Raised by subscription. Collected by C: Jewison. W: Hulland, J: Flockton, Rothwell, and James Rhodes, of Pontefract.
Fifth.—Taylor's, Founders, Oxford. J: Gibson, Clerk. T: Flockton, Sexton. 1836.
Sixth.—Deo et Ecclesie. Taylor's, Founds:, Oxford. 1836.
Seventh.—This peal was cast by Taylor's, Oxford, in the year of our salvation: 1836.
Tenor.—Patrons: The Vicar. C: Blades, Esqr: J: C: Oddie, Esqr: E: Hummigway, Esqr.

To speak with mellow tone but ne'er to swear,
John Taylor taught us with a father's care,
Screw's, clapper's, wheel's & all keep well in place,
Then for an age quite sound, this tow'r we'll grace.

F. E. Mercer, M.A., B.D., Vicar. R. B. Jones, G. Armitage, W. Wormald, G. Caygill, Churchwardens. 1951.

All the eight bells bear the mark of John Taylor and Co., and 'Recast 1951.'—T. W. S.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK

Sunday, December 9th, was a red-letter day in the little village of Tunstall, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, when the six bells were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Suffolk and witnessed by a large congregation, including many leading ringers of Suffolk and Essex.

In his address the Venerable C. O. George congratulated the Rector and parishioners of Tunstall on the recent work completed on the church and bells, and he reminded the congregation of the uses of bells and the important work of the ringers.

The Rector, the Rev. J. Milton Thompson, thanked all those who had been connected with the work, specially mentioning Mr. A. P. Cannon, who represented Gillett and Johnston, and the Blaxhall ringers, who rang the opening rounds, and who had volunteered to teach a local band.

It was only last year that it was discovered the bell frame and all fittings were in the last stages of decay. An appeal was immediately made to raise the necessary funds. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have retuned the bells and supplied a new iron and steel frame and all new fittings, and Tunstall is now in possession of a first-rate ring with a tenor of 7¼ cwt. in the key of A flat. All ringers present expressed their delight at the wonderful transformation the bellfounders had made, and Mr. Cannon received on behalf of his firm many congratulatory messages.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX

The dedication of the new tenor bell and rededication of the existing ring of six took place at the Parish Church of St. Peter, Goldhanger, on December 15th, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Southend, the Ven. E. N. Gowing.

There was a large congregation, including ringers from Boreham, Broomfield, Betchworth (Surrey), Colchester, Danbury, Feering, Kelvedon, Great Baddow, Great Totham and Maldon.

A touch (three leads) was rung by the local band immediately after the dedication, and after service a 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by the following: H. B. Gardner (Stock) 1, H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) 2, A. H. Everett (Boreham) 3, H. Stebbings (Burnham-on-Crouch) 4, H. Bradley (Broomfield) 5, A. Patrick Cannon (Betchworth) 6.

There was also quite a lot of good ringing during the evening, including a touch of Grandsire Triples.

The tower has now eleven bells and a frame ready for a new treble when it can be afforded. First of all, however, the parish has to meet an expensive job on the tower and a new heating apparatus.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Judson (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Collins 2, Miss S. M. Harper 3, Miss B. N. White 4, P. N. White (cond.) 5, E. C. White (first quarter) 6.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, J. Rawles 2, H. Atwell 3, C. Toogood 4, S. Atwell 5, E. Higdon 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Osborne.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—At All Saints', on Dec. 25th, 1,380 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): J. Clarke (first quarter away from tenor behind) 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leach 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, E. Goldsmith (first quarter) 6.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Fensome (first quarter) 1, P. Jarvis (first 'inside') 2, W. C. Marshall 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, C. W. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to Mary Fensome.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of College Single and St. Clement's): W. Gosling 1, W. R. Manser 2, L. Honess 3, D. F. Driver 4, L. Newman 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the Rev. Tom Prichard (Vicar of Boxley).

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, with bells half-muffled, 1,260 changes (5½ six score Doubles, 5 six score Plain Bob): Miss E. Poole 1, S. Wyburn (cond.) 2, E. Parker 3, R. Pearse 4, A. Chubb 5, A. Bellamy 6. In memory of W. V. Manning, late member of the tower, buried the same day.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, H. J. Shuck 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. Rung for Gift Sunday.

CROWLAND, LINCS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Strickland 1, G. Pepper 2, R. Strickland 3, W. A. Smedley 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. A. Pepper 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's, on Dec. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. B. Stennit 1, M. Barker 2, S. Walklate 3, G. Freebrey (cond.) 4, A. E. Thompson 5, P. Whitaker 6, H. Taylor 7, F. R. Lowe 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Harris 1, J. Metcalfe 2, W. Higdon 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Lintern 5, S. Atwell 6, H. Smith 7, E. Lambert 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 6 and 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill 1, R. Drago 2, A. Sanger 3, R. March 4, J. Nicholls 5, J. Badman 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March (longest length) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, H. Manuel 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin 6, E. Eades 7, B. Harris (first quarter) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell 1, Mrs. W. R. Smith 2, T. W. Crowe 3, J. Hedley 4, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 5, K. Arthur 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the second.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 London Surprise, 180 Plain Bob): F. Bishop 1, J. R. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, A. E. Flatters 4, T. Cummins 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie 2, S. A. Warwick 3, Janet S. Bailey (first in the method) 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. Coker (cond.) 2, E. R. Markham 3, F. Hayes 4, P. Baldwin 5, W. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, C. Wilkinson (first of Triples) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to A. E. Cox.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Deverell (first quarter) 1, Mabel Prockson 2, E. E. Pryor 3, R. Newman (cond.) 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. H. Harman 6, W. A. Theobald 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, E. Rathborn (first 'inside') 3, J. Smart 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, D. Paice 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. First by local band for 25 years, and as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, L. Biggs 2, D. Boreham 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall (first of Stedman) 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, F. Cox 8.

LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harper 1, A. H. Eplett 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, C. W. Jose (first on eight) 5, A. Carveth 6, W. Taysom 7, C. K. Brewer 8. Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the first quarter peal at Truro Cathedral.

LAVENHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Pryke (first quarter) 1, A. F. Turner 2, G. S. Smith 3, W. Jarvis 4, F. Borcham 5, L. Pryke 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Offord 8. Rung to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the augmentation of the two trebles.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. P. Elphick 1, R. C. Hide (cond.) 2, P. Best (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. J. Cress 4, H. S. James 5, G. P. Elphick 6, R. W. E. Dawe 7, T. Woolston 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. E. Townsend, a vice-president of the Sussex Association.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 25th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. L. Pask 1, R. F. Smith 2, J. Freeman 3, H. Lowman 4, L. Snell 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, D. R. White 7, S. A. Chambers 8, J. L. Millhouse 9, C. E. Brown 10, G. M. Mayer 11, K. W. Mayer 12.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, N. Mallett 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris 8.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Brentnall 1, Mrs. J. Fernley 2, Elise Brentnall 3, B. Jones 4, W. Fernley 5, R. E. Jones 6, J. Fernley (cond.) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Cain, and also in thanksgiving for the King's recovery.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and 600 Oxford): J. Whitehead 1, F. Barraclough 2, R. Crossland (cond.) 3, P. Garbutt 4, H. Broadhead 5, A. Champion 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barry Cook 1, Mrs. B. Sadler 2, Joan Turner 3, P. J. King (first as cond.) 4, B. Sadler 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, V. W. Grimwade 7, J. Binks 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. B. Roberts (first quarter) 1, A. Lane (cond.) 2, Mrs. Welch 3, Mrs. Simmons 4, R. J. Gale 5, R. L. Way (first 'inside') 6, N. R. Phillips 7, G. E. Rowbotham 8. Rung for Holy Communion. All Sunday service ringers.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Munt 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, B. J. Mayers (first 'inside') 3, F. T. Hoad 4, C. J. Champion 5, J. W. Crouch 6, A. T. Shelton 7, E. G. Talbot 8, G. Oliver 9, M. A. Northover 10. First of Caters by 1 and 5. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, D. J. Woodhams (first quarter) 4, H. Corney 5, N. Philips 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J. C. Northan.

ROMSEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gunner (first quarter Triples) 1, C. Herbert (first quarter Triples 'inside') 2, M. Northway 3, Miss H. Kebby 4, J. Page 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, W. Bell 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,008 Grandsire Caters: Fred Fisher 1, A. Stamp 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, H. E. North 4, P. Coote 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, C. Wright 7, A. Firth 8, P. E. North 9, T. C. Ryder 10. Longest length of Grandsire Caters by 5 and 9.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): L. Buckby (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Johnson (first quarter) 2, A. J. York 3, A. E. York 4, H. Baxter 5, B. Austin (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, parents of the conductor.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Addis 1, Walter Reynolds 2, D. Smith 3, Wilfred Reynolds 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Wilce 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, E. Lambert 2, W. Dillow 3, J. H. Chance 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasler 6, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Yates 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Mitchell 1, Anne Lewis 2, Roy Duesbury 3, George Button 4, George N. Orman (cond.) 5, Alan R. Andrews 6. First quarter by 1 and 2.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 720 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. Scott 2, D. Knox 3, A. Broyd 4, J. Sinfield 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Chown (first quarter) 1, H. J. Fitter 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, K. Todd 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Kenneth Todd to Sheila Parsons, and also that of Llewellyn Lloyd to Barbara Eades.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Swadling (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Mrs. J. Green 2, Miss J. Swadling 3, H. P. Floyd 4, J. Green (cond.) 5, Mr. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. W. A. Daft.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Representatives from Shroton, Kington Magna, Hazelbury Bryan, Manston and Ferndown and visitors from Parkstone and Salisbury were present at the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch on December 8th at Blandford.

The Guild service was conducted by the secretary. The address was given by the Rector (Canon B. T. Rosson), who welcomed the visitors. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was at the organ.

The statement of accounts, presented at the business meeting, showed a credit balance of £20.

Officers elected were the Rev. R. M. Taylor, chairman; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, vice-chairman; and Rev. W. M. Uphill, secretary-treasurer. Messrs. W. C. Shute, L. A. Perrett and J. Gray were reappointed Ringing Masters, and Messrs. J. Ralph, B. Ridout and W. S. Trevett as branch committee. Messrs. G. Lugg, P. Lugg and E. Chaplin, Zeals, and Mrs. D. A. Whitmarsh, and Mrs. M. Stone, Mere, were elected ringing members.

Mr. G. Dennis promised to act as ringing instructor to a new team of ringers from Compton Abbas.

A grant of £2 2s. was made towards Rev. C. A. Phillips memorial, and another of £1 1s. for 'The Ringing World.'

LIGHTEST RING OF SIX

What is believed to be lightest ring of six in the country has been supplied to Mr. C. O. S. Jarvis, of Home Farm, Balscote, near Banbury, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The tenor is 17½in. in diameter and weighs 1 cwt. 28 lb., and the treble is 11½in. in diameter and weighs 1 qr. 10 lb., and the total weight of the ring only 4 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Mr. Jarvis himself constructed the framework at his farm and carried out the hanging at the site. Although so small, it is perfectly practicable to ring these bells with all the clappers going up on the right side without serious difficulties.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary-de-Crypt, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea by January 8th, certain.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 76

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, January 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 10th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 80

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, January 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only.—D. Scott. 81

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Bridstow, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names, please, by January 16th, to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 77

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday, January 15th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 82

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting Warmington, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to P. E. Clarke (Mrs.) 7, Bassett Place South Road, Oundle 78

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice, Angmering, January 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names, please, by January 15th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 79

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM EDWARDS

The Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has lost one of its oldest members by the passing, on December 16th, of Mr. William Edwards, of Old Cleeve, aged 72 years.

For about 50 years Mr. Edwards had rung at St. Andrew's Church, Old Cleeve, being for 30 years towerkeeper. A devoted servant of the church, he succeeded his father as clerk and sexton, an office that was also held by his grandfather. Popularly known as 'William the Third,' he gave freely of his labour far beyond his official duties and was ever ready to help someone.

Mr. Edwards leaves a widow but no children, he having married about 12 years ago. He was the last of the Edwards family who had maintained a sequence of 200 years' faithful service to St. Andrew's Church, and it can be truly said of him that he was a true servant of his Master.

MR. G. H. HUXLEY

With regret we record the passing of Mr. G. H. Huxley, for over sixty years a ringer at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent. He died on December 19th, just three weeks after the death of his wife, after fifty-seven years of married life. They were both in their 87th year.

Mr. Huxley learned to ring at Bromley as a lad, and was a member of the Bromley Youths throughout his young ringing life, and deputy leader for many years. He was a good ringer in the standard methods until handicapped by increasing deafness, which in later years became total.

Since the destruction of the old bells he had done little ringing, but he managed to ascend the restored tower upon the dedication of the new ring in September last, but did not feel up to having a pull although pressed to do so. He was a most useful member, always ready to do repairs, making bookcases, bell cases, etc., all of which unfortunately perished in the bombing of the church.

Mr. Huxley was a member of the College Youths for 48 years and of the Kent County Association for about the same period. He rang in 44 peals and conducted quite a number of quarter peals of Grandsire.

The funeral was on December 22nd in the London Road Cemetery, the Vicar of Bromley officiating. The mourners were his two daughters with their husbands: Mr. I. Emery and Mr. J. Lyddiard, representing the College Youths, with Mr. E. Mounter, Mr. G. Kite and Mr. H. Knight representing the Kent County Association and the Bromley Youths collectively. May he rest in peace. I. E.

MR. H. G. MILES

We regret to report the death of Mr. H. G. Miles, a trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on December 16th. Cremation was at Mortlake on December 21st.

A talented ringer and composer, Mr. Miles was born at Much Hadham, and was for many years connected with St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

We hope to publish a memoir at an early date.

RINGING PEALS OF CORNWALL

Dear Sir.—I hope shortly to commence a compilation of the history of 'The Ringing Peals of Church Bells in Cornwall,' and I should appreciate any help that ringers could give me. I am writing to each incumbent in due course, but as I am forced to compile this work by correspondence it will be at least three years before the book is ready for publication. —Yours faithfully, F. STUART WORTH.

'C' Block,'
Didworthy Chest Hospital,
South Brent, South Devon.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

SPEED—STOCKDALE.—The engagement is announced between Richard F. B. Speed, of 36, Blawith Road, Harrow, and Anne B. Stockdale, of 129, Gower Street, W.C.1. 43

PRICE—GARDNER.—The engagement is announced between Helen Gardner, of Ansells End, Kimpton, Herts, and Donald Price, of 45, Stonecross Road, Hatfield. 29

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Instructor-Lieutenant J. Merritt, R.N., H.M.S. Bermuda, sends New Year greetings to all ringing friends in U.K. 28

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Walter Allman is now 4, Willow Close, Runcorn, Cheshire. 65

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED for overseas, set of eight handbells, medium size, good condition, perfect tune. State maker, key, and price.—Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox, West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 46

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. 12

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Ely (8), January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Bonnetts).—Miss M. Grain, Ely. 30

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Annual meeting, Leytonstone (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. To be followed by tea and business meeting. Elections, etc. Most important for this meeting that names for tea are sent to Mr. G. Dawson, 143, Norman Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 9917

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting. Tiverton January 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 27

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst (8) on January 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 8

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Jan.5th. Bells, All Saints' and St. Margaret's, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in All Saints' Schoolroom.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 71

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Putney, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. Gordon Restaurant, 5 (names, please). Business including nominations, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Monday, January 7th, 7 15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Saturday, February 2nd, annual meeting, including handbell competition, Southwark Cathedral, etc. Everyone welcome. —Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9991

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Brentford (rehung), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3-5.30, near canal bridge. Ealing St. Mary (8), 6-9. Near South Ealing Station. Cafe near St. Mary's.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 11

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Swalcliffe (6). January 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Tadmarton (6).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 42

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Patricia M. Lewin. 37

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Copdock, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea at Ivy Cafe at 5. —M. Page, Dis. Sec., 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 15

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3-8. No tea.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District meeting at Winchester on Saturday, January 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1—2 and 6—7; St. Maurice's (6) 7—8.30; Twyford (8) 7—8.30; Hursley (8) 7—9. Business meeting in Committee Room of Awory Tea Rooms (above W. H. Smith and Son's) at 2.30, followed by tea at 4. Service in Cathedral at 5.15. —J. A. C. King. 9973

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, January 7th, at 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 38

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, January 8th, 6.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, January 15th, 6.30. Business meeting, South Croydon, Saturday, 19th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 61

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, January 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting, Royal Hotel, 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than January 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 73

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Bath Abbey, January 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea, essential. Names to S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Zion Hill, Bath. 20

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 40

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 63

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's Macclesfield, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea not later than January 9th, to Mr. F. Yates, 82, Hobson Street, Macclesfield. 72

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, January 12th, 2.30. Names for tea, by January 10th, to Mr. W. Maughan, 110, Elwick Road, West Hartlepool.—W. Sheraton. 58

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, Saturday, January 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 9th, to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington.—D. R. Airey. 51

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lingfield (8), January 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Wallis, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey.—C. Bassett. 45

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, January 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30 Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 60

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 16

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 22

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Highworth (8), January 12th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 36

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 25

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Annual branch meeting, Preston Parish Church, Saturday, January 12th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 49

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston, January 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 5. Tea provided.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 74

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Poulton on Saturday, January 12th. Cups of tea provided. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 70

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 12th. Ringing: 2.30-4.30, Parish Church; evening, Bell Foundry. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Fearon Hall. Names, by January 9th, to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—C. W. Hall. 39

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Syston, January 12th. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting, elections, etc. Names for tea, by Wednesday January 12th, to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. All members cordially invited. 35

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Kirby Bellars, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 10th, to Mr. A. Hinman, Kirby Bellars.—J. H. Cook. 75

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Annual meeting, Caythorpe (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by the Wednesday previous. Mr. J. Cragg, Caythorpe. —John Freeman Hon. Sec. 52

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meetings follow. Names to S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 13

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Saturday, January 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute. Names for tea (early please) to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 47

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Kettering, January 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 8th, please.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering. 44

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service at East Retford at 4.15. Tea, 3s., at 5 p.m., at Howard's Cafe, for those who notify, by January 9th. Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 26

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Annual general meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, January 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by January 8th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Beverley Minster, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service in Minster 4.30. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, in Parish Room. Names, by Wednesday, January 9th, to Mr. L. Daggitt, 82, Minster-Moorgate, Beverley.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 62

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, January 15th. Cathedral bells available evening.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 59

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Annual meeting, Braintree (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, if possible, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 67

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanscombe (8), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, January 10th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 66

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for a free tea, by January 16th, to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. 69

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Meeting after tea. Bells also in the evening. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. R. G. Lofty, 7, Council Houses, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 41

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, January 19th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 48

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Irthlingborough, Saturday, January 19th. Service 4.30. A card for tea, to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 31

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting and dedication of memorial tablet to the late Rev. C. A. Phillips at Wimborne Minster, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at

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SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual dinner Saturday, January 19th, Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, 6.30. Tickets, 10s. each, from District secretaries or from Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. St. Mary's bells from 2.30. No tickets after Saturday, January 12th. 56

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea (8), January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, in St. Mary's Institute. Names, by January 15th, to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 55

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, January 19th. Please reserve date Full particulars next week.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual District meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8) on Saturday, January 26th. Annual social at Berkhamsted on Saturday, February 16th. Details later.—P. A. Martin. 68

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