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IN MOURNING

LAST week it was our painful duty to announce the passing of our beloved King. Our issue this week gives an indication of the way the various bands of ringers expressed their own and the nation's sympathy. The record is in no sense complete. Last Friday, the day of the funeral service, on Saturday and again on Sunday when many memorial services were held, the bells were heard expressing messages of sympathy. Slow-measured half-muffled ringing has a beauty of its own. In a sense it gives an ethereal effect—open, as of mundane things, and muffled, giving the distant echoes as of a heavenly shore. We ringers probably appreciate this music better than the public—our ears are more attuned to its message; we capture the rhythm and we understand more fully the hidden message. And it is a satisfying message, giving hope, aspiration and confidence. We are definitely, in the words of St. Paul, 'men not without hope.'

There is a phrase in the proclamation of the new Queen which seems to strike an appropriate note for the occasion—'our late Sovereign of blessed memory.' It is this blessed memory that heartens us on our way. We think of our late King in his capacity for work. He was no amateur in his attention to the affairs of State. Although the call to the Throne came unexpectedly, by dint of sheer hard work he mastered the business of the Crown and valiantly overcame physical disabilities to give that personal leadership. We think of his simplicity and his goodness, qualities that are the most powerful weapons in the world and accomplish more than forces of arms or of wealth. With these thoughts the Nation mourned; crowds stood bare-headed as the funeral cortège passed and at 2 p.m. observed the Silence.

Appropriately, this week the time signal of the B.B.C. has been half-muffled ringing on the old eight of Westminster Abbey. It is good ringing with a slow-measured beat. Some might have preferred the muffles to have been more pronounced, but perfect recording of bells is difficult to achieve. There was, however, character behind the ringing, the dignity of a heavy ring. There was also the knowledge that the

message was coming from the heart of the Empire and from within a few yards of the catafalque in Westminster Hall. The choice was well made.

As our peal and quarter-peal columns indicate, the ringing was country-wide. Many of the towers mentioned are well known. Such centres as Birmingham, Leicester, Manchester and Sheffield were naturally represented. Tradition has it that St. Paul's Cathedral bells are not rung to a peal for such an occasion, but on the day of the funeral the whole-pull and stand was rung 56 times for the late King. On bells of this weight this is a great test of the stamina of the ringers. This was the second time recently these bells have paid such a tribute—the other being to the memory of Mr. Henry G. Miles, who died at the ripe age of 82 years after years of service to the Exercise as a ringer, conductor and composer. Nevertheless, there was ringing in London, notably at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Ealing.

Most of the ringing, however, came from the country villages, and the counties of Lincolnshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire seemed particularly prominent. Many of the towers rarely appear in our columns. Probably the tower farthest north was Kendal, but the highest was Headingley, Leeds. From the West Country the message was given from Honiton Clyst, there was ringing in Bristol and in Somerset, that county of fine towers, and from Piddleshinton, near Dorchester, where a keen young band is making progress. The bells were to be heard in the villages on Salisbury Plain, at Drayton in Berkshire, for ever constant in ringers' memories by its association with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and in the quiet Hampshire villages. At Titchfield a peal of London Surprise Minor was rung by the local band, an indication of real achievement. The Isle of Wight made its contribution. We think of the ringing at Prittlewell on the outskirts of Southend, at the fine old Deanery Church of St. Mary at Bocking, in Suffolk, and that centre of ringing, Norwich. While much of the ringing was in the four standard methods, and many first quarters were recorded, there were some notable performances, one being at Apsley End, Herts, in ten Surprise methods, rung, as the footnote reads, 'in thankful remembrance to a truly Christian King and gentleman, His Majesty King George VI.' With the message of that footnote we conclude; it is all-embracing of what is in our thoughts.

THE NATION'S SYMPATHY EXPRESSED IN PEALS

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO KING GEORGE VI.

Born December 14th, 1895: Died February 6th, 1952

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 9
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. 10
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung half-muffled.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 7
ALBERT WALKER .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 8
MURIEL REAY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 10
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 6	HENRY H. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE .. 8
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN HILL .. 10
JOHN R. SMITH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 6	ARTHUR DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung half-muffled.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 7
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. 8
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	SAMUEL BIRCH .. 9
JOHN THOMAS .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 9
GEORGE A. PACKER .. 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 11
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 6	†JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 300th peal for the Society. † Completes the 'circle.' Rung with the bells half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MRS. C. G. WOODGATE .. Treble	JACK BELCHAM .. 6
*JEAN M. HARRIS .. 2	FRANK C. MAY .. 7
*BERNARD SADLER .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 8
WILLIAM S. MAY .. 4	GERALD FROST .. 9
RODERICK W. CROUCHER .. 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung fully muffled.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL .. 6
†MARY A. CARPENTER .. 2	‡EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. 7
†MARY C. PAYNE .. 3	§ALAN CATTELL .. 8
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. 9
JOHN E. ADAMS .. 5	JOHN BRAMLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 300th peal for the Guild. † First 10-bell peal. ‡ First of Caters 'inside.' § 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL .. Treble	FRED LACEY .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 6
RONALD CHAFER .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	*GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* 100th peal. Rung half-muffled.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*ALAN TAYLOR .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
JACK BAILEY .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 6
WILLIAM H. T. KING .. 3	†MARK J. BARKER .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	*PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung fully muffled.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON .. 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 7
HARRY G. FELTON .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.

Rung half-muffled.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN .. Treble	BERNARD LAWTON .. 5
JOSEPH WARR .. 2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 7
JOHN PAGETT .. 4	*STEPHEN MALLEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST WILSON .. Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 6
*ALLEN MORGAN .. 3	*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* 100th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS ..Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 6
*DEREK H. WATSON .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*W. GEORGE CHAPLIN ..Treble	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. 6
LEONARD TUFFREY .. 3	JOHN LLOYD .. 7
VINCENT A. HEMMING .. 4	†THOMAS GWILT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ALDERMAN LING ..Treble	A. SMITH .. 5
ARTHUR LING .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER .. 6
GEORGE BERRY .. 3	J. PREASTNER .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 4	H. HALL .. Tenor

Composed by T. H. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

Rung fully muffled.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rossendale Branch.)

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS ..Treble	KENNETH HARTLEY .. 5
*JAMES TAYLOR .. 2	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH 6
GEORGE BROWN .. 3	WILLIAM H. RIDEOUGH.. 7
HAROLD PARKINSON .. 4	†GEORGE E. MORTEN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal on 8 bells. Rung fully muffled.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
DAPHNE LUKE ..Treble	BERYL R. COWLIN .. 5
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 2	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 6
†J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal of Grandsire. † 100th peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 17 cwt.

*FRANK LORD ..Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	JACK BRAY .. 7
FRED LACEY .. 4	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* 200th peal. Rung half-muffled.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ELIZABETH LAYTON ..Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN .. 5
*GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN .. 2	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 6
DENIS N. LAYTON .. 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 7
*GERALD SMERDON .. 4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER ..Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	RICHARD GRANT .. 6
HARRY BROUGHTON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
JOHN MYATT .. 4	EKEEST W. RAWSON.. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung half-muffled.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*EVA ROWLAND ..Treble	RALPH HARRIS .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 4	MARGARET ROWLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*LEWIS J. LAST ..Treble	*DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON.. 5
*PATRICIA CLARKE .. 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL.. 6
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 7
*GEORGE V. BUXTON .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by GEORGE W. PYE.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung fully muffled.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOYCE LEWIS ..Treble	*ROBERT LAY .. 5
FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 2	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 6
GEOFFREY DODDS .. 3	WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. 7
JANET S. BAILEY .. 4	WILLIAM H. COLES .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First of Major 'inside.' Rung with bells half-muffled.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*MISS K. M. SHEPHERD Treble	C. JOHN PIPER	5
†GEOFFREY D. BURROUGHS 2	ERIC H. KNAPP	6
DAVID J. LAKER .. 3	ALBERT E. LAKER	7
HENRY N. VAUGHAN .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS	Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with bells fully muffled.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 10 methods:—(i) Ipswich, (ii) York & Durham, (iii) London & Wells, (iv) Beverley & Surfleet, (v) Bourne, (vi) Cambridge, (vii) Norwich. 41 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores of Stedman, four six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOY WHITEHEAD .. Treble	ALAN CATTELL	4
*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	ARTHUR CATTELL	5
CHARLES V. CATTELL .. 3	BETTY WOOD	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* 250th peal. Rung half-muffled.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. Treble	ERNEST G. SHORTING	4
WILLIAM LOVE .. 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 3	GEORGE SAYER	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOAN SMITH .. Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER	4
JEAN HAYNES .. 2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung half-muffled.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RONALD CHAFER .. Treble	JACK N. FREEMAN	4
*BRIAN CUTHBERT .. 2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY .. 3	PHILIP BARNES	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in four methods. Rung half-muffled.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 7 varied extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALAN JEWITT .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	4
HARRY WILLS .. 2	FRANK LAMB	5
†JOHN WARDLE .. 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Rung half-muffled.

BRANSTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Hull, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

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

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

Rung fully muffled.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 14 methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford and Single Court, (2) Double and Reverse Bob, (3) Fulbeck and Canterbury, (4) Double Oxford and London Bob, (5) Thelwall and Lytham, (6) St. Clement's and College, (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BAINS .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN	4
JACK BRAY .. 2	*FRANK C. PRICE	5
GEORGE W. MOODY .. 3	*PHILIP BARNES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 14 Minor methods. Rung half-muffled.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. approx.

*HAROLD L. PARFREY .. Treble	WALTER STARR	3
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	EDWARD F. CONNOCK	4
ROGER O. FRY		Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* Twenty-fifth peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PETER J. CAME .. Treble	JOHN WEST	4
JOSEPH E. G. ROAST .. 2	GEORGE W. BARBER	5
HARRY E. SEAGER .. 3	E. J. SHYNN	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. SHYNN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of 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.

* 50th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND..Treble	*HARRY BLACKBURN	.. 4
*KENNETH EDWARDS .. 2	*CHARLES BLACKBURN	.. 5
*GORDON A. HALLS .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT	 Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

*First peal in three Minor methods. First peal in three Minor methods as conductor. Rung half-muffled on front six.

NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DENNIS BERESFORD ..Treble	*ALAN ELSMORE	 4
PETER BERESFORD 2	WALTER J. COPE	 5
JOAN BERESFORD 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	 Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DOUGLAS M. HALL ..Treble	STANLEY DANCE	 4
FRANK MITCHELL 2	ERIC STAINROD	 5
PETER CARBUTT 3	EDWIN ATKINSON	 Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

Rung fully muffled.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HINKSMAN ..Treble	†GEORGE A. WALL	 4
*CLIFFORD WALL 2	THOMAS COOPER	 5
DONALD HINKSMAN 3	ARTHUR F. WALL	 Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

*First peal 'inside.' †First peal. Rung fully muffled. Tenor open at backstroke.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire with 14 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

BEN CHEESEMAN ..Treble	JOHN COOMBS	 4
NORMAN B. DAVIS (14) .. 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	 5
*REGINALD J. C. CLOTHIER 3	FREDERICK C. DAVIS	.. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

*First peal. Rung half-muffled.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Miss S. K. M. KNIGHT..Treble	PATRICK PAGE	 4
Miss S. M. WICKENS .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT	 5
ALEXANDER PAGE 3	TOM PAGE	 Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*ARTHUR WILLIAMS ..Treble	WILFORD NORGROVE	.. 4
DOROTHY HUGHES .. 2	LESLIE EVANS	.. 5
Mrs. E. CHANDLER .. 3	†RICHARD T. SQUIRES	.. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

*First peal away from covering bell. †First peal. Rung half-muffled.



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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 8
FRED GRUNDY 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 9
ROBERT ALLRED 5	RICHARD BENSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to mark the Proclamation of the new Queen and to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Derbyshire. 150th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	HARRY PARKER .. 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	CECIL RADDON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 6
WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*COLIN B. GOLDING Treble	A. EDWARD REEVES .. 5
*MISS B. A. CARTER 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 6
WILLIAM A. FARMER 3	JOHN N. LINDON .. 7
†GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of the Plain Bob, 30 extents of Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	DOROTHY HUGHES .. 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
*PHILLIP POWLES 3	SYDNEY DANIELS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal 'inside'

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Plain Bob, 30 extents of Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN GOODWIN Treble	DOROTHY HUGHES .. 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
PHILLIP POWLES 3	ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*TERENCE BOLLINGBROKE .. Treble	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4
†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	†WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5
JOHN E. COOK 3	†JOHN HILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 1,200 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Canterbury Pleasure and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

J. HARRY COOK Treble	REGINALD LOOKER .. 3
ALFRED HINMAN 2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 4

CHARLES E. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Littlewood, a founder member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MAURICE F. H. LACEY .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 3
*ALBERT J. DUNK 2	BERT W. MAY .. 4

GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Edwards, and also to Mrs. Joan Rayment, hon. sec. of the P.C.C.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob; 1,320 Double Bob, and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST .. 7-8

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

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

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

* First peal of Spliced Royal away from the tenors. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. F. W. Townsend, Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, on his 85th birthday.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 110, NOEL STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	FREDK. A. SALTER .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal in the method.

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(With apologies to all ringers of the Tamer Valley.)

Zix listy varm chaps then us was,
Zabnteen to twenty-two,
An kum short lights and winter nights
Us adden nort to do.

Ses Bert to we: 'Yur ark to me,
Let's pool anither string—
Let's go up Tower and axe Beel Hyde
To larn we 'ow to ring.'

Beel made us free (good sort was 'e)
'Kum een my dears—kum een.
Don't bide—God lor—should kumd bevore
Wherever hav'e been?

Us larned like h'oil th' rope to coil
To pool, an pitch, an rise,
By gar!—gurt blisters larned we why
'Tis called 'The h' Exercise.'

Beel quick 'e knacked we inter shape
Thoughbut us started green,
Soon's us could strike bit vitty like
Us stood een—een between.

'Twar Jim the Smith, Tom Cobbledick,
To vourth was postman Cann,
Frank Yeo, Nick Steer (Nick loved the beer);
'Coose Beel was tribble man.

Now they'm all go ('spose life be so)
Yet no bare ropes was seen,
As aich o'they was called away
So wan o'we stapt een.

Ess, zix ole granfers now us be—
Our datch be purty theen.

'Tis us ole dolts to rear the colts
With—'Wellkum dears—Kum een.'

But if us raych they golden gates,
Be us ninety or nineteen
Us knows Beel Hyde will open wide
'Kum right een cheel—stand een.'

GARGE.

5,037 SPLICED CATERS

By FRANK E. DARBY

(Stedman 2,554, Grandsire 2,483)

231456789	5	16	
264153978			3-9-10-12-15-18-19-20-22
261354		2	
164352	—	3	
463152	—	2	
362154	—	3	
562143879			2—7—s11 (Slow six)
651234789)			Four rows of quick six
615327498)			
165234789)			Grandsire
156327498)			
52643879			
65243		8—3	
65342	1—2—s3—4		
54362		9—3	
25463		8—3s	
425		8—3	
542		8—3	
35462		8—3s	
23564		8—3s	
523		8—3	
352		8—3	
43562		8—3s	
24365		8—3s	
324		8—3	
142537698		8—3	

Repeat, into Stedman slow six with Single
immediately and calling the first course:—
S1—4—10—S15—17 (263154978)

Rung at Beddington, Surrey, December, 15th,
1951.

QUARTER PEALS

REDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: E. Reece 1, R. D. Tomlin (first
quarter as cond.) 2, A. Clayton 3, L. Bance 4, D.
Parsons 5, F. Jennings 6, L. Reece 7, E. Talbot 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On
Feb. 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. C. Castell 1, Miss A.
Castell 2, D. Slade 3, A. Jarvis 4, J. O. Berry 5,
A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the
Patronal Festival.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260
Plain Bob Doubles: S. Marrington (first quarter) 1,
D. Lubbock 2, A. Tyers 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, B.
Braine 5, F. Tyers 6. A farewell to D. Phillips, who
is sailing to Australia, and birthday compliments to
ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

GREAT OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st,
1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Godlington (first
quarter) 1, D. Griffin 2, M. Messam (first quarter) 3,
C. Swann (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Millward
(cond.) 5. First quarter by the local band.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. J. L. Gilbert
1, Miss E. Bate 2, J. H. Brothwell 3, F. Cardwell 4,
W. H. Taylor 5, E. Houldsworth 6, J. G. Brothwell 7,
J. E. Turley (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th,
1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2,
A. Cooper 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, S. Summers 5. Rung
half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Lucas, for 30 years
a ringer at this church.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' on Candlemas
Day, Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A.
Atwell 1, A. R. Price 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, B. J.
Parry 4, J. L. Fitzgerald 5, J. Pauley 6, G. Francis
(cond.) 7, D. G. Clarke 8. Rung for the Purification
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and as a wedding com-
pliment to Miss Gwyneth Clarke.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan.
27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Rainsford (first
quarter of Minor) 1, J. Rainsford (cond.) 2, J. Clark 3,
K. Stacey 4, A. R. Botting 5, W. Smith 6. Rung for
the anniversary of the founding of the Colony of
N.S.W. at Sydney Cove on January 26th, 1788.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Bob
Minor: Jeanne Elliott 1, P. R. Blackman 2, G. Lee
3, F. F. Brookes 4, B. J. Luff 5, E. Fosberry (first as
cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. Rung for the Feast
of the Purification.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

The thousands of ringers who listened in to the King's funeral must have been deeply impressed by the ringing at Westminster Abbey. The 'whole pull and stand' was heard in its great majesty, the slow measure bringing out the grandeur of the bells.

From Australia we have received a query asking whether East Bergholt (Suffolk) bells, which are manipulated by hand from the frame, have ever been rung to changes.

Mr. John E. Adams, who took part in the muffled peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on February 15th, has not rung a peal for over 15 years.

Miss Brenda M. Smith's performance of ringing the 36-cwt. tenor at Evesham at the age of 16 has reminded Miss Jane M. Plumbe that on September 16th, 1951, just one month after her 15th birthday, she rang the 36-cwt. tenor at Queen Camel.

The same band that rang a quarter peal at Godshill, Isle of Wight, for the passing of the King, also rang for his coronation and for the silver jubilee and funeral of George V. Mr. S. Hollis also rang for the diamond jubilee and funeral of Queen Victoria and for the coronation and funeral of Edward VII.

Mr. H. J. Sanger has a very promising band of youngsters at Evercreech, Somerset. Three years ago the order of the day in this tower was rounds. Now the band, on January 27th, have scored their first quarter of Caters. They were also ringing Stedman Triples and Bob Major and did, in fact, with the help of one visitor recently, ring a course of Stedman Caters. The details of the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters are:—D. Hill (13) 1. R. Crago (11) 2. A. Sanger (12) 3. R. March (14) 4. J. Nicholls (15) 5. J. Badman 6. R. Field 7. A. White 8. H. J. Sanger (conductor) 9. F. Field 10. This was the first quarter of Caters for all except the ringer of the 7th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bournemouth handbell ringers remembered the 85th birthday of Mr. F. W. Townsend, and rightly so, as he was handbell ringing tutor to Mrs. Marshallsay and Messrs. W. G. Young and Roy Hurst. Unfortunately, Mr. Townsend is seriously ill and on February 5th, two days after his birthday, he was taken to Boscombe Hospital for an operation. The latest report is that he is doing well.

Mr. J. Ashcroft, of Golborne, near Warrington, has also supplied us with a perfect square on eight changes that was requested by Kewsett.

The peal to the memory of King George VI. at Grundisburgh, on February 16th, was also a tribute to the memory of Dr. James C. E. Simpson.

We have had a number of requests for peal cards in connection with the passing of the King. If those who have ordered cards want them on white with a black edge, will they please write at once.

The memorial peal to King George VI., at Walsall, was also to the memory of Dr. H. G. Crawford, O.B.E., M.C., late County Commissioner, South Staffordshire, for the Boy Scouts' Association.

Southwark Cathedral bells (back eight) were rung half-muffled on the day of the King's death from 6.30—7 p.m. On the day of the funeral the tenor was rung muffled at minute intervals of three whole pulls, and between 6.15 and 6.45 a touch of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, half-muffled.

Mr. John Bass, who tolled the knell for the passing of King George VI. at St. James' Church, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, remembers February 3rd, 1901, when he tolled for Queen Victoria at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge. He rang at Wollaston for Edward VII. and at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, for George V.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Festival Ringing Prominent Feature in Annual Review

PROBABLY the greatest attraction from a ringing standpoint, on the occasion of the London County Association's annual general meeting held on February 2nd, was the opportunity of ringing at the Festival Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, Lambeth. This is the first time these pleasant, well-going bells have been open for general ringing since the church was damaged by enemy action.

During the afternoon some 70 or 80 members and friends filed in relays into the small ringing chamber to participate in the ringing. Mr. W. D. Grainger, who has been working hard on the maintenance of these bells for a considerable period, is to be congratulated on the condition of bells and ringing chamber.

The limited amount of service ringing possible here during the period of the Festival was carried out by members of the London County Association under the organisation of Mr. W. D. Grainger, of St. John's, and the General Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

Other towers available for ringing during the afternoon were Southwark Cathedral and St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.

After attending Evensong in the Cathedral, tea was served in the Chapter House followed by the annual business meeting. Among those present who are members and also hold high office in other Associations were Mr. H. J. Poole (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), accompanied by Mrs. Poole, Mr. G. H. Cross (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. G. A. Prior (Master, Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. A. D. Barker (treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild).

In his address of welcome to the Association, and in his capacity as honorary chaplain, the Provost of Southwark Cathedral (the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown) congratulated the members on the year's activity and urged all members to observe the real purpose of their ringing. In this connection the thought he left with the meeting, but with some amplification, was—'Art for art's sake is just bunk.'

The election of 13 members and ratification of three previous elections took place.

The accounts were presented by Mr. W. G. Wilson, auditor, in the absence of Mr. G. F. Strickland, hon. treasurer. It was with regret that the meeting learned of the unfortunate series of illnesses that had befallen Mr. Strickland during the past year and that his present condition was such that he requested that he should not be re-elected as treasurer. The accounts showed that the excess of income over expenditure was only 12s. 10d. and it was pointed out that this represented in reality a loss as the stock of certificates, etc., expended over the year was in excess of this sum. Total assets of the Association amounted to £99 7s. 6d.

MASTER'S REPORT

Activities and work of the Association during the year was summed up by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) in his report. Ringing and business meetings had been held at Southwark Cathedral, St. Mary's, Lambeth, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, St. Saviour's and St. Mary's, Walhamstow, All Hallows', Tottenham, St. Stephen's, Westminster, St. Nicholas, Chiswick, St. Margaret's, Lee, Eltham, Mitcham and St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common. Fifteen peals had been rung in methods up to Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal. A Festival of Britain peal had been rung at St. Mary's, Walhamstow, entirely by officers of the Association.

The Master personally thanked the company who rang a half-muffled 'In Memoriam' peal at Isleworth for the late Mr. Thomas Wilfred Taffender. The Isleworth company felt highly honoured by a tribute from the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. G. H. Cross,

who congratulated them on recent performances. As in previous post-war years, the work of the Association and the tireless efforts of the General Master are exemplified in the record of Sunday service ringing organised by Mr. T. H. Taffender, and carried out by ringers from all parts of London.

CLERGY INSPIRATION

On 51 occasions during the year a company visited 14 different towers where help was required, and rang 33 quarter peals. Included in this were nine visits to the Festival Church. Mr. Taffender thanked all members who had assisted in this work and mentioned that the inspiration for this came principally from the local clergy and churchwardens who regularly made a point of meeting the ringers to welcome them and give hearty thanks for the services rendered.

Another achievement of the Association during the year was to broadcast handbell ringing prior to the services held in the Festival Gardens, Battersea, on no less than 15 occasions.

RULE AND REPORT BOOKS

Mr. J. H. Lott, for the sub-committee, reported that considerable work had been carried out in connection with both rule and report books and that the copy for both would shortly be ready for the printer. The rules had been brought up to date, approved at the previous meeting and were that evening passed. Factual, historical matter relating to the Association was also brought up to date. In order that the book containing both rules and history should be of the greatest possible value and interest, it was suggested that in addition to the full explanation of the membership certificate by the author and designer—Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., half-tone illustrations of the Master's badge, etc., should be incorporated.

The meeting's confidence in its committee was exemplified by a financial vote of an open figure for the production of these books.

The meeting stood in respect for those members who had passed on during the year and among these were such well-known ringers as Mr. James George, Mr. Thomas Groombridge, Mr. Maurice Hibbert, Mr. Harry Kilby and, probably the greatest loss sustained by the Association for many years, Mr. T. Wilfred Taffender. Members were also informed of the death of Mr. Alfred Brighton, which took place a few days before the meeting.

Officers elected for the year were:—Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, I.S.O.; general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mr. N. G. Hollingworth and Mrs. O. L. Rogers; treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey; stewards, Mr. C. M. Meyer and Mr. Peter Hutchings; trustees, Mr. F. Blewer and Mr. J. A. Hales. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to two retiring officers who had been connected with the Association for many years—Mr. C. J. Strickland and Mr. A. H. Keighley.

Resulting from a vacancy for a Central Council representative there was a close vote between Mr. J. H. Lott and Mr. W. G. Wilson. Mr. Wilson, who was proposed by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, was elected with 29 votes whilst Mr. Lott received 20 votes.

Four teams were entered for the handbell competition, these being two from St. Luke's, Chelsea, one from All Saints', Isleworth, and one from Brentford. All four teams rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples and the 'Dawe' cup was awarded to one of the Chelsea teams consisting of Mrs. D. Wright, Mr. P. Carter, Miss Jean Weddell and Miss J. Atkins.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Clemson 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, T. Evans (first quarter in the method) 4, D. M. Stone 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, B. T. Lister 8. To celebrate the 87th birthday of Mr. F. Sinkins (Jan. 30th), and the 25th anniversary of E. Hudson's joining the Slough band from Wantage.

THE ABBEY BELLS Gave B.B.C. Interval Signal

The half-muffled bells used by the B.B.C. as an interval signal during the past ten days were a recording of ringing at Westminster Abbey on February 6th, the evening of the death of H.M. King George VI.

The ringers taking part were:—W. H. Pasmore, J. F. Smallwood, W. S. Langdon, H. Belcher, A. B. Peck, H. N. Pitstow (conductor), H. Langdon, R. F. Deal.

The bells were rung again on Monday, February 11th, when the coffin was brought to Westminster Hall.

On the day of the funeral the bells were broadcast from 9.20 onwards, and on this occasion rounds and the whole pull and stand (each 56 times) were rung, followed by a touch of 561 Stedman Triples.

The ringers on this day were:—W. H. Pasmore, W. S. Langdon, J. F. Smallwood, H. Belcher, A. B. Peck, H. N. Pitstow (conductor), J. E. Phillips, R. F. Deal.

16,020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Notice of Attempt by Oxford University Society

We have received notice from Mr. Michael Slaney that on Friday, March 7th, the Oxford University Society propose to attempt 16,020 Plain Bob Royal (arranged by himself) on handbells. The attempt will take place in the Cathedral belfry, starting after lunch.

The composition to be attempted is appended:—

W	M	H	
—	—	—	42635
6	—	S	65234
—	6	—	36254
—	—	(6)	23465

Five times repeated, six bobs home only in the 6th part.

With the following additional calls:—

- Pt. 1.—Before in 1st course.
- Pt. 2.—5ths with a bob, 4ths with a single, in 13th course. Before in the 14th course.
- Pt. 3.—Before in 6th course.
- Pt. 4.—
- Pt. 5.—5th with a bob, 4ths with a single, in 2nd course. Before in 3rd course.
- Pt. 6.—

Before '5ths' and '4ths' are for the position of the tenor. W, M, H are for the position of 7, 8, 9, tenor as a block. In other words 'H' is when 7, 8, 9, tenor are dodging in the back four dodging positions, and not necessarily when the tenor is home.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The combination of grand weather, a good attendance and the very hard work put into the effort by the local ladies made the meeting at Ladbroke on February 2nd a huge success.

Most ringers visited Harbury and Bishop's Itchington before ringing at Ladbroke and attending service there, which was taken by the Rev. — Packard from the Guild's form of service. The surpliced choir added colour to the service and the organ was played by Mr. Holden.

We were pleased to welcome the Rectors of Harbury and Bishop's Itchington who also joined us at tea, making a total of 49. No less than 16 towers were represented including members of the Peterborough Guild and a strong contingent from the Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.

The social was started by the Bishop's Itchington handbell players. Later, two sketches by the Misses Palmer and Middlemiss gave us an extra laugh. Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beamish gave a fine display of tune playing on handbells before 'breaking up' at 10.30 p.m. This is believed to be the first meeting-cum-social in the District, but judging from the enthusiasm of all, we are very doubtful if it will be the last. R. J. E.

MEMORIAL RINGING TO A BELOVED KING

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being two different 720s): D. Walton (first quarter) 1, F. Openshaw 2, B. Dickinson 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung half-muffled.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy Turnbull 1, Mary Brown 2, B. Turnbull 3, E. Trusler 4, H. Brown 5, S. Brown (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all. Rung fully-muffled.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Pell (first of Major) 1, D. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, F. Erith (first of Major) 4, A. Cansdale (first of Major) 5, G. Barnes 6, L. Mills 7, P. G. Barnes (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung fully-muffled.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): F. R. Goddard 1, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, H. G. Goddard 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, A. A. Hilliar (first quarter in two methods) 5. Rung half-muffled.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plumridge 1, G. Eggle-ton 2, D. Beasley 3, A. Strathdee (first quarter as cond.) 4, J. Hunt 5.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sear 1, A. Crane 2, H. Sear (cond.) 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, F. Stanton 6, J. Meager 7, R. Howson (first quarter) 8. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Crane 1, R. Febce 2, W. Sear 3, F. Stanton 4, H. Sear 5, W. Daniells 6, J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Both rung half-muffled.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Aldridge 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, R. B. Blond 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, H. Aldridge 7, R. H. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Chew (first quarter) 1, J. B. Ibbotson 2, J. Davies (first quarter) 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. Foot 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung fully-muffled.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Pell (first quarter) 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, A. J. Haynes 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, R. G. Downing 8. First in method for 4 and 6.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,380 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. Kitchener 1, P. I. Chapman 2, J. B. Long 3, S. J. Woodcock 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Bridges 6. Rung half-muffled.

CARMARTHEN.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Maybook 1, Mrs. D. Curtis 2, J. Thomas 3, W. L. Williams 4, D. Curtis (cond.) 5, L. Curtis 6. Rung half-muffled.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Morten (first quarter) 1, J. G. Chapman 2, J. Hadley 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, C. T. Windram 5, R. T. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled, with tenor open at backstroke.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,440 Minor (two 720s Plain Bob): Miss M. Shear-mur 1, R. Gardiner 2, E. W. Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, J. West (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Minor (one 720 Oxford Bob and one 720 Plain Bob): Miss M. Shear-mur 1, J. E. G. Roast 2, R. Gardiner 3, E. W. Roast 4, E. G. Roast 5, J. West (cond.) 6.

DARLEY DALE, DERRYS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, and 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Mellor 1, Miss J. Dunn 2, Miss N. Howes 3, D. S. Gregory 4, G. H. Paulson 5, R. Bullen 6, H. E. Taylor 7, N. Hotchin 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (540, 720): Jill Roberts (first quarter) 1, Olive Deadman 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, Mrs. J. Seymour 4, H. Thomas 5, J. Seymour (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of minor by all except 6. Rung fully-muffled.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): A. C. Beadle 1, W. J. Paice 2, C. J. Beadle 3, E. Gardner 4, E. J. Wells 5, R. V. Fuller (cond.) 6, C. W. Denyer 7, P. R. Collins 8. Bells fully-muffled, with tenor open at backstroke.

We publish this week our second instalment of quarter peal ringing to the memory of King George VI.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, E. F. Ridett 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, F. A. Green 5, L. Lacey 6. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Preece 1, E. J. Franklin 2, R. C. Ingram 3, P. D. Booth 4, C. M. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. E. Carson (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, L. Clissett 2, Miss W. Pretty 3, Miss M. Tromans 4, J. H. Cox 5, E. Woodall 6, H. Shylcock (cond.) 7, A. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Linsell 1, C. Snowden 2, H. A. Pratt 3, Miss H. G. Snowden 4, L. W. Wilfen 5, J. Warner 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Smith 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Bowden (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Judith Unwin (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Ransom 4, J. Knight (first quarter 'inside') 5, H. Gauntlett 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Graham Hawkes 1, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 2, P. J. Johnson 3, I. Hilary 4, G. Robinson 5, A. Teviotdale 6, R. L. Butterfield 7, W. O. Talbot 8. Rung fully-muffled.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Saunders 1, W. J. Chester 2, E. Lines 3, M. Saunders 4, J. Steel (first of Surprise 'inside') 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorne 1, R. Dore 2, J. Kemp 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, A. Wright 6, G. J. H. Ditton 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Henry 1, J. B. Clarke 2, W. Mansley 3, J. Taberner 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Henry 1, Mrs. W. Mansley 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung with bells fully-muffled.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, A. Holway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. Callard 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, J. Salway 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled.

HORNSEY, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Blee 1, J. E. Crump (first quarter in method as cond.) 2, Miss E. Fadden 3, W. Kingston 4, D. Kingston 5, R. P. Crump 6.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): K. Carr (first quarter) 1, J. Pawley 2, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 3, C. Lynch 4, E. Bagworth (cond.) 5, M. Roote 6. Conducting shared. Rung half-muffled.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss S. Harris 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, A. L. Pearson 6, S. Croft 7, C. T. Richards 8, D. Charnley 9, H. Brooks 10. Conducted by H. W. Rogers, who did not ring. Rung half-muffled.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Burton 1, T. Knights 2, K. Clement 3, T. Haslam 4, N. T. Nightingale 5, T. J. Clement 6, L. Pearson 7, J. Wilson 8.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 7th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Ratnett 1, E. J. Clements 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, Miss E. Burton 4, S. Harrison 5, J. E. Cook 6, A. Cattell 7, J. Bramley 8, F. E. Wilson 9, W. Thornley, jun. (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for 1, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled. Also at St. Margaret's, on Feb. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major (on the heavy 8): J. Morris 1, W. Thornley 2, A. Cattell 3, Miss W. Burton 4, E. Clements 5, S. Harrison 6, F. E. Wilson 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the Fields, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung half-muffled.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, N. Mallet 5, G. Oliffe 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Reynolds 1, F. Barraclough 2, P. P. Carter 3, A. Ridyard 4, R. Longden 5, A. Ward 6, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 7, D. Ogden 8. Rung fully-muffled.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, S. R. Cockell 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, H. Cockell 8. Rung half-muffled.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chittenden 1, J. B. Sansom 2, E. J. Walker 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, G. F. Gray 5, J. Soles 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ladd 1, J. Hunt 2, F. Slatford (cond.) 3, J. Giddings 4, D. Lee 5, C. Barber 6, P. Harding 7, R. Harding 8. First quarter Triples 1, 2, 4 and 6, and by a local band. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

NORTON-CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Norfolk and 576 Cambridge): Joan Smith 1, A. Hill 2, D. H. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, T. H. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6. Rung half-muffled.

PENTRE RHONDDA VALLEY, GLAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. Williams 2, J. Edwards 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, J. Evans 7, H. Crabb 8. Rung half-muffled.

FIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, Ruth Jeanes 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. Rung half-muffled.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, at Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Jackson 1, P. P. Carter 2, P. E. Parry 3, B. Harris 4, E. Nixon 5, W. L. Robinson 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, J. W. Jones (first quarter on 8) 8. Rung half-muffled.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, B. Holland 2, Capt. E. G. Dickens, M.C. 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, W. Holland 5, Den. Holland (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Bob Minor: David Holland (first quarter) 1, Den. Holland 2, J. S. Woodhouse 3, Capt. E. G. Dickens 4, W. Holland 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Minor in 21 methods: D. Nelson 1, S. Eley 2, J. Fox 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First quarter in 21 methods by all.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Bott 1, J. Pawley 2, M. Roote 3, P. Pawley 4, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung half-muffled.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.—At St. Andrew's, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ketteringham 1, J. Willows 2, W. J. Ketteringham 3, W. Hammond 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, W. Wiskin 6. Rung half-muffled.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Bell (first quarter) 1, F. H. Crook 2, W. G. Paul 3, R. G. Smith 4, S. H. Hoarce 5, G. W. Seaman 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, D. N. C. Emery 8. Rung half-muffled.

WRITTE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Sibley 1, D. G. Mayell (first quarter as cond.) 2, F. R. Goddard 3, H. T. Wilson 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, F. V. Gapt 7, H. G. Goddard 8. Rung fully-muffled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RAISING IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—One of my favourite quotations is from the 'Clavis' where, writing about raising and falling in peal, the authors said: 'When properly executed it is undoubtedly very pleasant and melodious, but melodious as it is, the adepts of the art of ringing in the city of London, very seldom choosing to put themselves to the pain of it, it is now chiefly practised by the country gentlemen for whose benefit we have here introduced the subject.'

It would seem, therefore, that even in those days the more advanced ringers were not bothering about rising and falling in peal, and in so doing they were depriving themselves, just as do many ringers of to-day, of one of the great pleasures to be derived from ringing.

There is one practical hint given in 'Rope-sight' which your leading article does not mention. It is that all the time, both in rising and falling, the treble should be kept exactly at the opposite stroke to the tenor. In fact, it is the tenor and not the treble which should set the pace. If the tenor man keeps his bell slowly and steadily moving all the time in the required direction, and the tenor man keeps at the opposite stroke throughout, many difficulties and much jangling will be avoided. This is contrary to the view expressed in your leading article but, nevertheless, I believe it to be sound doctrine.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR

Tiverton, Devon.

HUGHENDEN BELL RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—About this time last year an appeal was launched through 'The Ringing World' for the restoration of our bells. We shall be grateful if we may be allowed to report progress. Up to date the sum of £1,550 has been subscribed, but £450 is still needed before we can close the fund.

At the end of this month the bells will be taken away to the bellfounders and we hope to have them back for our Patronal Festival (September 29th).

We shall be so thankful for any further donations and, however small, they will be gratefully acknowledged. They should be sent to the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens, Hughenden Vicarage, High Wycombe, Bucks.—Yours sincerely,

R. BIGGS.

Bell-Haven,
Hughenden.

SPICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—Recently Mr. J. P. Fidler, in his article on the history of spiced ringing, mentioned the first peal of Spiced Minor in 14 methods was rung at Edenham on Wednesday, February 15th, 1911. The publication was delayed by the Rev. H. Law James, who asked the ringers who rang the peal not to give any information about the construction of it as he was giving that out himself at the proper time. Evidently he scored on his critics. The peal was published on June 30th, 1911, on page 244, with the figures of the composition, etc.

The ringers who rang it were as follows:—Mr. A. J. Holmes (Edenham) 1. Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet) 2. John W. Lake (Bourne) 3. James Osborn (Bourne) 4. Fred Blood (Bourne) 5. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet) tenor. The time of the peal was 3 hours and 14 minutes and the peal was conducted and transposed at the time by the Rev. H. Law James.

The methods rung were as follows:—(1) Norfolk and Primrose Surprise, (2) Cunecastre and London Surprise, (3) Beverley and Durham Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob, (6) Double and Single Oxford Minor, (7) Plain and Double Bob Minor.—Yours sincerely,

F. BLOOD.

Nottingham.

RINGING DURING NATIONAL MOURNING

Dear Sir,—As a change ringer of long standing, I was surprised to hear the bells of a 'loyal and ancient borough' ringing in 'open peal' for Sunday service on February 10th.

Would it not have been in better taste and shown more honour and respect to our late beloved King to have rung muffled, and should not the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers have issued a statement ruling the procedure during the period of national mourning?

Such a statement could easily have been given out through the B.B.C.

Further views on this matter would be appreciated.—Yours faithfully, F. G. HOOPER.
Newark, Notts.

HEAVY TOWERS AND EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—Although I have never previously written a letter to 'The Ringing World,' I do seriously question the wisdom of permitting a young lady to ring Evesham tenor.

Knowing something of the skill and high standard of engineering of the modern bell-hanger, I do not doubt the possibility of the young lady keeping the bell 'up.' In no sense am I criticising her. The people I criticise are the people who permitted her to attempt this feat. Do they realise the potential energy let loose in the turning of a 35-cwt. bell? The 'handling' of a heavy bell is vastly different from that of average size and to confront a young ringer with such a task is a risky affair unless carefully instructed in the art of heavy-bell ringing. If she had overpulled the bell and a stay had been broken would she have realised at once what had happened and taken the right action?

Recently a very experienced heavy-bell ringer from a county of heavy bells had an unfortunate mishap arising from a broken stay. He was seriously injured and had to spend many weeks in hospital.

With this in mind I would ask those in charge of towers to exercise common sense and forgo these young people the dubious honour of being able to say, 'I rang (?) so and so tenor when I was 16.' The safety and well-being of the individual must be the first consideration.—Yours sincerely,

'NERVOUS.'

RINGING CUSTOMS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Cawthorne's old established ringing customs, N. F. M. and many others would no doubt be interested in the customs of Shepton Beauchamp Church and its ringing.

Early ringing commencing at 6 a.m., for service at 7 a.m. occurs on Easter Day, Whit Sunday, Harvest Festival, Michaelmas Day (the church is dedicated to St. Michael) and Christmas Day. The bells are rung also for Ascension Day and the King's birthday at 7 a.m. Muffled ringing is carried out on Armistice Sunday and on All Souls Day.

R. BEALE.

Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset.

BILBIE'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Bilbie's bells, the noble old six (tenor 20 cwt.) at Batcombe, Somerset, were recast in 1760 by 'T. Bilbie, of Chew St oak,' who 'cast six bells out of old ones,' and 're-casting ye bells, addition of metal, carriage to and from Chew St oak' (about 25 miles each way) cost Batcombe £79 16s. 11½d., or thereabouts.

My quotations are from a 'History of Batcombe' published c. 1916 in the village.

But I don't think Bilbie had any special formula, since the tenor was recast in 1887 by Aldbourne Foundry, and matches up extremely well with the rest.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT

Gravesend

CARTER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—To the average ringer Carter's may, perhaps, be considered the most difficult Doubles method and therefore the one that gives the greatest satisfaction to the ringer. There is, however, a drawback to this method as compared with Stedman inasmuch as only five extents are obtainable with the recognised singles made by the bells dodging in 4-5 between two whole turns at the back. (I am referring to the method as given in Snowdon's 'Standard' Methods and shown as 'Reverse Carter' in the Central Council Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.)

Singles can, however, be made by the two bells double-dodging in 1-2 and if these are made alternately with the ordinary singles at the back, at intervals of 30 changes, five extents with four singles each can be obtained, as with Stedman, and also five extents with two each of the singles in 1-2, in addition to the five with the normal singles in 4-5, making a possible 15 120's in all, as with Stedman.

To simplify calling, 'Single' could be called for the standard single in 4-5 and 'Bob' for the one suggested in 1-2.

The suggested single is shown in the margin.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. N. D. Lomas—Yes, it is Grandsire, and that shows that Grandsire is the odd-bell version and Plain Bob the even-bell version of the same method.

When you use a covering bell at each treble lead it ceases to be Plain Bob and as there is the legitimate version to hand, why persist in wrong-doing?—Yours faithfully,

A. TURNER.

Barnsbury, London.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 4—Hunting

Striking at end of each new 'change,'
After a different bell to range,
You've 'covered.' Now 'tis time to prove
That you 'midst other bells can move.

So 'hunting,' up and down you'll go—
(The latter quick, the former slow)—
As blow by blow you change your place
From front to back, and then retrace
Your steps. In rhythmic time proceed,
And though your ear and eye you'll need
To find your way, yet do not pause
If neither indicates. Because
The rhythmic pull must keep you right,
Since other wait on your 'ear-sight.'

So once 'Go, Umphingtaughn!' is heard
Keep hunting! 'Rhythmically's' the word.
A. Y-B.

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MEMORIES OF THREE FAMOUS RINGERS

DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON

An Appreciation

A smile, a handshake, a sincere greeting, and now—Silence.

It is so easy to indulge in hindsight when a well-loved friend is taken from amongst us; so much to comfort one's inner mind with that it may be forgiven.

One evening in January, 1928, after a practice at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, George R. Newton remarked, 'We have a young man from the other side of the river coming to our practices who looks like making a good ringer.' From that remark to an invitation to stand in an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal was a natural step and so 'J. C. E.' rang his first peal of Surprise on March 17th of that year. On April 9th he again rang in a peal of Cambridge Royal and on May 5th he stood in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Surely a good beginning of what was to become a great ringing career.

On June 30th he rang his first peal of London and on July 7th yet another peal of Cambridge Maximus. On August 6th his first peal of Stedman Cinques was scored in which he rang the 10th already he was getting round the heavy end. In July, 1929 he rang the 11th to Cambridge Maximus and on April 6th, 1931, he rang the tenor to Cambridge Royal. With the exception of a peal of London all these peals were rung at St. Nicholas', Liverpool. The tenor of the 12 bells weighing approximately 37 cwt. He was then about 23 years old and we older ones were perhaps slightly worried that he should not overdo it, but his handling of a heavy bell was superb.

During 1933 and 1934 he was in the United States taking a two years' course of study at Rochester University, New York, and the friendship was maintained by correspondence. On his return he quickly took up the art again and became a recognised heavy-bell ringer. A period in London added to his experience. On his return North, he quickly found a place in our circle and in our hearts.

Of later years his brilliant conducting of Spliced Surprise became almost a household word; particularly marked was his clarity of enunciation; one was in no doubt as to the method to be rung. Perhaps it is in this sphere of Spliced Surprise conducting that we shall remember him most vividly—his quiet confidence and the supreme ability to do a good job in a simple manner.

Probably his outstanding feat was the ringing of the tenor at Beverley Minster on August 29th, 1950, to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. His handling of this bell was reported as amazing, and listeners agreed that they heard some of the finest Surprise Royal on that day they were ever likely to hear. This bell is probably the toughest one to ring to Royal in the country. The tower certainly adopts a most unfriendly attitude causing the bell to have more tricks than the proverbial maiden: it has been the Waterloo of many fine ringers who, in their defeat, have had nothing to be ashamed of. Confidences should be respected but 'J. C. E.' would surely forgive the utterance of one. He wanted to ring this bell to a peal that he might equal the performance of someone else; he not only equalled it but surpassed it magnificently.

His last great performance was the record length of Cambridge Royal at Worsley when he finished the ten hours and 23 minutes' ringing looking the least tired of anyone in the band.

And now we shall see him no more. We have memories of his greatness, gratitude for his acquaintance, the heritage of the richness of his character and the impoverishment of his loss. Farewell 'J. C. E.' you have journeyed thither to the Plains of Elysium, where in time we may hope to join you, where we shall spiritually walk and talk as of yore of the gaiety and gravity of the pranks and pleasures of life on this earth-bound planet.

E. JENKINS.

MR. ALFRED W. BRIGHTON

An Appreciation by the Rev. A. S. Roberts

It is with sorrow I note the passing of Mr. A. W. Brighton. He was my earliest 'outside' ringing friend for I met him and was inspired by him just 30 years ago, when quite a lad. Cornwall, too, has lost an affectionate friend of those who struggle valiantly in her belfries, and although the rising generation will not remember him, his name is inscribed in our records.

Alf Brighton, as he became known to us all, was a little man with a big heart, eager and willing to help others, and always kindly in doing so. His appearance was distinctive: his neatly-waxed moustache, and big gold chain with ringer's badge, and, always, his rolled umbrella, and usually, his small leather case.

Alf's business brought him to Cornwall in the summer, and he would stay for several weeks at Falmouth, Newquay and Penzance. On arrival he turned up at a tower or someone's home, and so the programme of extra ringing began for he always wanted to help the strugglers. In those days it was all Grandsire, but that did not matter although he had done some great things in the Surprise realm but seldom talked of it. When he had helped someone through a 'first' touch he was radiant, and his shoulders would dance for joy!! He often spent week-ends with me at Truro.

He had learnt his ringing at Norwiche (the late Armiger Trollope was a contemporary), and I usually spent a few weeks each summer in Norfolk. He always wanted news—of Norwich ringers (the Howchins and Borretts) and the Aylsham men (the Roughts and Moys). He had rung many peals with them, and so there unfolded a host of stories, and one in particular of how he had rung the old Mancroft tenor to a peal of Treble Twelve, and the bells ran round 1, 2, 4, 3 for no peal. On going to London to live, he rang many peals with William Pye, and I noticed his name on peal boards in several London towers, e.g., Stedman Cinques at St. Giles', Cripplegate. During the war he wrote to me: 'I was passing Cripplegate this morning, but only the tower was standing, of course all the bells came down.'

Whilst travelling the country, Alf did little or no ringing when he went home to London; I believe one of his first peal 'public' appearances in London ringing circles was just before the war when there was a Police Guild meeting and he went along to St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, but when ringing began again it was good to see his name in quite a number of peals and quarters at Leytonstone. He took up again what he had left off many years before.

To return to Cornwall and the help he gave here, he rang a peal of Grandsire at Kea, one of his pioneer towers, with six locals, in 1913. It was conducted by John Thomas (London). There was also a local John Thomas in the band. Incidentally this was the last peal in which any resident Cornish ringers took part for no less than 14 years until I rang my first peal at the same tower in 1927. Although there had been several quarter peals it was not until 1938 that my wife and I rang our first peal with Alf and then I had to return to Cornwall to do so. Again the scene was Kea, and this little man was there, standing as one does on the foot step to ring the second. He was surrounded, so it seemed, by overwhelmingly big men of revered memory also—Jim Shepherd on the treble, and Rupert Richardson. Jim Bennett called the peal—it was Treble Bob.

Alfred Brighton could have gone on enjoying to the full the higher forms of ringing, but a supreme thought of his was to help those who struggled, but who lacked opportunity. In this his example stands high, and I shall always thank God that Alf Brighton came my way, otherwise my service to the Church by way of the bells might have waned for ever.

MR. SAMUEL J. HECTOR

The death occurred on Friday, February 15th, at the Trowbridge and District Hospital, after a long illness, of Mr. Samuel J. Hector, for many years connected with St. James' tower, Trowbridge.

Sam, as he was known to a wide circle of ringing friends, learned to ring as a boy at Curry Rivel, Somerset, coming to Hilperton, near Trowbridge, as a young man, where he took an interest in the tower there. In 1909 he was instrumental in getting the bells of St. Michael's restored, and rang his first peal there on May 31st, 1909. Later that year he moved to Trowbridge and joined the St. James' tower, which then possessed a ring of eight. His first peal on eight, Grandsire Triples, was rung on December 11th, 1909. From then on he became a keen peal ringer, cycling many miles in pursuit of his only hobby. His peal total is just over 200, which took many years of hard work and much travel to attain.

Perhaps it is not as a great ringer that he will be remembered, but for the work and enthusiasm he put into the Trowbridge tower where he was captain for the past 16 years. He it was who took upon himself to call a town's meeting in 1933 to try and get the bells restored. Within a few weeks the response was so good that it was decided to go out for a ring of 12, complete with new frame and fittings. This was accomplished and the bells opened in 1934. There was no prouder man at that gathering than Sam.

For some years he was licensee of the Black Swan, and many of the older generation of ringers will remember this favourite stopping place for their annual outings. He was very proud of his membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the peals he had rung for them, and also St. Martin's Guild. He was a member of many other associations.

The writer, talking to the late George Williams a short while before his death, remembers him saying of Sam, 'He is not a great ringer, but a great character.' And perhaps this sums up one whom it will be hard to replace. May he rest in peace.

C. F. A.

MR. SAMUEL ROE

The death occurred on Friday, February 8th, of Mr. Samuel Roe, for many years a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northants.

Although during recent years illness had prevented him from coming to the belfry, he will be remembered for his consistent and punctual attendance.

His death was caused directly by injuries sustained in the 1914-1918 war, and the patient way Mr. Roe bore his painful illness will be remembered by all those who knew him.

The ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, paid their respects to his memory with touches of half-muffled ringing on the bells he always talked about.

B. A.

MRS. DAPHNE EDWARDS

The sympathy of West Surrey ringers is extended to Mr. Alan Edwards, of Godalming, in the death at St. Thomas' Hospital, on February 12th, of his wife, Mrs. Daphne Ursula Edwards, aged 23 years.

Mrs. Edwards (née Ward) was taught to ring at Godalming Parish Church by the late Mr. Charles Childs. She was married on Easter Monday, 1951. Her sweet disposition gained for her the affection of a wide circle of friends.

The funeral was at Godalming Parish Church on Saturday, and as the cortege left the church the bells were rung fully muffled to a touch of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. C. E. Smith.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
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ODD CHANGES

'Among the great performances of the past, one frequently hears reference to the peal of 40,000 rung at Leeds in Kent. A cutting from the "County News" dated April 10th, 1761... will doubtless interest many of our readers:—

"On Tuesday last, the day of election of members to represent Mid-Kent in Parliament, when the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds Castle, and Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, Bart., were chosen, the Leeds Youths went off to ring a peal of Bob Major, consisting of 40,320, being the whole number of changes upon eight bells, which was completed in 27 hours by fourteen men only. The peal was never rung or ever attempted to be rung by any set of ringers in this kingdom. Whenever it is performed by any other set the Leeds Youths are determined to maintain their superiority in all others by ringing all the changes upon ten bells."

[Perhaps it is as well they did not have to carry out this threat! The tower in this little Kentish village, which is reputed to be broader than it is high, could probably stand such treatment, however, even if the ringers could not. The churchyard contains the grave of James Barham, one of the above fourteen, the first ringer to accomplish a hundred peals.]

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

The St. John's Guild held its fifth annual supper on January 25th when a jolly party of 30, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, sat down to an enjoyable meal at the Windsor Restaurant, Uxbridge.

Various toasts were the subjects of speeches by the Vicar and Mrs. Tyler and Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. C. S. Turner, W. N. Genna and W. H. Coles. Musical interludes by Norman Randall (violin), accompanied by St. John's organist and choirmaster, Mr. John Ferguson, and change-ringing and tunes on handbells and, of course, the usual reminiscing occupied the rest of the evening. 'Auld Lang Syne' at 11 p.m. brought to an end another popular social occasion in the parish.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held on the following Monday with the Vicar again presiding. Apart from Mr. W. H. Coles becoming captain and Mr. H. W. Impey his deputy, the officers were re-elected. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was re-elected hon. secretary for the 24th successive year. Three peal attempts in 1952 were agreed.

HAROLD PAILING MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. J. W. Raithby, in forwarding us a final list of subscribers to the Harold Pailing Memorial Fund, states that it reached a total of £161 10s. 6d. A cheque for this amount has been paid to Mrs. Pailing.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	131	3	0
Lenton Ringers	1	1	0
S. Briggs	5	0	0
Midland Counties Guild	3	1	4
St. Luke's Ringers, Chelsea	1	10	0
Knutsford Parish Church Ringers	15	0	0
St. George's Ringers, Stockport	1	1	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Lincoln Dis.)	2	7	6
Mr. D. Pincent	10	0	0
Rev. C. J. Sturton	1	0	0
H. Miles	1	1	0
A. B. C.	1	0	0
Leeds and District Amalgamated Soc.	3	13	6
Chester Guild, Wirral Branch	9	12	6
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross	5	0	0
Generous Briton, B.B.	2	8	0
Bulwell Ringers	1	0	0
Chester Diocesan Guild (Northwich Branch)	2	2	0

Total £161 10 6

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

The District annual meeting, attended by nearly 50 ringers, was held at the Association headquarters, St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Apologies for absence were received from the president and the District secretary through indisposition.

The secretary's report indicated that twelve towers had been visited during the past year in connection with meetings but that the attendance had, on average, been less than previous years. Two District members had died and 18 new members were elected. One hundred and one quarter peals had been reported from 14 towers and these were rung mostly for Sunday services. More Sunday service ringing had taken place in the Central London churches where there are no local bands during the Festival Year and a successful Festival ringing day was organised on August bank holiday.

Recognition was made of Mr. A. Richardson, Finchley, a blind ringer, who successfully rang the treble to a peal, and of Mr. R. Sanders, who recently turned Waltham Abbey tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The District welcomed two ringers into its area in the persons of the Rev. M. C. C. Melville and Mr. E. J. Rowe.

The statement of accounts showed a working margin of £29 10s. 6d. to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association.

Election of officers resulted as follows:—Mr. A. Cutler, Ringing Master; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. C. F. Neal, assistant secretary; Mr. W. N. Genna, auditor. A list of towers for monthly meetings and the special methods for these meetings was agreed upon, and the next annual meeting will be held at Upper Clapton.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and St. Margaret's, Westminster, and thanks were accorded to the incumbents and towerkeepers for granting permission.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A company of 54 ringers, representing eleven district towers and visitors from Coventry, Reading, Crayford and Leytonstone, attended the annual meeting of the North Western District of the Surrey Association held at Beddington on January 26th. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Jukes).

Mr. F. E. Collins presided at the business meeting when 14 ringing members and four compounding members were elected.

The annual report denoted steady progress and stated that service ringing was being well maintained in the District.

Officers elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pit-stow; auditor, Mr. Layton; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Lathbury; committee—Miss J. Smith, Mr. R. Davies and Mr. E. J. Lindley.

A collection amounting to £1 10s. 1d. was taken for the General Bell Fund. Further ringing was carried on till 8.30 p.m. R. L.

MR. A. G. GASSON LEAVING FARNBOROUGH

Mr. A. G. Gasson, who for 34 years has given devoted service to the belfry of Farnborough (Hants) Church and trained numbers of ringers, is leaving shortly for Northampton.

At the annual belfry meeting on February 24th he was presented with a wallet as a farewell gift from the tower by Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master of the Farnham District). He was supported by the Rector (the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson), Mr. A. G. Pitt (churchwarden) and 14 ringing members.

In making the presentation, Mr. Denyer mentioned Mr. Gasson's unflinching patience, his ability in ringing and his regularity in attendance. On behalf of the company he wished Mr. and Mrs. Gasson a long and happy retirement. Mr. Gasson returned thanks.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Presentation to Retiring Secretary

The fourth annual reunion of the Society of Roving Ringers was held in the Bournemouth District on Saturday and Sunday, February 2nd and 3rd.

The first tower of the week-end was Christchurch Priory on Saturday morning, where Mr. Fred Price assisted the Society in ringing Stedman Caters and Cinques, Treble Ten and Cambridge Twelve. After dinner, Bournemouth legendary sunshine was enjoyed to the full during a walk along the sea front and to St. John's. Ringing here included the standard methods and Six-Spliced Surprise.

The annual dinner was held at the London Hotel, Poole, where 19 members were joined by Mr. A. R. Macdonald and Mr. H. A. Mitchell. At the general meeting which followed Mr. A. R. Macdonald was appointed to the chair. The secretary, Mr. T. Mark White, combined his report with that of the Master, Mr. John Chilcott, and stated that the Society had enjoyed a successful year, but had not rung any peals although an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Exeter had been made. Mr. White stated that in view of his matrimonial prospects he could no longer fulfil the office of secretary. In recognition of his five years' service he was presented with a 'Peterson briar' which it is hoped will not be overtaken by the same fate as its predecessor.

New officers appointed were:—Master, Mr. J. Chilcott; secretary, Mr. G. Evenden; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. Parsons; recorder, Miss A. Bailey. After a short discussion North and West Devon and Cornwall were selected for this year's tour, to be held from July 26th to August 9th. Five new members were elected, these being Michael Best and James Daniels (Bournemouth), Rex Corke (Aldershot), Ray Parsons (Carshalton) and Ken Mackintosh. Mr. A. R. Macdonald was elected an honorary member. The remaining part of the evening was spent in discussing past and future experiences and was brought to a close by a well-struck course of Plain Bob Minor on clapperless bells cast to a new formula.

Sunday ringing took place at St. James', Poole, when Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung; at Canford Magna where the recent rehanging was not favourably commented upon; and at St. Peter's, Bournemouth. Thanks are due to Mr. Matkin for arranging accommodation. G. E. E.

MR. & MRS. P. DERBYSHIRE'S GOLDEN WEDDING

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mark's, Worsley, was rung on the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Percy H. Derbyshire and Mrs. Derbyshire. After the peal they provided a splendid repast for relatives and friends and the band who rang the peal, followed by a social evening. When the cake and wine were served, the Vicar (the Rev. — Lamont) gave a toast to the honoured couple and in doing so referred to the long service of Percy and his connection with St. Mark's. The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith toasted 'The Ringers of England.'

Percy responded, and in his reminiscences said the day they were married they had difficulty in reaching the church as the snow was very deep. He said his wife wouldn't turn back. One New Year's Eve he and other ringers were out with the handbells when they met the local police sergeant; they left their ringing venture and took him home. They had only resumed a few minutes when they met the constable; him they also took home—both were inebriated.

Percy, as he is known in Lancashire, is very popular, always ready to help, and many owe their thanks to him for being given the opportunity to ring on that grand ring of ten at Worsley. He has rung there over 55 years.

May he and Mrs. Derbyshire be spared many more years to enjoy life together.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AS LITIGANTS

From Lloyds Weekly London
Newspaper, Feb. 9th, 1862

Stockham v. Friend.—An action was tried on Monday, in the Court of Exchequer, to recover the value of two church bells. The defendant pleaded never indebted.

The plaintiff is a musical handbell founder, carrying on business in Old Boswell Court. He is a bell-ringer at St. Clement Danes' and at Westminster Abbey, and also a member of a bell-ringing society known as 'The College Youths.'

The defendant is the High Constable of Hythe, a bell-ringer and also a member of the College Youths, a Society which Mr. Huddleston, in stating the plaintiff's case, said so much disturbed the quiet of the Metropolis by increasing the harmony of church bell-ringing.

At Hythe there was a ring of only eight bells, one of them being a recusant, ill-conditioned tenor. The defendant was anxious to have it recast and two new bells added to the number but the defendant was only able to get sufficient subscriptions for the two new bells. Several letters passed between the parties, and ultimately it was agreed that the plaintiff should make the bells for £95, the defendant observing that he looked forward with pleasure to the opening of the ten with the plaintiff and the other Collegians.

Plaintiff then made arrangements with Messrs. Mears, the bellfounders, and as there were no tuning forks in Hythe they had to send down Mr. Oliver with several to bring up to the tone of the treble to make the new bells harmonise. The bells were accordingly sent down and fixed, and Saturday, the 9th July, was appointed for the opening day.

There was a dinner at the Town Hall, presided over by the Minister and supported by the churchwarden. A programme of the proceedings was drawn up and published in which it was stated that a select band from the Old College Youths would attend and give a 'touch of grandsire cators, a touch of grandsire royals, a touch of steadman's cators and a touch of Kent treble bob royals'—(laughter)—with a final touch by the select band of College Youths (laughter).

The bells were ringing from twelve o'clock till six, and it appeared that the presence at Hythe of the 'College Youths' gave great offence to the old bell-ringers of the place, who had been bell-tollers from their youth upwards. At the

dinner the clergymen and churchwarden and Mr. Friend eulogised the bells, and the churchwarden offered to head a subscription with 10s. to recast the recusant bell. Some time afterwards complaints were made of the bells, and a refusal to pay for them, though they were in constant use up to within a few months.

The plaintiff was called, and deposed to the main facts as stated by the learned counsel, and said the 'Old College Youths' Society' was established 200 years ago.

Mr. Baron Martin: Do you remember it?

Plaintiff: Yes, my lord, perfectly well. (Loud laughter.) The ringers at Hythe said this was an excellent splice.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hawkins for the defendant: Are you one of the men that ring every night 'Away with melancholy' at St. Clement Danes'? (Laughter.)

Plaintiff: Yes. He heard late at night on the 6th July, that some persons were so disgusted with the bells that they could not attend the dinner. (Laughter.) The clergyman left the dinner table suddenly, but it was not because he was disgusted with the Kent treble bob royals that were being played upon these bells. It was being played at the time upon some musical handbells. The plaintiff was examined to show that the bells did not harmonise, but he said they did.

Mr. Baron Martin said he thought this case ought to be arranged between the parties. He should think it was very easy to make the bells harmonise. Mr. Hawkins said he should be glad to have the matter settled for the sake of the people at Hythe. Half the inhabitants had been driven mad by the discord of these bells (laughter) and there was such a commotion in consequence on the opening day that the clergyman could not go on with his dinner. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Baron Martin: What, did it turn the stomach of the clergy?

Mr. Hawkins: It did. There is no mistake about it. He gave orders, 'Silence those dreadful bells.' (Laughter.)

Mr. Baron Martin said it only appeared to be a question of harmonising the bells.

Mr. Hawkins: I am told they will never harmonise.

Plaintiff: Yes, they will, but the defendant won't have it done.

Ultimately his lordship's suggestion was adopted, and the case was referred to Mr. Maunsell, a gentleman of the Bar conversant with the manufacture of bells and bell-ringing.

he possibly could. After he had thanked the young ringers and those from Essex for attending the meetings so regularly, he mentioned several peals of note that had been rung in the District.

The Rev. C. P. Newell thanked the secretary for his report and asked that the District might make a more determined effort to attend regularly in the coming year.

The secretary said that it was likely he would soon be called to serve his period in the Forces and therefore suggested that another ringer be appointed in the office. Because the District was so very poorly represented the meeting decided to postpone the election of a new secretary until it knew definitely when Mr. Page would be going away. Tuddenham and Rushmere were proposed as the places of next meeting to be held at the beginning of March.

After the chairman had been thanked the ringers departed to St. Matthew's and there rang Ipswich, Cambridge, Double Court, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and various other methods until nine o'clock. The gathering was very honoured to have Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris with them.

M. P.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 322

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Sawley on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.15. Tea 4. All visitors welcome. Learners and youthful conductors encouraged. Names to W. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Lane, Sawley. 265

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SUFFOLK GUILD

Ipswich District Looking For New Secretary

Sixteen members and friends (six members, ten friends) attended the annual meeting of the Ipswich District which was held in Ipswich on February 2nd. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower were rung during the afternoon to various methods including a course of Double Oxford Major. The six bell-ringers deserve the highest praise for the way in which they tackled the heavy bells.

At five o'clock the company adjourned for tea at Footman's Restaurant and, after a satisfying meal, held a business meeting. The Rev. C. P. Newell, the Guild's clerical secretary, was elected chairman. Mr. Taylor, of St. Matthew's, was elected as a new member.

Mr. Max Page (hon. secretary) submitted a report on the activities of the District during the year. He said that although each ringer and each tower had progressed by themselves, the towers were lacking in inter-co-operation and he suggested that each ringer should attend as many practice nights, besides his own tower, as

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting, Buckden (5), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 276

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