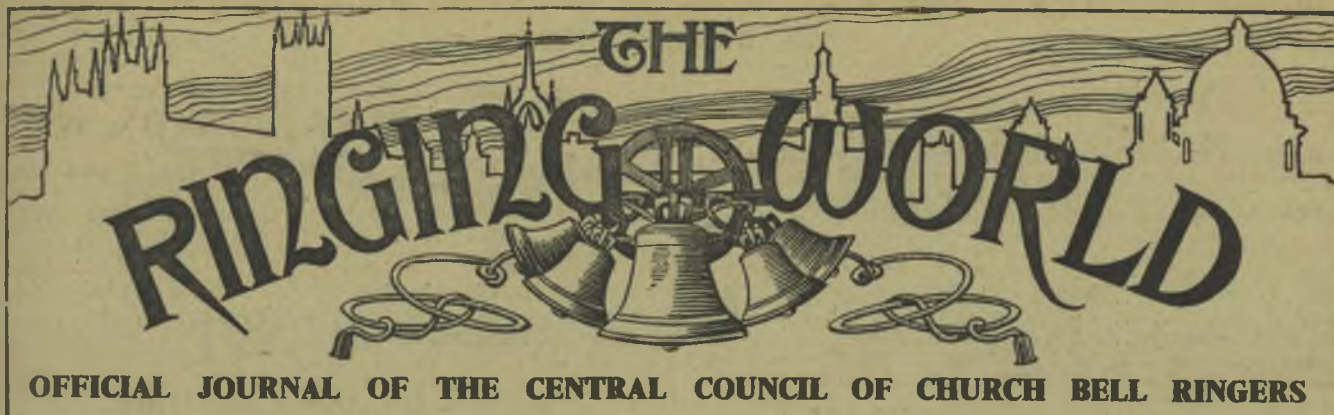




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THE LATE-COMER

AMONG the many trials and tribulations attendant on the pursuit of ringing, the late-comer must be regarded as the one perhaps the least capable of being endured with equanimity and tolerance. We encourage the learner, although he may be troublesome to us; we sustain the timid ringer, and we often tolerate the poor striker. It is our duty to be patient in these matters, for reflection shows us in some ringing matters we are all beginners, many of us timid at times, and very few of us not guilty on occasion of striking bad blows. Provided we are in earnest we cannot be taken seriously to task because human failing sometimes causes us to be a nuisance to our fellows.

But the habitual late-comer occupies a prominent place in an entirely different category, for he may be classed among the social evils. In all walks of life the late-comer is met with, and in most instances the harm he does is not confined to himself, but extends to his colleagues. In ringing matters this is particularly so, for the absence of one member of the band renders the projected work impossible. The choir may get along with the lack of one soprano, or the cricket team may at a pinch commence its match one short; but the band that meets for Cambridge Maximus must await the arrival of the twelve men before anything can be done. To the habitual late-comer such a consideration never seems to present itself, nor does he seem to mind keeping his friends waiting about, although they may have four hours of ringing before them.

In Sunday service ringing unpunctuality can be an even greater embarrassment. Here the time is limited, of course, and among the things the late-comer ignores is the unfairness of his action, not only to the band, but to the conductor, who must, perforce, adjust the length of his touch to the time available.

The late-comer and the reason for his persistence are problems nobody has solved. There may be, although it is extremely unlikely, unfortunates for whom everything goes wrong at the last minute, and who are doomed, through all their lives, to be hindered by forces outside their command. But this theory will, one is sure, never be accepted by the thoughtful. There is, without doubt, the person with the mentality that imagines that to come late is to assume an importance in the eyes of his fellows; and it must be said that this person achieves a measure of

success among the timid and undiscerning. With the normal and thoughtful he brings himself near to being contemptible. There is the third type of late-comer, he who, through his own slackness and lack of preparation, cannot leave home at the proper time. He is perhaps the least pernicious, but he is none the less a nuisance.

Here is a view of this problem presented by the writer of a letter on the subject: 'To fail deliberately in an appointment with others seems to me an act of gross discourtesy. . . . If a man undertakes to meet others at a particular time and in a particular place, he is morally bound to be in that place at the time, and not at such time after the appointed hour as happens to suit the whim of the moment.' These words, written in 1892, would seem to express what every right-minded ringer thinks on this question, and remind us that however far we have advanced in change ringing we have not yet conquered this particular evil.

The psalmist counted among the virtuous 'he that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance.' We, in this age, surely need not consider ourselves priggish if we believe, with the Hebrew poet, that punctuality is a social duty and part of the make-up of a good citizen. E. C. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of February 2nd, 1912
SINGULAR ACTION AT BRIGG

'It is, happily, such a curious and, as ringers will think, retrogressive action as that which has occurred at Brigg, in Lincolnshire, has to be recorded. The church and bells were in need of restoration, and the authorities, fearing that they would not be able to raise sufficient funds to pay for the work, sacrificed two of the bells to help meet the expenditure. The bells were formerly a light ring of eight, with a tenor of about nine cwt.; they are now but a ring of six. . . . But the irony of it all is that now all the work has been completed, there is a balance in hand on the repair fund of £100. . . .'

[In the next issue, a correspondent recalled the selling, in 1883, of the two trebles of the then ring of twelve at St. Peter's, St. Albans, to defray the cost of recasting two other bells—the only time a ring of twelve has been lost in this fashion.]

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	HENRY H. FEARN 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

*REGINALD W. KEYTE .. Treble	*ROGER R. SAVORY .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 2	†E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 8
*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	†JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 9
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	*PATRICK HARRIS .. 10
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 11
RALPH HARRIS 6	*WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.
† First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'inside.' The first peal on the new ring of 12, and rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN H. ANDERTON .. Treble	†BRIAN WOODS 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	ERNEST J. GOWER .. 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 3	ROGER LEIGH 8
W. J. LANGHORN 4	CHARLES CLEGG 9
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS

* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD C. HOLTON .. Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 6
SHEILA E. HARRIS .. 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
R. JOYCE PETT 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 9
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association. First peal of Pudsey Royal on the bells and in the county of Middlesex. All ringers except the ringer of the 9th are members of the local company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Comprising 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,048 Double Bob with 128 changes of method.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT .. 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of Spliced Major in these two methods by the Guild and the first peal of Spliced Major by all the band except the ringers of 4th and tenor. Rung for the festival of Epiphany.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRANK LORD Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	*HARRY HALL 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	*ERNEST BRITAIN .. 7
JACK BRAY 4	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 500th peal. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	LAURENCE WOOD .. 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
*MAURICE ASPINALL .. 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT .. 7
HARRY S. COOPER 4	JOHN PLATT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cooper.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MARJORIE BROWN .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5
RAYMOND JOHNSON .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
ANNIE POTTER 3	JACK CLEGG 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Joseph Boyer, a ringer at the Walkden tower, who is leaving the district for Southport.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

ALBERT E. LAKER .. Treble	RAYMOND OVERY .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

First peal in the method by all except L. Stilwell. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and by the Association.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*GORDON WALFORD .. Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
†RONALD D. SHORT .. 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* Twenty-fifth peal. † First peal on eight bells and first 'touch' in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR .. Treble	EDWARD SOWMAN .. 5
*SHEILA PROCTOR .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 7
IRIS PROCTOR .. 4	CURZON CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. The conductor's first peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells and first in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Kathleen M. Proctor. Believed to be the first peal with three sisters taking part.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. 164.	Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	† ERNEST J. LADD .. 5
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT .. 2	ALBERT RELFE .. 6
† ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD .. 3	*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7
† ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major. ‡ 50th peal together.
Rung to welcome home Mr. A. Miles after a serious illness. Also for the birthdays of Mr. C. Brasier and Miss N. Lambert, and for the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 WATH DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
WILLIAM LOVE .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 7
*STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 100th peal for the Association. First touch in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Probably the first peal of Major in the method. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 3½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	MURIEL REAY .. 6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	† JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 100th peal of Surprise. † First peal of Lincolnshire.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
EDWARD MILSTED .. Treble	JOHN RUSSELL .. 5
*NELLIE BRIDGES .. 2	LESLIE EVEREST .. 6
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3	ARCHIE HINKLEY .. 7
HERBERT LUCK .. 4	THOMAS DAY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN RUSSELL.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since their rehanging. Rung by the Quex Society of Change Ringers.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 3	FRANCIS KIRK .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN R. PINK .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. CROSS .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 2	*GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. 3	*EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 7
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 4	*EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in two Treble Bob Major methods; also on the bells.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble	GRAHAM R. EYLES .. 5
*RUBY GIBBONS .. 2	GILBERT C. WEEKS .. 6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. 7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Philip W. Weeks.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN PENDLEBURY .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
LESLIE D. OWEN .. 3	JOHN F. WOOD .. 7
NORMAN TOMKINS .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Joseph Drinkwater and Mr. Frank Tonge, both regular worshippers at the Parish Church.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
CECIL W. PIPE .. 2	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL .. 6
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 3	JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER .. 7
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in C.

HARRY BAKER .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
PERCY PAGE .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
First peal in the method on the bells.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	.. Treble	FRED PRITCHARD	.. 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	.. 2	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	.. 6
*FRANCIS M. LAFLIN	.. 3	IVAN KAY	.. 7
GERALD DARE	.. 4	*ERIC CASTERTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to Mr. T. Newton, late churchwarden.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
JAMES A. MILNER	.. Treble
FRED DUNKERLEY	.. 2
WILFRED STEVENSON	.. 3
JAMES FERNLEY	.. 4
C. KENNETH LEWIS	.. 5
JOHN WORTH	.. 6
PETER LAFLIN	.. 7
JOSEPH WHITTAKER	.. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.
A birthday compliment for Mrs. E. V. Parker, of Disley.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.	
ALBERT DISERENS	.. Treble	*ALFRED K. STREET	.. 5
RONALD F. DISERENS	.. 2	NOEL J. DISERENS	.. 6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	.. 3	REGINALD R. REX	.. 7
RAYMOND G. BURTON	.. 4	†JESSE SMITH	.. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.	
H. PERCY SPARKS	.. Treble	REGINALD A. HIGGINS	.. 5
ROBERT G. FIELD	.. 2	FREDK. J. SYMONDS	.. 6
ERIC A. RAYMOND	.. 3	HENRY J. SANGER	.. 7
FREDK. L. ANDREWS	.. 4	JOHN H. CHILCOTT	.. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.

Rung by members of the Cary Deanery Branch as a welcome to the new Rector of Wincanton, the Rev. P. A. Allen, whose induction took place on January 12th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*SHIRLEY WISEMAN	.. Treble	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	.. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN	.. 2	†WILLIAM R. PARKER	.. 5
EVELYN M. WRIGHT	.. 3	JOHN E. COOK	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal on six bells. † 40th peal in 1951.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.	
JOSEPH TAYLOR	.. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN	.. 4
ALFRED BALLARD	.. 2	JOHN J. MORRIS	.. 5
*PETER HALLAM	.. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES	.. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.	
GEORGE CHALLANS	.. Treble	ERNEST PRESTON	.. 4
JOAN SMITH	.. 2	*STANLEY SLANEY	.. 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	.. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	.. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*W. LESLIE WELLER	.. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE	.. 4
BLANCHE M. BALL	.. 2	JOHN H. HUNT	.. 5
†PETER N. BOND	.. 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160 and four 720's.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
WALTER ALLMAN	.. Treble	*DENIS MADDOCK	.. 4
HAROLD WORRALL	.. 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	.. 5
CECIL RADDON	.. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD	.. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALBERT LAWES	.. Treble
BARBARA FILBY	.. 2
CHARLES BROWN	.. 3
LEWIS J. BATLEY	.. 4
GEORGE FILBY	.. 5
ROBERT PLUMMER	.. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS J. BATLEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
KENNETH HARTLEY	.. Treble	ROGER LEIGH	.. 4
BRIAN WOOD	.. 2	CHARLES CLEGG	.. 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	.. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	.. Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all the band.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*CLIVE M. SMITH	.. Treble	*†J. NORMAN HADLEY	.. 4
ERNEST STITCH	.. 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER	.. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	.. 3	HOWARD HOWELL	.. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in five methods. † 75th peal together. First peal as conductor in five methods. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. Henry H. Follis, B.A.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Childwall and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.		Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.	
PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	.. Treble	LESLIE H. TAYLOR	.. 4
ARTHUR YOUNG	.. 2	JOSEPH W. BAILY	.. 5
THOMAS CUMMINGS	.. 3	EDWIN FISHER	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. BAILY.

First peal as conductor.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Fri., Jan. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents all 5-6's the right way (2-2 part, 2-3 part and 3-6 part). Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY F. PAGE Treble	DEREK A. WOODWARD 4
*GILLIAN GOLDING 2	MAX P. PAGE 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	DOUGLAS A. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

*First peal 'inside.' A 16th birthday compliment to Miss G. Golding.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Fri., Jan. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. RODNEY HARRISON .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 4
JACK BAILEY 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
*DAVID MARSHALL 3	MAURICE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

*First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Fletcher, 'G.O.M.' of Derby's Sunday service ringers. A farewell to the conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY Treble	BRIAN WOOD 4
NORMAN SMITH 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS 3	KENNETH HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH HARTLEY.

First peal as conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY .. Treble	*JOHN MOULE 4
HAROLD WILLETT 2	ARTHUR JOPP 5
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY 3	CHARLES J. CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

*First peal of Minor.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. T. KING .. Treble	*T. W. ROBINSON 4
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON 2	R. ALLEN HICKTON 5
DAVID J. MARSHALL 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

*First peal in three methods. Rung as a 80th birthday compliment to H. Fletcher, of the St. Peter's (Derby) band.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR**

Being two blocks of 2,160, C.C.C. Nos. 127 and 128, and one 720. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRED INGALL Treble	PETER MASON 4
LOUIS WILLDERS 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE 5
AMOS INGALL 3	MOSES BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEWIS HEMSTOCK Treble	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 4
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER 3	W. NEVILLE BROWN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

*25th peal. †First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to both the wife and elder son of the ringer of the 4th.

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POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 21 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight, (3) Ockley, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury Treble Bob, (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .	4
ERIC SIMPSON	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. .	5
*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. .	3	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 21 methods. Mr. S. Hough has now 'circled' the tower.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	WILLIAM OLDMAN	5
CECIL WADE	3	†JAMES H. MUSSON .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* 50th peal and first in ten methods. † 100th peal.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED C. HARRIS	Treble	LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. .	4
PETER W. CROFT	2	FRANK W. CROFT	5
*DAVID L. GULLICK	3	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	Treble	MARK W. MARSHALL .. .	4
WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. .	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. .	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .	Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

PORTHKERRY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CURIG.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine extents of St. Simon's, ten of Southrepps, eleven of Plain Bob and twelve of Grandshire. Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

*MALGWYN WILLIAMS .. .	Treble	*ROLAND J. CURTIS	4
*HARRY GREEN	2	*H. DOUGLAS DIMOND .. .	5
†GEORGE FRANCIS	3	*HAROLD W. DIMOND .. .	Tenor

Conducted by H. DOUGLAS DIMOND.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Above band contains the two churchwardens, two sidesmen, and the organist. One of the first-pealers is 56 and another 60.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD F. WOOD	Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	BASIL W. WHITE	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .	Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Penney.

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
STANLEY E. DASH	Treble	*RONALD D. EDGE	4
FRANK HARPER	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
DENIS PEPPER	3	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells for 21 years.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandshire, New Doubles, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GILLIAN GOULDING	Treble	GEOFFREY PAGE	3
DOUGLAS A. COLLINS .. .	2	DEREK WOODWARD .. .	4

MAX P. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

First peal of Doubles in seven methods for the Guild.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 13 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*LESLIE BARRY	Treble	JACK R. WORRALL	4
S. THOMAS PRICE	2	*THOMAS R. BOREHAM .. .	5
†JOAN BUSSEY	3	*CHARLES C. LARNER .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Leslie Barry has now 'circled' the tower for the second time. Thomas Boreham completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 18, 1951, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes.

AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 extents each of Grandshire and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING 1-2 | FREDK. E. DUKES 3-4

JACK CAMPBELL 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In six methods, containing 3.136 Plain Bob, 512 Double Bob, 512 St. Clement's, 384 Gainsborough, 320 Ashbourne College, 160 Little Bob, with 208 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

ERIC NIXON	1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .	3-4	RONALD T. BARLOW .. .	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal of Spliced Plain Major by all the band and for the Association.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5044 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, containing 2.992 Plain Bob, 444 Gainsborough, 432 St. Clement's, 432 Double Bob, 320 Ashbourne College, 160 Reverse Bob, 120 Wellington Little Court, 104 Little Bob, 40 Kent Little Court, with 224 changes of methods. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

ERIC NIXON	1-2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. .	3-4	RONALD T. BARLOW .. .	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal in nine Major methods by all the band and for the Association.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT 53, LEYS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

RONALD C. NOON 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5-6
JOHN KING 3-4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Patrick Chapman

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED MAJOR

Being 12 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Double Norwich, Hereward, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 281 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 98, EVESHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

HARRY POYNER 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5-6	FREDK. E. WILSON 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT 74, HOOKFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

ALBERT J. ADAMS 1-2	GILLIAN R. BRITAIN 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	RALPH C. SPITTLE 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,712 Plain, 768 Double, 592 St. Clement's, 444 each of Wellington and Gainsborough Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse, and Little Bob, and 296 Crayford Little Bob, with 330 changes of method.

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

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 640 each of London and Ealing, 320 each of Wembley, Watford, Rutland, Eastbury, Ashted, Berkshire, Radlett, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Pudsey, with 144 changes of method.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5-6
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ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 7-8
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Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. The first peal in 14 Surprise methods on handbells.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

DENIS R. CARLISLE 1-2	*MAURICE BAILEY 3-4
JACK BAILEY 5-6	

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal 'in hand.' A farewell peal to Maurice Bailey, who is joining H.M. Forces.

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At the meeting of the
Rochester District on
January 18th, the secretary
(Mr. B. W. May) was asked to write to Mr. G.
Spice, general secretary of the Kent County
Association sending the company's best wishes
for his speedy recovery from illness. We feel
sure that his many friends in the Exercise desire
to be associated with this expression.

After a lapse of 25 years the Quex Society
were re-formed last year. The resurrected Society
have now rung their first peal.

Three sisters—the Misses Kathleen, Sheila and
Iris Proctor—rang in a peal at Claybrooke,
Leicestershire, on January 14th. Have three
sisters rung in a peal before?

'The Belfry,' the quarterly journal of the
Maidstone District, has issued a very good num-
ber, with a foreword by Mr. E. H. Lewis, presi-
dent of the Central Council.

Mr. P. Dickinson, of Llangefui, Anglesey,
sends us a picture from the 'Daily Sketch' of
June 24th, 1911, showing ringers at St. Mary-
le-Bow ringing for the Coronation of George V.
Can any of our readers identify the band?

The peal at Rippingale, Lincolnshire, on
January 12th, was a silver anniversary. Twenty-
five years ago Mr. H. M. Day conducted Mr.
J. H. Musson and he called the anniversary peal
this year.

Ill-luck attended Philip W. Weeks, of Colerac,
Wilts, on the occasion of his 21st birthday.
Stationed in the Army at Malvern, he was to
have taken part in a birthday peal of Double
Norwich Court Bob Major at his home tower,
but the powers that be decided to cancel his
leave at short notice. A change was made to
Plain Bob Major and the peal was successfully
rung. Mr. G. C. Weeks, Philip's father, was
ringing his third 'touch' of Major, his previous
'touches' being a quarter peal and a peal!

BELFRY GOSSIP

An important advance in
Spliced Surprise Maximus
ringing is the peal in seven
methods rung at Leicester Cathedral on January
21st. The methods were Rutland, Pudsey, Lin-
colnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Belgrave and
Superlative. Congratulations to the Cathedral
band on a fine achievement.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Rotherham,
published on page 34, was composed by Mr.
G. Newson, a famous Cumberland of 50 to 60
years ago.

Mr. D. Woodward and Mr. D. Collins, of
the Suffolk Guild, have now rung peals of
Minor from one to seven methods. All these
peals have been called by Mr. M. P. Page.

Mr. H. S. Morley, secretary of the Eastern
Division of the Yorkshire Association, has re-
cently undergone a serious operation in Leeds
Infirmary. The latest report is that he is pro-
gressing very favourably.

Bolsover Parish Church bells will be re-opened
on March 1st. After rehanging, the bells will
be dedicated to the memory of John Flint,
Charles Mason, Jesse J. Moss and Rhemaliah
Coupe, who gave valuable service to the tower
over a long period of years.

The bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton,
have been replaced by Messrs. Mears and Stain-
bank, and the Wednesday practices have been
resumed. Sound control has been introduced
to meet complaints of nearby residents. Thanks
are expressed by the band to the various ringers
who subscribed to help pay for the work.

The band who rang the peal of Bristol at
Crayford on January 12th would like it to be
regarded as a compliment firstly to the Rev.
H. H. and Mrs. Hurwood on the birth of a
granddaughter, and secondly to Mr. John
Whedon, for many years a ringer at Dartford
but now resident in Cheshire, who celebrated
his 80th birthday a week previously.

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LEICESTER EXCELS IN HOSPITALITY — POLICE REPRIMANDED FOR PEAL FAILURE — VALUE OF THE POLICE HELMET — LEICESTER AND BIRMINGHAM RIVALRY

L EICESTER has a big reputation in the Exercise not only on account of its prowess in the art of peal ringing but in the development of a strong social side. It was, indeed, fortunate that for the Coming-of-Age celebration of the National Guild of Police Bell-ringers the Guild's president should be a Leicester ringer in the person of Inspector Harold J. Poole, who is also president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The resources of Leicester were, it seemed, at Inspector Poole's disposal to make the occasion memorable in the history of the Guild. Support at the dinner, attended by a company of 160 and held in St. Philip's Hall, on Saturday, was forthcoming from the Lord Mayor (Alderman R. Hill) and the Lady Mayoress, the Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith), the Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. O. J. B. Cole), the Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Rutland, Alderman Freer (chairman of the Watch Committee), the Bishop of Rangoon and the Provost of Leicester.

As to ringers present it could truly be called a representative gathering with Station Sergeant J. G. A. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill (founder-president of the Police Guild) and such veteran ringers as Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) and Mr. Josiah Morris (Leicester) present. Mr. Paul L. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor also attended. Toastmaster for the evening was Mr. E. C. Turner and it was with great cordiality that the company received the president and Mrs. Poole and their distinguished guests.

WHY A TAILOR?

After the Loyal Toast submitted by the president, the Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Rutland (Mr. John A. Taylor) proposed 'The City of Leicester,' and coupled with the toast the 494th Mayor. 'I have yet to find out,' said the Chief Constable, 'what the ancient art of bell-ringing has to do with a Taylor and one of my bright boys produced for me a book of detective fiction called "The Nine Tailors." Why is there a link with Taylors? Perhaps the president could tell us.'

The Lord Mayor (Alderman R. Hill), who replied, said all he knew about bellringing was when he used to spend his school holidays in a Leicestershire village. Bell-ringing was a memory in the minds of all English men and women, wherever they might be—in the wilds of Australia, the backwoods of Canada or in far places in Africa. Whenever they thought of England their minds went back to the countryside and the church bells. Even in mediæval England bells played a big part, as was told by a famous poet: 'The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day.'

They all remembered the tragic years of the 1939-45 war when the bells were silent. He had a vivid memory of a Sunday morning in 1945 when he heard the bells of his parish church ringing again. There was a little boy of seven or eight listening to the bells he had never heard before. He was listening in wonderment. Yes, bell-ringing was truly a part of English life and it gave him great pleasure to know that the National Police Guild of Bell-ringers were carrying on this great tradition.

'The National Guild of Police Bell-ringers' was proposed by the Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. Oswald J. B. Cole), who said in the past 21 years he had spoken at many gatherings of bell-ringers but all he could tell them was to give them an explanation of change-ringing which was in a book their president lent him. 'A series of mathematical problems caused by



INSPECTOR HAROLD J. POOLE
President of the National Guild of Police
Bell-ringers

bells of different tones being rung consecutively.' Now they knew as much as he did. (Laughter.)

CAUTIONED AND REPRIMANDED

He was told that the first meeting of the Police Bell-ringers was at Leicester, in 1928, when 29 police ringers met under the chairmanship of Mr. Bottrill. The details of that meeting, and also one at Birmingham, were recorded, and of a peal attempt of Stedman Caters at King's Norton, which unfortunately came to grief after 2 hours and 50 minutes through a change course. When 'Stand' had been called, stated the official minute, the culprits were reprimanded and cautioned. Those policemen present, who knew the police code, would know that there was a great difference between a reprimand and a caution.

The next meeting showed that there was some relinquishment of that stern discipline because it stated that an attempt to ring Cambridge Maximus came to grief because too many of the band wanted to dodge in 15-16. (Laughter.) There was not a word about a caution and he was wondering if it was the beginning of trade unionism among the ringers.

Mr. Bottrill was elected the first president of the Guild in 1931 and throughout the 21 years they had had only four presidents, the others being Mr. Williams, of Manchester, Mr. Hilton, of the Surrey Constabulary, who was president for five years, and Inspector Poole, who had been president for seven years. Before becoming president, Inspector Poole was secretary for 14 years. He was sure their president would like him to mention ex-Sergeant Jelley, who gave him a great deal of help in the early years, and whom they were all pleased to see with them. (Applause.)

Mr. Poole had brought a great deal of enthusiasm to bear on the National Guild of Police Ringers for it was not easy to get people to come together from the four quarters of England and Wales. Personally, he was very proud

to have their president as a member of his Force.

THE GUILD'S STALWARTS

The president, in reply, said it was a great privilege and no less an honour to be in the chair at this coming-of-age celebration of the National Police Guild. It was very easy to commence something when the enthusiasm was all of a glow, but it was not quite so easy to keep it going after the original enthusiasm had died down and it needed stalwarts to keep it afloat. They had plenty of such stalwarts in the Police Guild. They had Superintendent Williams, of Manchester, who was responsible mainly for the enthusiasm of the Manchester Force, and Mr. Bottrill, who was in the Metropolitan Force and was the mainspring in the south. There were also such keen centres as Leicester and Birmingham. There were two names he would like specially to mention—ex-Sergeant Lawrence, of St. Albans, a founder of the Guild, and P.C. Claydon, of Feigate. It was a great honour to have with them Station Sergeant Prior, who had been elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, one of the greatest honours that could be conferred on any ringer.

Station Sergeant J. G. A. Prior, who proposed the toast of 'The Church and State,' said the toast should be really 'Clergy and State' because it would have given him an opportunity of saying 'thank you' for the privileges they gave them. They did not say 'thank you' for Sunday service ringing because that was their work for the Church of which they were all members, but for the pleasures of other ringing. If it was not for their co-operation their peal totals would be down—and some people might say 'a very good thing, too.'

He need not say much about their relationship with the State except to say that he hoped the State would never make them into a National Police Force. (Applause.) He also hoped that the State would never interfere with their ringing; they, on their part, must be watchful and avoid excessive ringing, thus giving the public cause for complaint.

THE SIGHT OF THE HELMET

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, in his reply, cited incidents of the close relationship between clergy and police. There was, he said, an admirable clergyman who lived on a high road passed by many people in the habit of calling at his house for financial assistance, causing him a degree of embarrassment. As a solution he bought a policeman's helmet and a pair of white gloves and put them on the table by the front door. When visitors called, the housekeeper would answer 'The Vicar is engaged.' That helmet and pair of gloves were of great assistance to him for the visitor would never wait. (Laughter.)

Although the subject 'Church and State' was a controversial one as they thought of the long history of the Church of England, he would say there was nothing controversial between members of their Guild who served both equally well by ringing their bells for the great festivals of the Church, that they all delighted to keep, or on those great occasions in the life of the State such as when the nation rejoiced at the recovery of the King.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, the first president of the Guild. After complimenting the band that rang a touch of Stedman Cinques, Mr. Bottrill said so far as bell-ringing was concerned, Leicester was one of the most prominent places in the world. There was a reason for it. He now lived in the Diocese of Canterbury. Can-

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Police Guild Coming-of-Age—Cont.

terbury Cathedral should lead in all Church matters, but to his regret it did not lead in Church bell-ringing. There were various causes, one being that they were in the front line during the war and lost many of their people.

LEICESTER'S TRADITION

He was a Leicestershire man and in his younger days Leicester was noted for the enormity of its policemen. There was one named Stevens who weighed 23 stones, and was the heaviest policeman, and another, whose name he believed was Warrington, who was six feet six inches tall. In regard to Leicester ringing he had been in touch with it for 45 years and it had reached a pitch of excellence during the past 10 or 15 years under Inspector Poole. There was another reason for that excellence—the tradition of the City's ringing set by those great stalwarts of old such as George Cleel, Charles Fowler, William Wilson and later by Mr. Frederick Dexter. Those people laid the foundation of the bands of ringers they had to-day.

After mentioning the various guests by name Mr. Bottrill coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Albert Walker, past Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. There was, he said, a great friendly rivalry in ringing between Leicester and Birmingham.

Mr. Albert Walker expressed the pleasure of the visitor in being present on such an historic occasion in the life of the National Guild of Police Ringers. He complimented the Guild on providing one of the best dinners he had attended. While there was friendly rivalry between ringers there was also good friendship; they were all very proud of their social side which helped to build up their ringing.

The Leicester ringers had a reputation which had to be admired, but Birmingham also had a big reputation. The Society he represented, the St. Martin's Guild, was founded in 1755 and in Birmingham they had three rings of twelve.

He congratulated the Police Guild on the splendid way they had kept together; they appreciated the work they were doing because it was much harder than the work of a territorial Guild. He well remembered the first dinner of their Guild at Birmingham which he was invited to attend. The dinner finished up with a visit to the mortuary. (Laughter.)

Interludes during the speeches included tunes rung on handbells by ex-P.C. Wilson, his wife and daughter, and Mr. Harry Poyner, and a touch of Stedman Cinques in which the president, his daughter, son-in-law and other Leicester ringers participated.

The dinner was followed by a concert by the Leicester City Police concert party and a sketch by the dramatic section. Finally the very full day which had started with peal ringing ended with a dance.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the president, proposed by the Rev. J. R. Collins, Vicar of St. Mary's. He also thanked Mr. Poole for his work in teaching the ringers of St. Mary's and for his splendid effort in raising personally £200 to meet the cost of installing the new bells at St. Mary's.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. R. D. Langford's 31 Years as Secretary at Crewe

Christ Church, Crewe, with its ten bells, is always a popular venue for the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch and over 70 members from towers in the Branch, and many visitors, were present at the meeting on January 19th.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Gwynne John) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Master of the Chester Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke). Mr. H. Hazeldine and Mr. F. Chatfield, churchwardens, Mr. R. Owen, secretary of the Church Council and Mr. R. D. (Dick) Langford, hon. branch secretary.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Kerr) presented the financial statement showing a satisfactory balance of £5 14s. 6d. Ten new members were elected—two honorary, four ringing and four junior. The hon. secretary reported that the monthly meetings had been well attended and the ringing of good quality.

Election of officers produced some changes. The Vicar said it was probably his last time of presiding as Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, as he had been appointed to Christ Church, Alsager. He had always enjoyed the company—and the confidence—of his ringers, and those of the Branch. The Vicar was re-elected chairman.

Mr. Langford expressed his wish to relinquish his job as secretary after 31 years; he would like someone younger to have the job; his resignation was accepted with deep regret.

Mr. Wilfred Kerr, hon. treasurer, was proposed as hon. secretary and asked to combine both offices. Mr. Kerr said he was very sorry, but his awkward turns of away duty would not permit him combining the two offices. Mr. Kerr was appointed secretary and Mr. F. Stenson hon. treasurer.

The Vicar asked Mr. R. D. Langford to accept, on behalf of the ringers of the Branch, a pocket watch, suitably inscribed, as a memento and as some slight recognition and appreciation of his services for 31 years. The Vicar said Mr. Langford had been a stalwart of ringing not only in Cheshire but in many other counties, and a loyal ringer, conductor, teacher and leader of the Sunday service band at Christ Church.

Mr. Clarke, Ringing Master of the Chester Guild, said he would like to pay tribute to Mr. Langford on behalf of the Guild, who appreciated both his character and ability.

Mr. William Holding, in paying his tribute, coupled the name of Mrs. Langford, who had sacrificed many hours of her husband's company, and said the Branch was greatly indebted to her.

Mr. Stenson, in support, made a strong appeal for better support of the ringers' own paper, 'The Ringing World,' without which, as without the bells, there would not be any ringing.

Mr. Langford, on rising, received a very cordial ovation, and was obviously taken aback. He said he had had wonderful experiences, some humorous, some not so humorous. He had called over 400 meetings and had only missed 11, and could tell some very amusing stories, only one of which he would like to tell.

He had advertised a meeting and had received between 50 and 60 replies and anticipated a good meeting. However, nature intervened in the way of a terrific thunderstorm lasting most of the afternoon, and only 16 turned up. Despite this, at tea time the incumbent came into the tower and announced dinner was ready. The ringers, rather surprised, trooped into the dining room and sat down to a five-course dinner, to which ample justice was done.

On returning to their various towers, a mental note was made of this meeting. The following year when the meeting was announced, between

50 and 60 attended. So off they went, and ringing went on during the hot summer's afternoon: 5 o'clock came—nothing doing; 6 o'clock came—nothing doing; at nearly 7 o'clock the incumbent appeared round the belfry door and said, 'Surely you must be ready for something to eat; come down and into the "local."' They once again trooped—but this time into the bar, among the sawdust. 'What are you having?' asked the incumbent—and answered—'A glass of beer all round, and some bread and cheese. And off he went.

The ringers looked at each other, then at the secretary, then at 'mine host,' but no one dared—by the look on his face—to ask him what was wrong, until Mr. Langford ventured to ask why the change. Then 'mine host' spluttered out that the old so-and-so had not paid him for last year's dinner.

Thus ended another very happy meeting and ringing went on till nearly nine o'clock. In the afternoon an hour's ringing was enjoyed at Wistaston, under the eye of Mr. Albert Crawley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A pleasing feature of the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Irthlingborough on January 19th was the election of Mr. W. Loveday, of Ontario, Canada, to life honorary membership. Mr. Loveday, who was present, had presented, on a previous visit, a new set of ropes to St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, and recognised his election by a donation of £2.

The meeting was well attended. A company of 90, including Miss E. Steel, of the Bedfordshire Association, sat down to tea following the Guild service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. V. Rogers). A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 19s.

The Rector presided at the business meeting. Twelve new ringing members were elected and two honorary members were transferred to ringing members. Mr. A. Bigley (secretary and treasurer) presented his report and the accounts which showed a balance in hand of £4 16s. Bozeat was selected for the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. C. Clifton thanked the Guild for assisting Rushden St. Mary's Youths and a vote of thanks to the Rector and others who contributed to the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. L. R. Main, of Finedon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

Dear Sir,—With reference to the leading article of January 18th, I feel there are many ringers who would wish to dissociate themselves from such sentiments as were therein expressed. I agree that it is a vexed question and that many may hold different views from those expressed by me. There is however, only one correct attitude and no excuses can be made for any relaxing of standards.

If we ring for a service we ought to stay for it; there may be occasions when it is not possible for all ringers to stay to all the services for which the bells are rung. If however the ringers make a point of staying to at least one service on a Sunday and what is more important, are practising churchmen and regular communicants, such situations as that referred to will not arise.

That the argument that three and a half hours or even four hours may be taken to travel, ring and stay for service should be used is simply unworthy. The service is given to God—the fact that it is the 'day of rest' is by the way; many ringers do much more to obtain a peal than 'lose' seven hours on a Sunday.

No, let us stand up for what is right, we may not all practise it, we may not all be able to do it—the fact remains clear and simple. If we ring for service, we ought to stay. Far too many ringers, the majority in fact—if a cross-section of the community is anything to go by—never darken the doors of a church except to climb to the tower.

I fully support any Vicar or Rector who stands up for what is right. I am proud, too, to have been trained in my ringing by two such men who I know feel as I do in this matter of church attendance. Let us realise that our first duty as ringers is to support the church we belong to and not any other. First things first, please.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON, Capt.

Shrivenham, Wilts.

RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I read F. E. H.'s leading article of January 18th with mixed feelings. It is right we should remember, as he states, that most of us ring because we find it a fascinating hobby, and I have little patience with those (including some clergy) who regard it as a sufficient act of worship.

It is also realised that a ringer cannot invariably attend every service for which he rings, but the two-fold nature of ringing does, to my mind, lay a greater obligation upon us than upon other parishioners to attend. It is a present-day disease to expect privileges without their attendant obligations, but let us hope Church workers will be the last to fall victims to it.

F. E. H. says it is a 'pleasant courtesy occasionally to go inside' the church, and that 'excessive religious devotion should never become a detriment to our campanological progress.' Is this the faith which Christ proclaimed and for which martyrs in every age have died, in the arena, at the stake, in the mission field, and in concentration camps?

The Church has existed for centuries in a hostile or indifferent world to bear witness, however imperfectly, to a living faith. Nothing less than whole-hearted service to the Church should be good enough for us. Whatever view we take of week-day practices and peal ringing, let us at least for Sunday ringing be mindful of our fellowship 'with that great multitude which no one can number,' and join with them in a corporate act of worship.

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

A WORD TO THE SECULAR

Dear Sir,—In your leader of January 18th the writer states that bellringing is at once a sporting recreation and a form of service to the Church; and one notices the order in which these two aspects of the Exercise are given.

The pious givers of ancient bells, and those who to-day give prayers and work and money to restore the old bells in our towers and perhaps add new ones, did and do so for one purpose only—the glory of God, and not to provide an inexpensive pastime for non-church-goers.

It may indeed be difficult for ringers to attend all the services for which they may ring on a Sunday; there is no sufficient reason why they should not attend one.

Let those who regard bellringing as primarily a secular recreation buy their own bells and build towers in which to hang them.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST SHOLL (Rev.).

Holford Rectory,

Somerset.

A CHURCHGOING REMINDER

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent articles in 'The Ringing World' regarding ringing and 'churchgoing,' I thought that the enclosed rhyme, to be found on the belfry wall at St. George's Church, Littleport, Cambs, would be of interest. The tower also contains a fine ring of eight bells, cast by Warner and Sons in 1891, although I believe they have recently been restored.

'Do not ring and run away,
Leaving other folk to pray,
For when a ringer doeth so,
Hand says "come," but foot says "go."'

Yours faithfully,

M. J. HORSEMAN.

Nailsea, Somerset.

CONCENTRATION OF SIX-BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I do not know how much six-bell ringing 'E. B.' (in 'The Ringing World' of January 18th, 1952) has done, but for my own part I can say most truthfully that I find Spliced Surprise Major easier than Spliced Minor! In Major and above one has plenty of time to think of what one is doing. In Minor, on the other hand, the work is almost continuous. I suggest that the writer rings a peal in 105 methods (with trifling differences in groups of methods) just to show how awfully simple it all is!

I have rung peals in single Minor Surprise methods and in single Major Surprise methods and can assure your correspondent that I have found that the former require more concentration.

With regard to mighty eight-bell men lowering themselves to ring on six bells, I have seen many eight-bell giants flounder hopelessly in Spliced Surprise Minor.

I will agree that in Minor you can only obtain six changes and hence have to repeat seven times for a peal, but at least you do not get a whole group of bells monotonously plain coursing.

Finally, I find that in six-bell towers you generally get better-struck and more numerous methods rung than in the average eight- and above bell towers, where Grandsire and Plain Bob and perhaps very shoddy Stedman are the sum total of their achievements.

If the Central Council ever discountenanced six- and five-bell peals, I am sure that almost all these ringers would have nothing further to do with the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

University College, Leicester.

NOTE.—There is no intention on the part of the Central Council as at present constituted to discourage five- or six-bell peals. Their policy is to encourage peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve.—Ed.

PEAL ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—If a person is dismissed these days for a minor offence without previous warning and, in most cases, investigation, there would probably be a strike called by the offender's colleagues.

Bell-ringers are, I am sure, not going to strike because they rang peals for periods of from one and a half to three and a half hours at a time, with lead ends of the three specified methods in the letter of the Peal Analysis Committee of January 4th, although they had no previous warning that they would not be included in the analysis for 1951.

It is rather unfortunate that the committee should bring down 'fire and brimstone' on their heads from the members of the five- and six-bell towers in particular, especially after all the hard things said at recent Councils in regard to their action in omitting peals, which although true and complete in accordance with the Council's Decisions, had leading or too many covering bells.

As a member of the Council, I must in all fairness oppose the Peal Analysis Committee's recommendation, and instead, suggest that they would have been well advised to insert the year '1952' instead of '1951,' then those of us who had rung peals in the methods with condemned lead ends would have been warned and not had to suffer the indignity of being 'dismissed without previous warning.'

All peals rung in these methods have been accepted by Councils in the past, and it is difficult to understand the Committee's recommendation without first going to the Council before excluding them.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Hon-General Secretary,
The Irish Association.

A POINT FOR VISITING PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A problem which I constantly experience and feel ought to be known is the difficulty in obtaining permission for peal attempts at towers where the locals are not change ringers, as a large percentage are, here in the West Country.

Recently I have been refused three towers because previous peal ringers had left the ropes at a different length from how they found them, necessitating the locals spending some time on a Sunday morning arranging the ropes to their normal length before they can ring for service.

Surely this is not the way to treat our call-change friends who have so kindly, with the Vicar, given consent to our ringing a peal on their bells. We are doing our best to encourage these ringers into our own method of ringing rather than make enemies and treat them with disrespect.

The peal band with which I ring have always made a special effort to leave the tower exactly as they find it, and where the locals are very particular, have knotted the ropes above or below the sally rather than untuck the end, or, alternatively, arranged the ringers to suit the ropes.

Finally, it is my hope that in future, visiting peal bands to the West Country will take this precaution, thus leaving a good impression for our call-change friends and also making things easier for peal ringers here.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Axminster, Devon.

THE EMBLEM

Dear Sir,—Ringers will, no doubt, congratulate those of us who are 'mentioned in despatches,' having scored 40 or more peals in 1951. Soldiers, when mentioned in despatches, receive an oak leaf. Could not the Editor of 'The Ringing World' be empowered to make a similar award to leading peal ringers? A suitable decoration suggests itself: 'The Emblem of the Loose Screw.'—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Penarth, Glam.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

Ringers—An Honoured Place in Church Life

THE fourth annual dinner of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held in the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on January 19th. The chairman of the Guild (Canon R. F. Wilkinson) presided and was supported by his officers.

Amongst the 62 diners were Canon R. H. Hawkins, Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and the Rev. K. Thompson, Vicar of Hucknall, also Mr. A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. Chorlton and Miss Oldershaw (Spalding), Mrs. Turley (Handsworth, Sheffield), Mr. W. C. Rhodes and two friends (Birmingham) and Mr. Sidney Briggs (Rotherham).

The important toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. J. Kenneth Wagstaff, who emphasised the need for freedom to-day and the great part the Church had to play in upholding the liberty of the individual. It was essential, maintained the speaker, that the subject should have freedom of speech, freedom of religious worship and freedom to choose own form of government.

Parents and teachers had a vital duty to perform to see that children were brought up in the Christian faith. It they were to have the country they all desired it was essential that the children of to-day—who were the citizens of tomorrow—should be brought into that faith.

Mr. Wagstaff concluded by saying that as churchmen they should take part in the Church's activities; as citizens they should take a keener interest in local government affairs and use their vote and do all they could to foster mutual trust and confidence between Church and State.

In his reply, Canon R. H. Hawkins said that the parish churches and bells were amongst the country's greatest heritages. The bells summoned people to worship whether they did or did not go to church. Ringers made their act of worship by ringing the bells. There was great difficulty in keeping up their numbers. Ringers occupied an honoured place in church life—as much as wardens, choirmen and the Church Council.

He (the speaker) had always found a complete readiness to ring on any occasion and he was glad to pay tribute to his own ringers. Canon Hawkins made special mention of Mr. Walter Nichols (Guild treasurer) for his energy, cheerfulness and ability in the exercise of his duties as Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Nottingham. (Applause.)

'The Southwell Guild' was proposed by Mr. F. W. Vernon who stated that it was a young guild compared with some of the mature and powerful ones of the Exercise, but judging from the activities of the past, the initiative, energy and zeal of its stalwarts, he was sure the Guild compared favourably with them and could look forward to a happy future.

PEALS NOT THE YARD STICK

If the Guild was to be judged by the number of peals that were rung—and he believed that to be done by a few—then it did not rank very high, but surely that was not the yardstick by which the Guild wished to be valued. Their object must and should be service to the Church. What must be the parson's thoughts when his bells were rung hour after hour on a weekday and then to find them strangely mute on Sunday? Their duty was to see that every ring was manned.

He counselled aid to struggling bands as the surest way of helping the Guild, and indeed, the whole Exercise. The seasonal bogey of 'canned bells' would then disappear. He was sure that it was the firm desire of those present that the Guild remained loyal to the Church and achieved that end by regular service ringing, by insistence upon good striking and by happy fellowship.

Mr. J. W. Raithby (general secretary), in reply, stated that the Guild meant something to them. Without its protective mantle they would

exist as small, scattered groups without any interchange of ideas. They would miss the friendly gatherings on meeting days and very often the desire to see how Muddecomb in the Marsh was getting on. Without the Guild, who would trouble to arrange meetings or a dinner of that nature? asked the speaker. The Guild cost money to run. Expenses were high. At 2s. 6d. the subscription was not on a realistic footing.

He (the speaker) would be glad if someone would tell him how to attract recruits as he had tried almost everything without success. His own tower had a great tradition of Sunday service ringing but he was worried as to the future and what the position would be in ten years' time when the older ringers retired.

In conclusion, Mr. Raithby advised those present to cultivate esprit de corps. Make their tower the best in the District, make their District the best in the Guild and their Guild the finest in the land. The speaker had no doubt that his were!

The toast of 'The Visitors' was admirably proposed by Mr. Clement Glenn and replied to by Mr. W. G. Rhodes.

The latter said there were three kinds of visitors: (1) trespassers; (2) licensees; and (3) invitees. He had no doubt that the visitors were in the last category as he had been warmly welcomed and made to feel at home. A function of that nature enabled them to exchange ideas and renew old acquaintances and make new friends. He wished continued prosperity to the Southwell Guild.

During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and St. Paul's, Daybrook, were available for visitors.

A touch of Grandshire Caters was rung on the handbells as the company sat down to dinner. Afterwards tunes were rung on handbells by Miss Pat Lewin's team. The other entertainment consisted of a delightful recitation in the Yorkshire dialect by Mr. Clement Glenn and a talented display of conjuring by Mr. D. Gardner.

J. W. R.

FINE HANDBELL ACHIEVEMENT

Peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Major Methods

Our peal columns this week record the ringing of a peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Major Methods 'in hand' conducted by Mr. Harold G. Cashmore at Stanmore, Middlesex, on January 14th. The progress of this band has been watched by the Exercise and we are sure they deserve the warmest congratulations on their success.

Mr. W. Wenban, of Harrow Weald, writes:—As umpire of the eight, nine and twelve methods, now 14 Spliced Surprise Major peals upon handbells. I feel I must not let this occasion pass without recording my congratulations to the bands who have rung these peals, the ringing of each peal being of a very high standard throughout.

I very carefully checked every bob, every change of method and every lead end throughout each peal; they were all very clever performances of handbell peal ringing.

January 14th was the selected date for another attempt upon this elusive 14 Spliced Surprise. The bells went off to the tune of Wembley, then changing from method to method in a perfect rhythmic beat, maintained to the successful end of a very fine peal.

Successes only come after many failures, indeed the 14 Spliced peal had been rung before, but owing to a rather rough lead, 3rd lead from the end, the band was determined to ring it again and the near-perfect peal was the result.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringing to most standard methods was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Hitchin, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Northern District on January 19th.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. J. Dear was elected Ringing Master, Mr. E. Buck District secretary, and Messrs. L. Fidler, H. Werrett, F. Croft and W. Houghton committee. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. E. Symonds, the retiring secretary, for the very good work he had done during the past 14 years.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Nearly 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Farnham District at Farnham on January 19th, when the Guild's new form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes).

Mr. A. J. Stedman presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. A. Harman (Master of the Guild), Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary), Mr. C. W. Denyer (District Ringing Master), Mr. G. S. Joyce (District secretary), Major E. J. Bragg (assistant Ringing Master) and Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant hon. secretary). The District officers were re-elected.

New ringing members elected were Messrs. J. F. Hickox, K. C. Williams, B. J. Barlow, A. J. Barlow, L. Ward, E. E. Wright, and R. Jordon, Misses B. Heskins, D. Tylecote and P. Marleton.

The Ringing Master's report stated that the District had forged ahead during the last 12 months and was now benefiting from the hard work put in during the past few years.

The report recalled events during the year—the four Guilds' festival, the ringing of 12 quarter peals on May 5th for the Festival of Britain, the rededication of Frensham bells and two successful outings.

Mr. Denyer concluded his report as follows: 'Finally, a word or two about our policy in the year ahead. As was said at the Aldershot meeting, it is my intention to delegate control of some of the ringing at practices and meetings to younger members in order that they may experience what is required of an official of a district. It is hoped that more variety at meet-

ings, combined with a better knowledge and judgment of individual capabilities in ringers attending, will improve the relationship amongst us, whilst at the same time encouraging our youth to take more responsibility in our affairs. It is not the intention of your elected officers to pass their work on to others, but we also are not intending to hold office indefinitely.

The ringers of the Farnham area in common with others, are travelling an endless road and we must not allow ourselves to be retarded in any way. We believe we are well forward in the affairs of the Guildford Guild, and recently we were told by a well-known Surrey Association member that, for our size, we were probably the most live district in any ringing Association. A good reputation can easily be damaged. We want to keep to the fore, but can only do so by the concerted efforts of everyone. We have worked hard in the past; we are happy in our present; we can and must be united to enjoy our future. May the year 1952 be even better than 1951.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Six new practising members and one honorary member were elected at the meeting of the Rochester District at Swanscombe on January 19th. About 50 members and friends from 10 towers enjoyed some good ringing under the leadership of the new Ringing Master (Mr. V. A. Jarrett), and a fine tea prepared by Mrs. Ring and her helpers.

The Rector (the Rev. A. J. Weller) conducted the ringers' service, and Mrs. Newbury, wife of a local ringer, was organist.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOCK, HANTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Miss S. K. M. Knight 3, E. A. Jurd 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. G. Barron 6, P. Page 7, A. H. E. Walters 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, G. Bird 3, E. Skinner 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lewis 1, T. Phillips 2, M. Horseman 3, J. Young 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, C. Kortright 6, E. Shearn 7, J. Lott 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Holehouse 1, W. Collins 2, L. B. Scoot 3, R. T. Newman 4, E. G. Buck 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, H. E. Werrett 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Spokes 1, G. W. Holland 2, W. Townsend (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David Wesley (local ringer and tower secretary) and Miss Elizabeth Baybutt.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. George's, on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, J. A. Hales 2, T. H. Taftener 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, E. T. Beauchamp 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

CAVERSFIELD, BICESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 21st, At St. Laurence's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe 1-2, W. J. Baggett 3, Patricia J. Ayris (first quarter) 4, C. H. Kinch. First quarter on the bells.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Saunders 1, R. Gardiner 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Cane 4, J. West 5, J. E. Roast (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Yates 1, J. Potter 2, M. Hunt 3, P. Hunt 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Winchcombe 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. F. J. Dight, 37 years sexton of the church.

BINDER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): E. Lambert 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, H. Smith 3, T. Harris 4, S. Atwell 5, R. Morgan 6. First quarter in three methods for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Killick 1, H. Branton 2, G. J. Killick 3, C. D. Linington 4, W. Small 5, A. Tomsett (first quarter) 6, P. F. Romney (cond.) 7, A. W. Turner (first quarter) 8. Rung with the 4th, 6th and 8th covering.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Olive Deaman 1, J. Seymour 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, Mrs. R. Seymour 4, H. Thomas (first as cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. First quarter 'inside' 3 and 4.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,968 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. F. Bryant 1, H. Brown 2, A. Rodgers 3, G. F. Bryant 4, F. Lunfoot 5, A. Bond (cond.) 6. First in method by 2 and 4.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Reid 1, Barbara Pottinger 2, Gladys Anderson 3, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 4, J. Whitehorn 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday 7, G. Hill 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Dec. 9th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton 1, Annie Potter 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, J. Boyer 4, O. Davies 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung after the reopening of the church.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Pudsey Surprise Royal: C. T. Richards 1, Miss S. Harris 2, Miss R. J. Pett 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Miss E. Farrell 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, W. G. Wilson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,440 Pudsey Surprise Royal: R. G. Lav (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Miss R. J. Pett 3, Miss E. Farrell (first quarter in method) 4, Miss S. E. Harris 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Maguire (aged 12, first quarter) 1, C. T. Richards 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, M. Helps 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, E. C. Holton (first in method) 7, H. Brooks 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Whitford 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Elliott (cond.) 3, C. Button 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Beckwith, of Coggeshall.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hough (sen.) 1, Mrs. S. Hough (jun.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough (first quarter in method) 3, N. Hough 4, R. Hough 5, S. Hough (jun.) (cond.) 6. Rung by father, 3 sons and 2 daughters-in-law.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At the Festival Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Blewer 1, T. H. Taftener 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, J. Bullock (cond.) 4, J. H. Lott 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Parr 1, W. Webb 2, J. J. Wheaton (cond.) 3, C. Churchill (first quarter) 4, F. Warren 5, E. Thorne (first quarter) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st,

at St. Mary's a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: A. King 1, June Gladman 2, Enid Preston 3, J. Scott (first of Stedman) 4, H. Burton 4, A. Smith 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Hart 2, C. Smith 3, L. Fogg 4, C. Pocock (cond.) 5, D. Watkins 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for all.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, R. G. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Alderman C. B. Hoskings, J.P., Mayor of this Borough, 1950-1952.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Keirle (first quarter away from tenor) 1, R. Short (cond.) 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Clarke 4, E. Bowden 5, S. Emery 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. G. Griffin.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hall (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, R. Boardman 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Hough (jun.) 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Green (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kotting 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, P. Brown (first quarter) 4, C. E. Palmer (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. Sayer 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Jan. 13th, at St. John's, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob: A. Clements 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. Parish 3, W. Ransom 4, H. S. Peacock 5, E. Wakeling 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 6th, at All Saints', 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: J. Parish 1, H. W. Pratt (first 'inside' Treble Bob) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. Nicholls 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Antelope, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Old, Norfolk, Plain): Rev. Hoyal 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in seven methods for all and on the bells. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Antelope, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, Old, Plain): Rev. Hoyal 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith (first in 8 methods) 5, Rita Thompson 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Sheppard 1, Miss J. Bussey 2, S. T. Price 3, T. Pritchard 4, G. Wiggins 5, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 6, W. Richings 7, A. Cotterell (first quarter of Caters) 8, W. Dean 9, L. Barry 10.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 College Exercise: Miss M. Bradley (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Smith 2, G. Challans 3, F. Bradley 4, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter of College Exercise by all and on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Gould 1, B. Cleveland 2, C. Dod 3, R. Amor 4, A. Boyce 5, R. Gould 6, W. Baxter 7, E. Parker (cond.) 8, G. Harding 9, J. Lucas 10. A 72nd birthday compliment to the conductor, also to C. Butchers.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss M. A. Prockson 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, W. D. Prockson 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Heyes (first quarter) 1, R. Nogue 2, P. L. Cooper (cond.) 3, F. Smeaton 4, W. Wilson (first quarter) 5, F. Staude 6.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Hurton 1, F. J. Williams 2, C. Matthews 3, G. Bowcutt 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, W. Smart 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon Percy Robson, former Rector, who was buried there same day.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (one extent each of Oxford and Kent): Barbara Mitchell 1, Mary Fuller 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, Ralph Bird 6. A compliment to the Rev. M. J. Rippengal (curate of West Wickham), who was ordained priest at Canterbury Cathedral the previous Sunday. Also on Dec. 31st, half-muffled for the passing of the year, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sheila Gramson 1, Mary Fuller 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Moore 1, D. T. North 2, A. J. North 3, G. J. Gammon (first as cond.) 4, G. Walford 5, D. M. Bellamy 6, F. W. Slocombe 7, A. E. Hawkins 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 Plain, 240 St. Simon, 540 Grandsire): D. Mills 1, E. Leggett 2, A. Cansdale 3, E. Hyndard (cond.) 4, L. Mills 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Double and Single Court): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, L. W. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, R. Bird 4, M. Fuller 5, J. Cannell 6. First extent in these methods by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Memorial to Late Rev. C. A. Phillips

The Wimborne Branch annual meeting was held at Wimborne on January 19th when there was a large attendance of members and friends. At a service in the Minster, which was conducted by the Vicar of Wimborne, Canon T. W. Page-Phillips, the Bishop of Sherborne, Dr. Maurice Key, M.A., dedicated a last bellmetal memorial plate, which is to be placed on the wall of the ringing room, bearing the inscription:—'To the memory of Charles Augustine Phillips, M.A., Priest for 48 years, the devoted honorary secretary of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, who died at Bournemouth, March 27th, 1950. Aged 78 years.'

As no ringing was possible on the Minster bells owing to repairs to the west tower, and as the late Mr. Phillips was a great lover of tune ringing on handbells, a tribute was paid to his memory by the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, handbell ringers under Mr. Arthur Davis, who gave a selection of sacred tunes in the Minster before and after the service. Other members also ran; Grandsire Caters and Spliced Plain Major on handbells. The late Rev. C. A. Phillips' family was represented by his niece, Miss Phillips, and an old friend of the family.

The Earl of Shaftesbury (Lord Lieutenant of Dorset), who is President of the Salisbury Guild and a ringer himself, unveiled the memorial and in a few well-chosen words asked the Bishop to dedicate it in memory of one they all remembered with great affection.

The Bishop, in a brief address, said they met in special memory of one who had served the Church and Guild in faithful service for many years. Many had learnt from him the music and art of the bells, and had kept faithful in their service to God and their delightful employ of bell-ringing. 'May we ring the bells of Heaven here and there.'

At a business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, on behalf of the branch, presented to Canon Eddrup, of Corfe Mullen, a table lamp as a mark of their appreciation of his services as chairman for 23 years.

The branch officers, with Mr. L. J. Lockyer as chairman, were all re-elected.

In the evening, the Bishop of Sherborne rededicated the six bells at Canford Magna which have been rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry, the 'go' being excellent. A. R. M.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
South-Eastern Division

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, January 12th, some 75 members and friends attending. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Kingdom), who extended a warm welcome to all. Dr. Armstrong Gibbs was at the organ to lead the choir and congregation in the singing. The choir is now a feature of our service and consists of Association members only. Members were the guests of Mr. M. R. French at tea, which was served in the Iron Room by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

The secretary (Mr. A. H. Everett) presented his report for 1951. The year had been one of steady progress; peal ringing had declined but it is hoped that this will be remedied in the coming year. Goldhanger had made a great achievement in getting the bells rehung in a new frame within 12 months and raising nearly £1,000 to meet the cost of this work. Maldon All Saints' had returned to the active list, strengthening works to the tower having been completed.

The outgoing officers were re-elected for 1952. Thanks were accorded to the Rector, Dr. Armstrong Gibbs and Mr. George Green for making local arrangements. A. H. E.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY G. MILES

An Appreciation

As announced in the issue of January 4th, Mr. H. G. Miles, a trustee and highly respected member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, passed on to higher service on December 16th last.

He was born 82 years ago at the village of Much Adam, Hertfordshire, where he learned to ring, and came to London to take up a trusted position as a bank messenger: he looked very impressive in the top hat and uniform he wore.

He very soon joined the St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, company, and rang his first peal, 5,021 Grandsire Caters, on November 7th, 1899. He also became a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild and succeeded the late Harry Pasmore as secretary.

Although his total number of peals was 125, some of them were noteworthy, viz.—5,000 Stedman Caters at Kensington on the Coronation Day of King George V. (June 22nd, 1911); 5,007 Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, which he composed and conducted on the occasion of the Coronation of King George VI.; 5,014 Stedman Caters at Kensington for the same occasion, which he also conducted. Another noteworthy peal was at Inverary, Scotland, on July 22nd, 1939, when the College Youths rang 5,067 Stedman Caters, which Henry composed and conducted.

He was a notable composer and was responsible for the 21,000 Stedman Caters rung at Appleton. He also composed the 12,675 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on Whit Monday, 1923. This stood as a record for a number of years but unfortunately was found to be false. The writer well remembers Henry's distress on the night he had to announce this disappointing news at the College Youths' meeting at the 'Coffee Pot.' His last peal was 5,031 Stedman Caters, rung at Isleworth, on December 16th, 1939.

So passes another fine character, well loved by all who had the privilege of knowing and ringing with him. His wise counsel, quiet wit, sterling character and friendly disposition endeared him to all, and we shall miss him.

J. F. S.

MR. E. BECKWITH

Mr. Ernest Beckwith, of Coggeshall, Essex, who died on January 14th, was a ringer for over 60 years. He was well known in ringing circles throughout the county and had many friends. A quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung to his memory at Kelvedon on January 21st.

MR. A. S. BOAR

The death is announced of Mr. Arthur Stanley Boar, of 9, Belmont Road, Sittingbourne, who died suddenly on Monday, January 14th, following a stroke late on Sunday night.

The late Mr. Boar learnt the art of ringing at an early age at the Church of St. Nicholas, Ipswich, where he conducted his first peal.

He then joined the company of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and it was here that he quickly mastered the more intricate methods of change-ringing, taking part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908. A keen ringer, he rang peals on 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. He was for several years a member of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, band of ringers.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Sittingbourne on January 17th, followed by interment at Sittingbourne Cemetery.

Among the many floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Sittingbourne.

MR. A. E. PAYNE

The passing at Kettering on January 16th of Mr. Arthur Edward Payne severs one of the few remaining links with the band who, under the leadership of the late Mr. David J. Nichols, rang many peals of merit for the Central Northamptonshire Association between 1904 and 1923. Mr. Payne conducted two peals of Stedman Triples and took part in peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London, and several of Minor in various methods. His health in recent years had not permitted the long ascent to the belfry but he still retained an interest in the art, and would often comment on the standard of ringing.

P. I. C.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday Feb. 2nd. Festival Church (St. John's, Waterloo Road) 3.15—4.15; St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30—4; Southwark Cathedral 4—5. Service in Cathedral 5. Tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral 7.45. Names for tea, please. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921 162

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's after meeting.—B. C. Stale, 166

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Stapleford. Trowell bells also available. Ringing from 2.30. 174

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Annual meeting Feb. 2nd, St. Mary-le-Tower, 3—5; St. Matthew's, 7—8.30. Tea and meeting at Footman's Restaurant 5.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 186

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m.—G. J. Jennings. 190

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Godshill, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merri-meade Watergate Road, Newnort. 195

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Dudley (10), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. (Netherton, Jan. 19th, not available.) Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting.—Bernard C. Ashford. 196

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields WC.2 (Tottenham Court Road Station) on Monday, February 4th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 210

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirksthorpe, near Wakefield, February 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than February 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 232

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec., 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds. 221

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Patrington on February 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, by first post Wednesday, February 6th. Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington 233

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Grappenhall, February 9th. Advise me, by the 4th, if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall. 218

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuncaton District.—Meeting at Chilvers Coton (10) on Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 (to be conducted by the president, Rev. R. R. P. Rigby) followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Names for tea, by Tuesday, February 5th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton (Phone Nuncaton 3296).—A. J. Hinde Dis. Sec. 227

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Newton St. Cyres (recent augmentation), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 4th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 147

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Eastern and Western Districts.—Chester-le-Street, Saturday, February 9th. 3 p.m. Names for tea, by February 6th to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 211

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's (8), Swindon, February 9th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, February 9th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea. The Institute, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, by February 6th, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 209

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual, Hereford, February 9th. Ringing 3. Service (Cathedral) 4.30. Tea 5. Garrick Hotel. Numbers by February 5th.—J. W. Downes. The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 208

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Snodland (6) Saturday, February 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton Maidstone. 212

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, Saturday February 9th. Bells 4 to 6 p.m. Meeting follows.—J. H. Foster. 235

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Kendal Parish Church on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 39, Greenbank, Kendal.—N. M. Newby Branch Sec. 229

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel Church, Everton, Saturday, February 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All names to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8 Radnor Place, Liverpool 6. 230

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, February 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Business 6.30 p.m.—F. Pritchard, Branch Sec. 222

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, February 9th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, at Vicarage, 5. Names, by February 4th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 202

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, February 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Names, by February 6th.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 198

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, February 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. L. Wykes, Council Houses, Bushby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting Grantham, Feb. 9th. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at The Talbot Cafe, Market Place. Names required to be sent to Mr. R. Woods, 14, Cowes Road, Grantham.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 185

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at Acton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing: Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, 3—4 p.m.; Acton 3.30—4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Ringing (Acton) afterwards. 198

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 9th, at Diss. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the Corn Hall, 5. Suffolk ringers welcomed. Names for tea by Feb. 6th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 191

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Middleton Stoney, Saturday, February 9th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 201

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at Church House, 5.30. St. Laurence's bells in evening. Names for tea, by February 6th, to Mrs. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 194

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, dinner and social, Selby, Saturday, February 9th. Bells (10) available 2 to 4.20. Service, Selby Abbey, 4.20, followed by annual meeting. Dinner, Londesborough Arms Hotel, 6.30, 8s. each. Name and remittance to Mr. T. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 215

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Feb. 9th. Names for tea by Feb. 5th to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 182

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting St. Peter's, Brighton (10), Saturday, February 9th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, February 6th.—B. W. White, 14 South View, Henfield. 217

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Earls Croome, Saturday, February 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea provided. Names, by Tuesday, February 5th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 231

BRAMLEY, HANTS.—Dedication of augmented ring of eight bells, by Bishop Lang, Saturday, February 16th. 3 p.m. Bells available till 9 p.m. Names for tea, by February 12th, to Miss Osler, Bramley, Basingstoke. 203

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Little Waltham (6), Saturday, February 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 190

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual social at St. Peter's Hall, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, February 16th. 7—11 p.m. Admission 2s. 6d. All proceeds to the Redbourn Bell Restoration Fund and the Berkhamsted Parish Church Organ Fund.—P. A. Martin. 236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A committee meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 16th. Names for tea to be in not later than Monday, February 11th, to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. 64

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Melton Mowbray on February 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.15 to 8.15. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Colles Hall, at 5. Names, by February 13th, latest, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 220

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln and Gainsborough Districts.—Joint meeting at Saxilby (6) on Saturday, February 16th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln.—L. Lunn and C. Brown, Hon. Secs. 223

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting Pentre, February 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 213

NAZEING, ESSEX.—The dedication of the augmented and restored ring (6) will take place on Saturday, February 16th. Service 3 p.m. conducted by the Bishop of Barking. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available to 9 p.m. Names for tea, by February 9th, to C. Mansfield, Longyard, Upper Nazeing, Essex. Buses: No. 327, Hertford—Broxbourne Station—Nazeing (5 minutes church); No. 399, Hertford—Epping (10 minutes church). 9938

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea (8) Saturday, February 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Matthes Assembly Rooms, Englands Lane, at 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, February 13th, the very latest, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual, Arundel, February 16th, 2 p.m. Business meeting 4.45. Service 5.45. Dinner (reservations, by February 6th, to Hon. Div. Sec.) 6.45. Social evening after.—E. Treagus. 206

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Hursley, Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. After tea, Cambridge practice. Names by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 207

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the February meeting is cancelled. Annual meeting March 1st.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 234

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During the year the bells had been inspected by Mr. John P. Fidler, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. New bosses are required and some of the pulleys need renewing. This was estimated to cost £39 plus carriage. The hon. secretary (Mr. T. W. White) reported that there was no prospect in the immediate future of the Parochial Church Council meeting this expenditure. During the year a Bell Repair Fund had been launched and £12 4s. 6d. was raised. Donations received from members at the meeting amounted to £9 13s., making a total of nearly £22.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. W. J. Robinson on completing 25 years' service in the tower and to Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison, two members of the Society, whose engagement was announced that day.

Mr. F. A. Munday was elected conductor, Mr. W. J. Robinson steeplekeeper, Mr. T. W. White hon. secretary, and Messrs. A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton and T. M. White committee.

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