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TRIBUTES UNRECORDED

DURING the past week we have been able to measure in a sense the noble manner in which the ringers of the country gave expression to the sad news of the passing of the late King. This issue contains six pages of peals and two pages of quarter peals recording what might be regarded as 'achieved' performances. In no sense is it a complete record and it is likely that the following issue will also be a memorial number. Quarter peals have been arriving in this office at approximately a page a day. While we shall do our best to give as full a record as possible, there will be certain delays in publication and it might be that not every performance will be published. Nevertheless, we shall do our best. These are occasions in life which should be recorded, not in any sense for personal vainglory, but as an indication to those who come after us of the respect and affection with which King George VI. was held by his loyal subjects.

One of our correspondents in a personal letter to the Editor suggests that in our issue recording peals and quarter peals rung in memory of the late King some space should be reserved to remember (collectively) all those other ringers who, for one reason or another—perhaps lack of experienced ringers or an able conductor—paid the best tribute they could, although unable to ring a true quarter peal. 'It was,' the letter states, 'a none the less genuine one to a much loved and honoured King.' We feel that such a sentiment will be appreciated by many ringers, and to all those who just rang we would say, on behalf of the Central Council, 'Thank you.' Some of the sweetest joys of life are the unrecorded. To the general public the finer niceties of whether a peal or quarter peal was accomplished matters not. If the bells were well struck and the method was musical to the ear then they were satisfied, and many of our readers will hold that the tower faithfully discharged its solemn obligation.

We as ringers know of the disappointment of the failure to bring home a peal for a national occasion, especially in a tower with a tradition for such observances and where these events are commemorated by peal boards or tablets going back fifty or more years. There is, at the moment, a feeling that the ringers in their day and generation failed in the fulfilment of what had been handed down to them as a sacred trust. Those familiar with the many and varied circumstances that give rise to peal failures know there is no certainty in any attempt. Errors can be minimised by the individual proficiency of the band and the conductor, but even then factors from outside have to be taken into consideration.

Take, for example, the incident that arose at the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, where a peal of 5,175 Stedman Caters was rung on February 9th with the bells half-muffled. The performance was duly notified to 'The Ringing World.' The conductor and composer afterwards discovered that the composition was false and a true peal had not been rung. His telegram arrived in time to stop publication, although the page was already imposed and passed for press. The band participating included a number of well-known Bristol and Bristol University ringers, and to them all peal ringers send their sympathy. There have been other notable occasions where errors in composition have led to a peal being lost.

In an editorial a fortnight ago announcing the King's death we made special reference to his late Majesty's wide interest in all occupations and pursuits of his people. A correspondent informs us that in 1928 King George VI. visited Chester-le-Street Parish Church. He was then Duke of York and stayed at the nearby Lumley Castle with Sir Roger Lumley, now Earl of Scarbrough. A framed photograph of the arrival at the church of the Duke and Duchess of York has hung in the belfry ever since. The Duke signed the visitors' book and this signature below another photograph was also preserved in the belfry until it was stolen a year or two ago. Ringing at this church included 720 Bob Minor, half-muffled, on the evening of the King's death, and half-muffled ringing on the two following Sundays and the intervening Saturday for a district meeting. On the day of the King's funeral a memorial peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Mr. C. McGuiness, from Newcastle, stood in at short notice owing to the indisposition of Mr. S. C. Walker. There was also a quarter peal previous to the town's memorial service on Feb. 17th. The record of ringing in this tower seems quite conspicuous, although we have little doubt that in many other towers the bells conveyed the sense of the nation's loss to the people in a similar fashion.

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 Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
GEORGE DAVIS	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung half-muffled.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	10
BRIAN G. WARWICK	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung half-muffled.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
JOHN WALDEN	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	9
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	4	GEOFFREY MAYER	10
RAYMOND F. SMITH	5	H. LESLIE PASK	11
JOHN A. FREEMAN	6	CHARLES E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	RICHARD C. INGRAM	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	GEORGE DAVIS	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
J. MARTIN THORLEY	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
*RALPH SITCH	2	GEORGE SAYER	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	BERT GOGLE	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	9
WILLIAM LOVE	5	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on ten bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*BRENDA M. SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
MRS JOHN THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	8
*R. ROGER SAVORY	4	†WILFRED J. NEWMAN	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal 'inside' on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*BRIAN L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*FREDERICK SCOTT	6
REGINALD L. SILLS	2	*JOHN M. ELLWOOD	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	†DAVID H. PEARCE	8
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WILLIAM F. BUTLER	9
WILLIAM HENLEY	5	*ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	†GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	7
GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN	3	*CHARLES W. MUNDAY	8
*GILLIAN A. SMITH	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	9
†RALPH C. SPITTLE	5	DAVID E. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal on ten tower bells as conductor. Rung with the clappers half muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 73 lb. in E flat.

WALTER FORD	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
HERBERT LASKEY	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN	*Treble*	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5
*WILLIAM RICHINGS	2	†LESLIE E. ASTON	6
*JOAN BUSSEY	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
PETER BAKER	4	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
RUSSELL W. CURSON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
Rung half-muffled.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE WIGGINS	5
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	6
THOMAS NEWMAN	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
JOAN BUSSEY	4	CHARLES C. LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
Rung with the bells fully muffled, except for the open tenor at backstroke.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
WILLIAM RIMMER	2	KENNETH M. GRAYSON	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
ROBERT LARKEY	4	HARRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung half-muffled.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE	*Treble*	BASIL A. EDWARDS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATHEWS. Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.
Rung half-muffled.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN PEARSON	5
GEO. W. TURNER	2	*J. RICHARD JENKINSON	6
PAUL BIRKETT	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal. Rung fully muffled.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
HERBERT J. LASKEY	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
WALTER FORD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

MICHAEL BISHOP	*Treble*	HENRY L. BISHOP	5
BERTRAM L. J. BROWN	2	ALFRED H. WEBB	6
*GILLIAN BISHOP	3	JAMES GORDON	7
GEORGE BISHOP	4	JACK C. NAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 27 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. ADAMS	*Treble*	*W. CHARLES COUGH	5
*F. DAVID WESLEY	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
FREDERICK VICKERS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
†FRANK TOWNSEND	4	WILLIAM H. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. YATES.
* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung fully muffled.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. CECIL	*Treble*	JAMES H. LILLEY	5
MARY HOWELL	2	JAMES W. JEFFERY	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
GEORGE APPS	4	EDWIN J. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
Rung half-muffled.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JOHN E. CANNELL	4	†THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*ANNE P. BROWN	*Treble*	ROY BROOME	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	ALAN N. BROWN	6
JEAN C. BROWN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
STELLA P. WAIN	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal. By the Sunday service band. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	5
HAROLD SHUCK	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
BERNARD LAWTON	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
JOHN LLOYD	4	REGINALD ALLPORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung half-muffled.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VICTOR J. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	J. WALTER SMITH	5
WILFRED WEBB	2	ERIC SUTTON	6
ROYSTON G. BRYANT	3	ALBERT C. BAKER	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	VICTOR E. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT C. BAKER.
* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	A. R. GUY (Jesus)	5
E. C. BATES (Caius)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
M. R. D. HARFORD (Trinity)	3	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	7
R. D. EDGE (Queens')	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.
Rung fully muffled.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*ERIC OLIVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR COWAN	5
†J. EDMUND HENDERSON	2	ROBERT B. SKELTON	6
PHILLIP DRAFFAN	3	RICHARD OLIVER	7
WILLIAM TYSON	4	THOMAS W. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' By the Sunday service band.
Rung half-muffled.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	WM. LANCASTER	5
*MISS A. M. HOBBS	2	JOHN W. GLEW	6
*C. WM. BOND	3	WALTER STEEN	7
JACK BAILEY	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. By the Sunday service band. Rung fully muffled.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

NANCY MARKLEW	*Treble*	GEORGE A. CHARLTON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	*FRANK LONG	6
EDWARD SOWMAN	3	EDGAR VALLANCE	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	BERTIE RIDGEWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	NORMAN CORNWALL	5
*KEITH F. BIGGS	2	A. REGINALD BLABY	6
IAN S. BIGGS	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
ARTHUR NEWTON	4	FRED COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.
* First peal. Fully muffled.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GORDON F. CLARKE	*Treble*	EDWARD B. SMITH	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
FRED ORRISS	4	TOM JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
Rung half-muffled.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HARRY R. APPLETON	*Treble*	*ERNEST W. RICHARDSON	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	2	*PETER J. CAME	6
SIDNEY LINNET	3	ARTHUR HUBBLE	7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT	4	SYDNEY C. EASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells.
Rung fully muffled.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ERNEST A. JURD	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	EDWARD A. MARSH	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
Rung half-muffled.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*BARRY SULLIVAN	*Treble*	†MARY SHEARSMITH	5
NORMA BICKERDIKE	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
WILLIAM BARTON	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
JOHN AMBLER	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

*AUDREY S. NOBLE	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
JOSEPH H. BRITTAN	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
RHODA HEMMINGS	4	WILLIAM MINOR	*Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GLENYS BODYCOTE	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
*GEORGE V. DEACON	2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
HAROLD KILBY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung half-muffled.

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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
GEORGE W. MILLS	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
Rung fully muffled.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

PETER E. PRATT	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
FREDK. H. CROOK	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	6
WALTER G. PAUL	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
J. MARTIN PAGE	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
Rung with half-muffled clappers.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (4th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	RAYMOND P. SELWAY	5
EDMUND C. ATYEO	2	ALBERT S. ATYEO	6
STANLEY A. GUPPY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	*RICHARD GUPPY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
*First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
NORMAN SMITH	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
Rung fully muffled.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's, 10 Grandsire and 8 Plain Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD	*Treble*	MRS. D. G. MAYELL	3
DESMOND G. MAYELL	2	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	4
HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.
First peal in 4 Doubles methods by all. Rung with bells fully muffled.

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TOWNS	*Treble*	F. G. VICKERS	3
JOAN BRANDON	2	*R. C. CHADBURN	4
*EDWARD TOWNS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by EDWARD TOWNS.
*First peal. First peal on the bells by the local Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled.



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BRAFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of St. Nicholas' and four 120's each of Union, Old Doubles, Chase, April Day, London, St. Simon's, Antelope, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ANTHONY BROCKWELL	*Treble*	PHILIP JONES	3
JACK DAVEY	2	RONALD NOON	4
GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.
Rung half-muffled.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

W. JOHN LOCKE	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
DAVID J. LEWIS	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's in eleven methods, viz. (1) Ipswich, (2) Bourne, (3) Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal on six bells. Rung half-muffled.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BLACK	4
ERNEST BRITTAIN	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
KENNETH W. DUFFY	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Rung half-muffled.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two 120's, with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	†R. ROGER SAVORY	4
*†BRENDA M. SMITH	2	†GERALD C. HEMMING	5
*†ALBERT H. SMITH	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung half-muffled.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. YOUNG	*Treble*	EDWIN FISHER	4
JOHN R. KEMP	2	*THOMAS CUMMINS	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' The conductor has called peals on all the bells in this tower. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	4
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	JACK G. BROTHWELL	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*BRIAN ELVIN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	4
SHEILA BARKER	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
CEDRIC CURSON	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	CYRIL J. YOUNG	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
Rung fully muffled.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty 120's (ten callings) and one 240 Morris's.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*ROSALEA SMITH	*Treble*	†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4
AUDREY TIBBOTTS	2	‡RONALD SMITH	5
BRENDA PRESCOTT	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal. † 75th peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SIMON L. BARLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	5
ANTHONY W. BARLEY	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Rung fully muffled.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN W. G. PIDGEON	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. BRYANT	4
LAWRENCE H. TURNER	2	RICHARD VALENTINE	5
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD VALENTINE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 20 six-scores of Grandsire and one Morris's 240. Tenor 15 cwt.

DESMOND G. MAYELL	*Treble*	HERBERT G. GODDARD	4
FRANCIS R. GODDARD	2	*DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	5
*FREDERICK J. WOOD	3	FREDERICK W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.
* First peal in two methods 'inside.' Rung fully muffled.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 each of Grandsire, Cassington, Spliced St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St Nicholas' and Reverse Union, Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, April Day, and 1,440 each of Norfolk, Old and Plain. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*REV. P. C. J. HOYAL	*Treble*	†SIDNEY F. SABAN	4
*DORIS THOMPSON	2	*RICHARD A. SMITH	5
†FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	*RITA THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal. † First in eleven methods. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung half-muffled.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*FREDERICK A. BOUCHER	*Treble*	ROWLAND PRICE	4
†JAMES RANFORD	2	THOMAS COOPER	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	FREDERICK MERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First Peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*GEOFFREY HUGHES	*Treble*	A. DOREEN EDWARDS	4
DAVID SMITH	2	ALBERT H. CRAWLEY	5
FRANK BARNARD	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*BRIAN HENRY	*Treble*	JOHN E. BRIGGS	4
BRIAN H. WOOD	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
†WALTER MANSLEY	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Treble*	NORMAN HOUGH	4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS	2	DAVID SMITH	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung half-muffled.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

J. T. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	R. SCUDAMORE	4
W. P. E. SAGE	2	A. REYNOLDS	5
C. H. HAWKINS	3	J. ALLCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

Rung half-muffled.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal to the memory of Dr. J. C. E. Simpson was rung at Liscard, the church of which his late father was Vicar, on February 14th. At this church he rang many of his peals including his first as conductor. The peal was one of his 'specialities'—a G. Lindoff one-part 5,024 London Surprise Major. The attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples after the funeral was lost after 3,200 changes had been rung.

Evesham bells are only available to bands of ringers on day tours between 6.15 and 8.15 p.m. on Saturdays.

Mr. David Parsons 'completed the circle' of Beddington tower on February 16th. The peal was also Mr. Frank Darby's 150th for the Surrey Association.

During the procession of the Royal funeral train through Slough the tenor bell was tolled and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Caters was rung on the bells of St. Mary's.

Former official of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr A. Perkins is now looking after a 32-acre coastal estate near Helston, Cornwall. His address is Wild Acres, Ruan Minor, Helston.

The peal at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on February 14th, to the memory of King George VI. was the first attempt of Mr. John R. Mayne to call Stedman Cinques. It was also J. Martin Thorley's 100th peal.

Acknowledging a copy of 'The Great Adventure' sent to him by Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot, Mr. G. W. Heyes, secretary of St. Peter's Bellringers' Society, Ballarat, Australia, says the book is very informative revealing things about his own bells that he did not know. After a lapse of about 34 years change-ringing has started again.

The young band at St. Stephen's, Ealing, received a letter from the Parochial Church Council complimenting them on their half-muffled ringing which took place almost daily during the period from the King's death until after the funeral. The ringing included the 'whole pull and stand' which was performed quite creditably. A half-muffled peal attempt on February 19th unfortunately came to grief after two and a half hours' good ringing.

Miss Nancy Marklew is the first local lady to ring a peal on Hinckley (Leics) bells.

Mr. John Ambler is the first ringer to 'circle' Pudsey tower.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow will preach at Halesworth Parish Church on March 9th, at 6.30, when a memorial will be dedicated to Mr. F. C. Lambert.

Mr. A. S. Tomkins rang the 'passing bell' at St. Andrew's Church, Bredenbury, Hereford, for Queen Victoria, King Edward VII., King George V. and King George VI.

By the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hampton, Evesham, Worcs, Messrs. R. R. Savory, G. C. Hemming and C. J. Hemming have completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association have lost by death two popular members. Mr. Ernest Wallace, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, died from head injuries received in a road accident; Mr. T. H. Surtees, of Shotley Bridge, Durham, had been a member of the Association since 1886.

It was intended to ring a memorial peal of Major at Handsworth, Yorks, for the late King. Two days before, however, Mr. Frederick Cardwell, one of the selected band, had to be rushed to hospital for an operation. South Yorkshire ringers will be pleased to hear that the operation was successful and he is doing well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUNG LADIES v. BIG BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have never previously written a letter to 'The Ringing World,' neither is it my policy to reply to a letter when the writer uses a nom de plume. As I am one of the people criticised by your correspondent 'Nervous' in the letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' however, there are a few points he or she may like to consider:—(1) I never allow any pupil I am teaching to ring any particular bell unless I am satisfied beforehand that he or she is capable of doing so; (2) Brenda Smith had previously rung every bell in Evesham tower before ringing the tenor; she had also rung the tenor solo before ringing it in peal. (3) Of other pupils I have at Evesham, there isn't one I would allow to ring either of the four back bells. (4) The new ring at Evesham has been described as one of the finest-going rings for its weight it is possible to find.

Regarding the accident mentioned by 'Nervous,' I should think it would be correct to assume that Evesham tenor is only a toy compared with the bell which was responsible for the unfortunate accident to this experienced ringer.—Yours sincerely, G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

STILL A MAN'S JOB

Dear Sir,—I feel I cannot let the correspondence on heavy-bell ringing by the female sex go unanswered.

I think perhaps I can claim to have had as much experience round the 'heavy end' as any lady ringer, which includes a peal of Bristol Surprise Major on a 21¼-cwt. tenor. This, I think you will agree, is a vastly different job to ringing a 36-cwt. bell 'behind.'

Correspondent 'Nervous' surprises me greatly when he writes of experienced heavy-bell ringers and broken stays! Surely, sir, this is an accomplishment for learners only!! And as for a girl of 16 overpulling a bell of 36 cwt., it sounds fantastic. I should have thought the opposite would have been the effect. However, I think his criticism is well-meaning, only his excuses are dubious.

For a lady to ring a heavy bell it takes years of practice and experience, correct handling of the rope is essential and, of course, it helps if she is physically built to do it. One of the most outstanding feats for a lady was the ringing of Wedmore tenor 'behind' by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher to a peal of Stedman; outstanding inasmuch as Mrs. Fletcher is not physically built to ring heavy bells, but in her pioneer days in the Ladies' Guild she constantly did this.

The wisdom of allowing Miss Brenda Smith to ring Evesham tenor must be left to those who best know her capabilities. The wisdom I challenge is that of the correspondent for publishing the fact. To ring a 36-cwt. bell 'behind' for a touch is not the usual sort of thing to publish. Whilst I am in no way belittling the young lady's performance, it is not a record-breaking one.

I will end by a word of warning to any potential lady heavy-bell ringer, that although it can be done with years of practice and experience, it is still a man's job.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Halstead, Essex.

IRREGULARS, RESULTS, ETC.

Dear Sir,—Reference above, six-bell methods, Woodbine, etc., not to be counted in peal analysis. I beg to point out any team ringing Grandsire Triples to Holt's ten-part composition with 54768 H/W 45678 at the end are ringing two halves joined together by an irregular method called Holt's Single. To Cambridge 12-bell Surprise, 6th place bob is also irregular. Perhaps our distinguished personnel will really give a verdict at the next **Central Assize**.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

GLASGOW WOULD NOT ALLOW QUARTER PEAL FOR LATE KING

Dear Sir,—Owing to several complaints which were received following our recent peal of Stedman Caters, we were not allowed to ring so much as a quarter peal to mark the death of our late King, even though the louvres are boarded up and covered with Cabot quilting and we had fitted a deadening apparatus. Such are the conditions under which we try to keep going. Even so, we continued to ring for half an hour on the day of the funeral. The back eight, rung half-muffled and very slowly, sounded solemn and majestic.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.,
St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—After reading of the Minor peal at Felkirk I think that Mr. H. Chant has been indulging in the gentle art of leg-pulling. To champion the ringers of the illegitimate methods (as he did on December 21st, 1951) and then go and ring a peal in ten legitimate ones does not seem consistent. However I will make some observations on his letter of February 15th.

(1). It takes all sorts of ringers to make a ringing world, and we must respect the other fellow's point of view even if it seems rubbish to ourselves.

(2). It does not seem logical to give a lead in rounds and not in changes.

(3). Whatever virtues Woodbine has are surely retained in Neasden.

(3). Sandal is, in my opinion, the stepping stone to at least eight of the ten methods rung at Felkirk. But both Sandal and Oxford have regular lead ends.

(4). Either as a statement of fact or opinion it is condemned by our best writers.

(5). The sly dig at the Central Council may not amount to sarcasm, but after all are they not regularising something which was passed years ago? I am sure that the great majority of Central Council members have had **practical** experience of Minor ringing. Also to the question recently asked in 'The Ringing World' on 'Does it matter?' the Methods Committee should give an answer and not ignore it.

Mr. Chant has the right of reply but this is my last letter on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

M. R. P.

BUCKLEY'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the recent correspondence about ringers and their attendances at the services for which they ring.

If ringers do not attend these services I consider that primarily it is the fault of the clergy because, generally speaking, very few of them take any real interest in the bells or ringers and seldom go up into the tower to say a prayer before ringing commences.

We at Buckley, Flintshire, are very fortunate because our bells and tower extension were given by a former Vicar and his wife and one of the rules of membership is 'That all members must be confirmed members of the Church,' and succeeding clergy have always taken an interest in our bells and ringers and we have taught some of them to ring.

Consequently most of our members hold various other offices in the church. The ringers in a recent quarter peal were one churchwarden, four church councillors, three sidesmen, one server and one church schoolmaster. Our other members also hold similar offices in the church.

Bells and ringers are just as much a part of the Church as the choir and organ and if clergy would only take more interest in us the unfortunate incidents would never arise.—Yours fraternally, DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley.

APPRECIATION OF DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON

Lancashire Association's Tribute

At the Lancashire Association committee meeting held at Poolstock, Wigan, on February 16th, the members expressed deepest sorrow at the loss of one of its most brilliant conductors.

A resident of Cheshire, where most of his ringing was accomplished, he nevertheless was a member whom the rank and file of the Lancashire Association looked up to with pride. His death at so early an age leaves the Association the poorer and his absence from ringing circles in general will be sadly felt.

His diligence in any work he undertook was a by-word and his research in private life led him to the verge of success in the relief of that dreaded disease, sleeping sickness; in fact, he was just about to commence field tests when his death cut short a brilliant career.

To his mother and brother we give our sincere condolences and we can assure them that his efforts in reaching for and establishing so high a standard in the most intricate points in our art will ever be remembered in our Association. We place him amongst our great ones,

F. DUNKERLEY.

[Other tributes to the esteem in which Dr. Simpson was held appear on page 142.]

LONGEST LENGTH OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of February 8th an inquiry as to a record on six bells was published.

On August 6th, 1901, a peal of Minor was rung, 10,080 changes in nine methods in 5 hours and 40 minutes, which was then a record for the Kent Association.

I do not know if this still holds good as a record. I am interested to know.

It was conducted by myself at St. John-the-Baptist's, Tunstall.

W. H. B. WILKINS.

Headington, Oxford.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hooper's letter of last week, he said he was surprised to hear open ringing at a certain borough. But why so surprised? The King had departed this life and gone to a higher sphere of life, where there is no more sorrow, no more pain; why, then, should we be so sorrowful?

In regard to respect, I don't think it would have shown more if we had all rung muffled; we all have a different outlook on death and what we should do regarding our ringing. I think the best thing was done—to let everyone ring as they thought best.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Eternal life we are given. Why so sad?—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Isleworth.

P.S.—If we are Christians we believe this.—F. H.

RAISING AND LOWERING IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—Further to your Editorial of February 8th. Surely when I call 'go' all ropes should move at once. Then by the third swing, owing to the varying pendulum lengths of bells, the compass approximates to 12345678 . . . . 12345678 . . . . 123456781 . . . . 1234567812. . . . until 12345678123456 73 is reached. Then the whole of the work is up to treble. 5 and tenor to maintain the beat. The treble should be nearly up while the tenor is still rising and the bells should take the interval from 7-8 and as they (7-8) open out, so should all the others. Falling should be the reverse of rising.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

St. Wenn, Bodmin.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

AVE, ANGELUS AND VESPERS

Another use which partook of both ecclesiastical and secular character was that of the Ave bells, or morning and evening peals. These were rung about the hours when people rise and when they retire to bed, and were evidently instituted in order to remind them not to do so without saying their prayers. Abbot Gasquet says of it:—

> 'The custom probably grew out of the curfew which was a civil notification of the time to extinguish all lights, but in the 14th century it was turned into a universal religious ceremony in honour of Our Lord's Incarnation and His Blessed Mother.' ('Parish Life in Mediæval England,' page 162.)

In 1347 Ralph de Salopia, Bishop of Bath and Wells, desired the Cathedral clergy to say, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, four **Aves** for all benefactors, living or dead. Some few years before, Pope John XXII. had urged the habit of saying three **Aves** at curfew time.

The practice soon spread, and Archbishop Arundel, of Canterbury, in 1399, at the earnest request of King Henry IV., ordered the usage of saluting the Mother of God, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, to be universally adopted in the province 'at daybreak and curfew,' and the bell that was rung was called by our English ancestors the 'Gabriel' bell, in memory of the archangel's salutation to Our Lady. A bell given to St. Albans by Roger de Norton (died 1290) 'to be struck every night at time of curfew.' bears the legend:—'Missi de celis Habie Nomen Gabrielis' which translated is 'To me was given the name of Gabriel, sent from Heaven.'

This and similar inscriptions obtained for the Angelus bell in many places the name of Gabriel or Old Gabriel, and the title is still acknowledged for the bell in the market town of Lewes.

'OLD GABRIEL'

'Ave Maria' bells— that is, bells bearing as inscriptions the first portion of the Angelic Salutation—would also in many instances be used for the Angelus. In the days of our less luxurious forefathers, this morning bell was literally rung at early dawn. Thomas Barrett, of Lewes, was paid, in 1690, four pounds yearly for ringing 'Old Gabriel' at four o'clock in the morning and eight at night. The morning bell was rung at that hour at Melton Mowbray until the year 1708, when it was discontinued.

The same custom prevailed at Stamford until 1825, and in many parishes it is still remembered, or a tradition of it exists. Abroad, a mid-day Ave was also rung, but only a few isolated cases of this are recorded in England, where it was not in use before the 16th century.

Dr. Rock tells us that formerly the length of the ringing of the **Angelus** (morning, noon and evening) was regulated by the time it took the ringer to repeat the **Ave** and **Paternoster.** ('Church of our Fathers,' iii., page 340.) At Cropredy, Oxon, in 1512, the Vicar, Roger Lupton, left money for the churchwardens to

> 'toll dayly the Avees bell at six of the clok in the mornyng and xij of the clok at noone, and at four of the clok at afternoon.'

A note in the Bury St. Edmunds book gives the times of tolling the Angelus in that town as 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. in summer, and 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. in winter. The morning and evening bells (or curfew) still survive in many places and to give a complete list would fill a volume, as would the variations of time. In many places six o'clock in the morning was considered the most convenient hour, but the custom is gradually dying out.

THE GETTING-UP BELL

It had been rung as a call to daily work—thus at Tydd St. Mary a bell used to be rung early 'to call men and carts to work.' At Louth the third bell was formerly rung at five o'clock and was called 'the getting-up bell.' Henry Penn, the bellfounder, had this in mind when he cast a bell at St. Ives which was rung early in the morning, for he placed on it the pithy sentence:—

> 'Arise and go about your business.'

Longfellow has reference to this in 'Pegasus in Pound':—

> 'Loud the clamorous bell was ringing
> From its belfry gaunt and grim.
> 'Twas the daily call for labour,
> Not a triumph meant for him.'

On a bell at Friskney, Lincs, is:—'Laborem signo et requiem' meaning 'I mark out time and rest.' At Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk:—'Surge mane servire deo' (Arise betimes to serve thy God). The old fourth at St. Michael's, Coventry, now the tenor at St. John's in that town, has the inscription:—

> 'I ring at six to let men know
> When too and from theair worke to go
> 1675.'

At Horncastle, Lincs:—'Lectum fvgo discvte somnvm' (Fly from bed and shake off sleep).

Sir Thomas Browne in his 'Religio Medici' (1643) has an interesting reference to the Ave bell and its former associations:—

> 'I could never hear the Ave bell and its former association nor think a sufficient warrant because they erred in one circumstance, for me to err in all, i.e., in silent and dumb contempte. Whilst therefore they direct their devotions to Her, I offer mine to God, and rectify the errors of their prayers by rightly ordering my own.'

THE GHOST

There is a good story told regarding the ringing of the early morning bell at Spalding:—

> 'In the early part of the last century, the widow of the sexton, continuing his duties, used to ring the six o'clock morning bell. She was also a charwoman. Being engaged at the latter occupation at a clergyman's house with other women, she left her tub to ring the bell. One of her companions put a white sheet around herself and, in the dark, stood on a bench in the south porch; and on the old woman coming out of the church, and whilst she was locking the door, set up a dreadful moan, thinking to frighten the old lady; but she quickly drew the large key from the lock and rushed at the figure with the exclamation: "Be ye live or dead, here's a go at yer," and nearly slew the would-be ghost.'

At Tickhill, Yorks, a large bell was rung at 5 a.m. and a small one at 6 a.m. At Sleaford, Lincs, the day of the month was tolled at 6 a.m. At Westminster Abbey the little bell is rung daily at 8.45 a.m. (and also at 1.30 p.m.) for three minutes, followed by 40 strokes on the tenor, of which practice various explanation are given. One is that it refers to Henry VII.'s appointment of daily masses to be said perpetually after his death, before each of which 40 strokes were to be tolled. Another is that it alludes to the 40 royal scholars on the foundation of Westminster School; and a third that it commemorates the 40 years of Dean Goodman's reign in the 16th century (the least likely explanation of all!)

In the churchwarden's accounts of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, 1633, we read:—

> 'For the tolling and ringing of the Saint's bell every working day in the morning between five and six of the clock, to give notice for people to come to prayers. . . . . 10s.'

This is not only interesting as a survival of the Ave bell in its religious aspect, but also as indicating the early hour at which Matins was said at that time.

WASHERWOMAN'S GIFT

At St. Peter's, Nottingham, the seventh bell is said to have been given by Margery Doubleday in 1544 and is inscribed:—'I was given by Margery Dubbleday in 1544 and recast with other bells 1771.' Formerly it was inscribed:—'Ave Maria of your charitie pray for the sole of Ma'gere Dubbyleay.' She was a washerwoman, and not only gave the bell, but by her will, dated June 20th, 1544, left the rent of a close in Broadmarsh, which then amounted to twenty shillings a year, to the sexton of St. Peter's on condition of ringing it every morning except Sunday, at 4 o'clock to arouse the washerwomen of the town to their daily labours. The bell was later rung for about three months of the year at 6 a.m. instead of 4 a.m.

At Hammersmith an early morning bell used to be rung at 5 a.m., but in 1724 one of the parishioners complained that it disturbed him and it was stopped on condition of his agreeing to erect a cupola and clock for the church.

A WOKINGHAM DOCUMENT

The sexton of Wokingham, Berks, received two pounds yearly, the gift of Richard Palmer, for ringing the morning and evening bell. This was secured by an indenture dated April, 1664, which, while showing that the ringing of the morning bell and the curfew was general, gives the impression which it was supposed to make on a religious mind. By it Richard Palmer gave lands in trust to employ the rents of the same for a salary of the sexton to ring the greatest bell belonging to the parish church there half an hour every morning at 4 a.m. and every evening at 8 a.m., or as near those hours as might be, from the 10th of September to the 11th of March in every year, for ever: which mode of ringing such bell the said Richard Palmer had propounded to himself to cause to be done, not only that as many as might live within the sound might be thereby induced to a timely going to rest in the evening, and early rising in the morning to their labours and duties of their several callings (things ordinarily attended and rewarded with thrift and proficiency) and that strangers and others who should happen in winter nights within hearing of the said bell, to lose their way in the country, might be informed of the time of night, and receive some guidance in the right way: and for which rational ends he conceived his said work could not but be well liked by any discreet person, the same being done and well approved of in most of the cities and market towns, and many other places in the kingdom, but also the better end aimed at by him, that all those whose care of being mindful of their latter end should incline them thereunto, might thereby take occasion, at the ringing of the evening bell, to think of their own passing bell and day of death: and at the ringing of the said morning bell might also think of their resurrection and call to their last judgment, which things doing, he believed no man, unless very much hardened, could at the same time wilfully and resolutely propound to himself the leading of a wicked life, but rather be deterred and taken from it. (Edwards' 'Old English Customs,' page 202.)

(To be continued)

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115 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—The bells of Piddlehinton, Dorset, having been in disrepair from 1879 to 1949, it is interesting to note, in connection with their recent half-muffled tributes to his late Majesty, that is must be at least 115 years (King William IV., in 1837) since the bells were previously rung for the death of a sovereign.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

At the 'Cathedral' of the Rhondda

St. Peter's Church, Pentre, is rightly known as the Cathedral of the Rhondda Valley and its beautiful interior was much admired by the 50 or so visitors and friends who attended the meeting of the Association on February 16th. These included visitors from London, Chippenham, Melksham, Radstock and Thurnby.

The bells, a fine ring of eight, worthy of the church, were made good use of during the day. The service at 4 o'clock was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Spenser Jones) who extended a hearty welcome to the Association.

After the service visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea in typical Pentre style. Thanks were expressed by Mr. J. W. Jones.

At the business meeting the Vicar took the chair. He asked the meeting to stand for a few moments in respect to His late Majesty King George VI. The secretary reported he had been unable to get Bridgend bells for combined practice. Two notices of motion were read which are to be brought up at the annual meeting on Easter Monday. One, to divide the Association into two or more districts, the other to revise and bring up to date the rules of the Association. It was reported that work had started on Llandaff Cathedral bells and that they were now at the bellfoundry. At Chepstow and Monmouth, where the bells need rehanging, there was little prospect of anything being done in the near future.

Twelve new members were elected and two life members (belfry nominations) were confirmed.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.W. Branch at Sutcombe

The annual meeting of the N.W. Branch took place at Sutcombe, a pleasant village three miles north of Holsworthy, on February 16th. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, welcomed the ringers and conducted the service, and the Rev. E. P. James read the lesson. In his charming address the Rector drew lessons from the great bell of Moscow, cracked through the inflow of a stream of water when a fire raged near the foundry. He also referred to the sterling character of our late King George.

Some 30 members and friends from Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Black Torrington, Okehampton, Plymouth, Pyworthy Chittlehampton and Stratton were present. Tea provided by the local ladies was served in the School Hall.

At the meeting, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Sangwin) read the report and balance sheet for the past year which showed a credit of about £6. These were adopted.

Miss P. Gilbert was elected as a member. The next annual meeting was fixed for Pyworthy and it was agreed that a meeting with the S.W. Branch be held at Kelly in August.

The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill was re-elected chairman with Mr. J. W. Sangwin as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Sangwin as Ringing Master. The Rev. E. P. James with Messrs. R. Collacot and W. J. Vinnicombe were elected as representatives of the General Committee of the Guild.

The meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, to Mrs. Ravenshill (the organist) and all the ladies who did so much for the comfort of the company. It was a happy meeting and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung. Later in the evening the enthusiasts adjourned to Holsworthy and enjoyed touches on the fine octave. We hope Mr. Fred Sangwin will soon be well enough to enjoy his ringing. F. C. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of March 1st, 1912

OUR ILLUSTRATION
MR WILLIAM BANISTER

'One of the "grand old men" to whom the Exercise owes so much celebrated the completion of his 88th year yesterday. Sixty years ago, William Banister was one of the giants of the ringing world. . . . Obviously there are very few men to-day who remember Mr. Banister . . . . and probably there are thousands who do not know the part he played in the Exercise more than half a century ago. . . . One of the last links with a bygone generation, he was ringing peals in the "forties." A native of Woolwich, his father and five brothers were all enthusiasts for the art, and the seven of them, with a tenor man, rang peals of both Grandsire and Stedman Triples. At St. Mary's Church they had an excellent company between the years 1843 and 1851, and they progressed through Double Norwich to Superlative and London Surprise. Mr. Banister composed and conducted many of the peals that they rang, including the London, which was only the second peal in the method. Mr. Banister's peal was a 5,600, rather longer than the one at Norwich.

'In order to get practice upon the higher numbers, Mr. Banister used to walk frequently to the City, and much of his 12-bell ringing was done at Cornhill and Southwark. Unfortunately he has no complete list of his peals, but the following from the peal book of Mr. Mat. Wood (the first which these two veterans rang together) is of much interest:—

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Wednesday, December 19th, 1849, in 4 hours and 9 minutes
5,146 STEDMAN CINQUES

J. Cox ..	Treble	J. R. Haworth	7
W. Cooter	2	M. A. Wood	8
J. Mash ..	3	J. Bradley	9
W. Banister	4	E. Lansdell	10
G. Ferris	5	J. Dwight	11
R. Jameson	6	E. Sawyer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Cox.

[Mr. Banister moved to Devonport in 1865, where he got the bells of the Dockyard Chapel augmented to eight, trained a band and called a peal of Grandsire Triples on them. In conjunction with Col. Trelawney and Col. Troyte, he was largely responsible for spreading the cause of change ringing in Devonshire. Apart from ringing, he became an Alderman on Devonport Council and a Justice of the Peace. He died eventually at the age of 91.]

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Fourth Annual Dinner

The fourth annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers was held in Cambridge on Saturday, February 2nd. During the morning eight members rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, Fulbourn. In the afternoon members and their guests rang at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (8), at Great St. Mary's (12) and at St. Benet's (6).

About 40 people sat down to dinner at the Dorothy Restaurant in the evening. After the toast of 'The King' had been proposed by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, the toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Canon A. C. Woodard, the Vicar of the Church of Great St. Andrew. The Master, Mr. W. T. Ridgman, in reply, gave an account of the Guild activities during the year. The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by Mr. A. R. Guy, and Mr. J. W. R. Quinney replied.

After the dinner some of the party went to Clare College where a pleasant hour was spent with handbells and coffee

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on January 19th and followed the programme of recent years.

The ringing at St. Mary's of standard eight- and ten-bell methods was better sounding than is sometimes the case.

The service was at St. Chad's, where the Rev. F. T. Horan welcomed the Association.

The usual tea rendezvous at Ward's followed and the company of 40 was duly sustained.

Business followed, officers being elected as follows:—Ringing Master, Mr. F. H. Bennett; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. Barron; secretary, Mr. G. Bagley; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer. The accounts showed a credit of £70, and several new members were elected. Meetings were provisionally fixed for Malins Lee, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Wrockwardine, Much Wenloch, Clive and Condover.

After the meeting St. Chad's twelve were put to good use in standard methods, most of which were very creditably rung.

By general agreement arrangements worked smoothly, Mr. Bennett's printed agenda and balance sheet contributing. But we all enjoyed this annual opportunity of ringing on higher numbers perhaps than usual, and also meeting ringing friends from the furthest points in Shropshire as well as from Birmingham, Chester and other centres.

5,280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

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23564		—	—	L, Y. R
52364			—	L, C. R
36524		—	—	L, P. R
53624			—	R, Li, L
25634		—		L, S. L
65324		2	—	R, Li. B. R
26354		—	3	L, Y, R, B. B
35264		—	—	R, C, L

Four times repeated.

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MEMORIAL RINGING TO A BELOVED KING

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Ford (cond.) 1, M. W. Ford (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. C. Trevett 3, W. G. Trevett 4, J. H. Hayne 5, A. W. Ellery 8. With front 5 fully-muffled and tenor open at handstroke.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): Dorothy Cockshead 1, A. E. Lock (cond.) 2, Audrey J. West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks 5, M. Angela Carter 6. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Fensome 1, Mrs. F. Cullingworth 2, P. Jarvis 3, P. Page 4, W. Ring 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, A. Rainey 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, J. L. Gray 5, E. J. Franklin 6, S. O'C. Holloway 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8, F. E. Haynes 9, H. Dickens 10. Rung half-muffled.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Mills 1, E. H. Knapp 2, D. J. Laker 3, R. S. Squire 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, A. C. V. Gasson 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick 8. First in method by 1, 3 4, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Groves 1, J. Russell (cond.) 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, L. Everest 7, T. Day 8. Rung with the bells fully-muffled.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, at St. Botolph's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Brian 1, Nancie Swann 2, A. Freeston 3, D. White 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Leggott 6, F. Dewey 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8, R. Brown 9, J. Petch 10. Rung half-muffled.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lindsell 1, G. Wiffen 2, A. Wiffen 3, E. J. Jennings 4, H. R. Felton 5, J. Warner 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, S. Warne 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. T. Hume 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, J. Pell 8. Rung half-muffled.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. P. Hurrell 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, Miss E. Symons 3, M. Rudwick 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, G. W. Taysom 6. First quarter by 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Fuller 1, C. Banham 2, S. Atkins 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, T. Stagg 5, J. S. Barnes (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Feb. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Weddell 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, A. F. Udall 3, C. W. Ottley 4, J. H. Lott 5, P. A. Carter 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. Rung half-muffled.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. W. T. Davis (first quarter) 1, J. W. Hovey 2, L. L. Willis 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. L. Hooper 5, E. H. Hill 6. Rung half-muffled.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Bennett 1, R. Holmes 2, F. Absolam 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. Snell 6. Rung half-muffled.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,560 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hodges 1, R. Dale 2, R. Daniels 3, C. Clarke 4, I. Whiting 5, J. Whiting (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back stroke. Also previously, 1,260 Doubles (960 St. Dunstan's and 300 Grandsire), in which Miss S. Whiting rang her first quarter.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher 1, E. Webber 2, J. Henson 3, L. T. Richards 4, C. W. J. Lock (cond.) 5, C. Ash (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, P. E. Ball 2, H. Lewin 3, C. Alvey 4, J. Troughton 5, B. M. Buswell (first as cond.) 6, R. A. Ward 7, W. Perkins 8. Rung half-muffled.

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

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): H. Clark 1, J. Allen (cond.) 2, D. Woods 3, A. Woods 4, G. Pearson 5, S. Woods 6. Rung half-muffled.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's, On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coulson 1, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. Ellis 7, B. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Reid 1, H. E. Good 2, J. E. Beams 3, Miss M. Howard 4, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 5, J. Whitehorn 6, R. C. Spittle 7, J. S. Seager 8. Rung half-muffled.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richerson 1, A. Warren 2, F. Barker 3, R. Newman 4, J. Goodall 5, L. Tubb 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, F. Tubb 8. Rung with bells half-muffled.

FREISTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 720 Single Court and 540 Plain Bob: H. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, H. Harper 4, G. Dawson (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung half-muffled.

GODSHILL, I.O.W—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Rung half-muffled

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Court 1, Janet Wells 2, G. E. Ruck 3, F. A. Rye 4, H. Furminger 5, T. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. L. J. Brown 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Gillian Bishop (first of Stedman) 3, M. Bishop 4, G. Bishop 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. Gordon (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sawyer 1, W. White 2, Gillian Bishop 3, G. Bishop 4, J. Gordon (cond.) 5, F. H. Abbott 6, H. L. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8. Both rung half-muffled.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Aley 1, F. Hartman 2, L. Cordell 3, L. Whitby 4, W. Wheeler 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. Rung half-muffled.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, G. Dear 3, Miss D. J. Hare 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, J. Mayes 6. Bells fully-muffled.

HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 17th, at All Saints', 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. J. Young 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rivers 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (first quarter as cond.) 2, J. Froome 3, Mrs. C. A. Eele 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, C. W. Mortimer 7, F. Hicks 8. Rung half-muffled.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel (first quarter) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. F. Shedel (first quarter) 5. Rung half-muffled.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott 3, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Boffey (first quarter) 1, A. M. Flynn 2, Enid M. Roberts 3, P. Williams 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, A. Jones 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, N. J. Goodman 8. Rung half-muffled.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, Mary Fuller 2, E. Jones 3, M. Fuller 4, W. Packer 5, P. Andre 6, J. Bennett 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Smith 1, June Brindley 2, Joan Beresford 3, Wm. Cope 4, D. Beresford 5, P. Beresford 6, F. A. Sedgwick 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. Rung half-muffled.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Williams 1, W. Morris 2, W. Insley 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Piron 5, V. Conquest 6, F. Vickers (cond.) 7, J. Conquest 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Stedman rung alternately): H. Baldwin 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, S. J. Orchard 3, F. Onions 4, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 5, A. Turney 6. Rung half-muffled.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Miss B. Poole 2, W. Richings 3, M. Jefferies 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, L.A.C. E. Cooksley 8. Also 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss B. Cooksley 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, M. Jefferies 3, C. Jefferies 4, W. Richings 5, T. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, L.A.C. E. Cooksley 8. Rung half-muffled.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Feb. 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. K. Wagstaff 1, A. H. Ward 2, Miss P. Lewin 3, G. E. Padgett 4, C. Glenn (cond.) 5, R. Aley 6, D. R. Carlisle 7, E. Elson 8, W. Nichols 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. Rung half-muffled.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCS.—On Feb. 16th 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung half-muffled.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, Joan Cotton 2, W. Brooker 3, H. Carter 4, W. H. Curson 5, P. W. Grice 6, H. C. Adams (first as cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. W. Cotton 1, Joan Cotton 2, H. Carter 3, H. C. Adams 4, P. W. Grice (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. Both rung half-muffled.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Jackson (first quarter) 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris (cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung half-muffled.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shailes (cond.) 1, F. H. Strange 2, J. Dunn 3, J. Sorsby 4, C. R. Shailes 5, A. W. Mabbut 6. Rung half-muffled.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 2, D. Docking 3, S. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, D. M. Stephens 6. Rung half-muffled.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Rev. Hoyal 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2, S. F. Saban 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in the method for all and on the bells. Fully-muffled.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor (540 and 720): W. Dickinson 1, C. Wright 2, F. Dyble 3, H. Paddison 4, F. A. Adams 5, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. Ford 7. Rung half-muffled.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Barringer 1, R. Bovkett 2, P. Wood 3, A. Little 4, W. Little 5, F. Harrington (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Harrington 1, P. Wood 2, Miss M. Evans 3, Miss S. Barringer 4, W. Little 5, A. Little (cond.) 6. Both rung half-muffled.

WALMER, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss J. Wells 2, P. J. Rye 3, Sergt. H. Furminger 4, G. Ruck 5, T. Wickens 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, A. Botterill 4, G. W. Hughes 5, A. T. Dutton 6, W. R. Hughes 7, A. M. Pickering 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, H. E. Green 10. Rung half-muffled.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. White (first quarter) 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin 3, K. White 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, H. Chamberlain 6.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, R. F. Davis 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, A. G. Owen 5, J. D. Green 6. Rung fully-muffled.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Miles 1, E. A. Price 2, G. Westlake 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled.

IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS TO KING GEORGE VI.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 2,100 Doubles (1,260 Grandsire and 840 Plain Bob): J. Clarke 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leech 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, E. Goldsmith 6. Longest length for all except conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Lewin 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, J. Wadkin 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, A. N. Geary 5, C. T. Whitman 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (300 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 240 St. Dunstan's, 360 Grandsire): J. Norton 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, C. T. Whitman 3, A. N. Geary 4, J. G. Geary (cond.) 5, R. Dythan 6. Both rung half-muffled.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 360 each of Plain Bob and April Day, 300 Grandsire): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, Miss E. Burnell 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, J. A. Tole (cond.) 4, W. J. Vann 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung half-muffled.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Kilby 1, Mrs. E. E. Davis 2, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. H. Pasmore 5, W. Williams 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, F. E. Collins 8. Rung half-muffled.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. North 1, G. Lister 2, G. Martin 3, J. Eldridge 4, B. Lister 5, T. Holmes 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, A. Tubby 8. Rung fully-muffled.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): D. Wyles (first quarter) 1, M. Billings 2, A. Ingall 3, R. Applewhite 4, A. Brummitt 5, L. Willders (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. R. Millward 1, A. Lewis 2, J. E. Usher 3, P. C. Roberts 4, J. C. Jones 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, R. R. Robinson 8. Rung half-muffled.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Lomas 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, Miss E. M. Bridges (first quarter) 3, T. J. V. Search (first quarter) 4, J. D. Dixon 5, J. J. Westmacott (first 'inside') 6. W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung fully-muffled.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Crowther 1, A. Smith 2, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 3 —, Crayston 4, J. Crayston 5, A. Casson 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, E. Dixon 4, W. Hacker 5, R. Saye 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung fully-muffled

CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.1.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Prior 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, M. Sinden 3, G. A. Parsons 4, W. D. Prockson 5, D. Harman 6, R. A. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung half-muffled.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould, B.A., 2, H. J. Shuck 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, R. Dunn 6, L. R. Hall 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. O. D. Barnett 1, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, A. Hall 4, G. H. Cross 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. Barnett 7, W. E. Bond 8. Rung half-muffled.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: W. Elsey 1, A. G. Harrison 2, F. C. Roper 3, C. J. More (cond.) 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, E. G. Bennett 7, W. A. Lock 8. Rung half-muffled.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Wiggins 1, Audrey Deadman 2, Mrs. J. Seymour 3, J. Jones 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. Rung fully-muffled.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mason 1, Mrs. W. White 2, C. Fennell 3, R. Elliott 4, A. Fleet (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back-stroke

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. J. Last 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, Miss D. Arnold 4, R. W. Steward 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, G. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Wearne (first quarter) 1, Beryl Lawrey (first quarter 'inside') 2, V. G. Wood 3, G. Werrell 4, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 5, J. Triggs 6. Rung half-muffled.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent and Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Freda Clayton 1, S. Warwick 2, H. Butler 3, H. G. Hart 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 360 Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, F. Bishop (cond.) 3, P. Bradshaw 4, T. Wilson 5, J. Harrison 6. First quarter in the method by all. Rung half-muffled.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Adams 1, C. Bennett 2, L. Busby 3, W. Fern 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled.

LIMPSFIELD, SUREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,272 Cambridge Minor: D. H. Harding 1, Miss M. Gregory 2, W. G. Paternoster 3, D. Sumner 4, W. L. Tidy 5, L. A. Tidy (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for ringers 1, 2 and 4. Rung fully-muffled.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jones 1, F. Jones 2, J. Chinnock (cond.) 3, E. Jones 4, J. Jones 5, A. Lloyd 6, F. Hughes 7, W. Young 8. 6, 7, 8 covering. Rung half-muffled.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Evans 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, T. Pawley 5, G. Westcott 6, D. Hoare 7, J. Westcott 8. Rung half-muffled.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Townsend (cond.) 1, B. J. Townsend 2, E. Edgington 3, J. H. Joyner 4, L. Monk 5. Rung half-muffled.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb 15th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: E. Tenner 1, Miss C. Orleban 2, A. Grimwood 3, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 4, R. Chandler 5, M. Foard 6, W. Moon 7, H. Brooks 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung with bells fully-muffled with tenor open at back.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. T. Stimson 1, J. F. Stimson 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Fenton (cond.) 4, F. Sheppard 5, W. Smith 6, H. Clayton 7, J. Gilson 8. Rung half-muffled.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, B. Davies 2, E. J. Boffey 3, H. Sutton 4, T. S. Astbury 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs 8. Rung fully-muffled.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: I. Brentnall 1, Miss M. May 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, W. Fernley, 4, Miss S. Kane 5, Mrs. W. Fernley 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Fernley 8. Rung fully-muffled.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. King 1, E. Jenkinson 2, R. Jenkinson 3, T. Harrison 4, E. Wilcox (cond.) 5, J. E. Hobbs 6. First quarter Cambridge on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Syrett (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Harrison 2, W. Elsey 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. C. Roper 5, C. J. More 6, H. Moss 7, T. C. Ford (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Ingram 1, G. Davis 2, J. L. Gray 3, F. W. Rishworth 4, B. D. A. Woolley 5, H. Dickens 6, E. J. Franklin (first as cond.) 7, P. D. Booth 8. Rung half-muffled.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): H. Barnes 1, A. Crawford 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, Miss K. Burchnall 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, W. R. Parker 6. Rung half-muffled.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Norman 1, A. J. Townsend 2, B. J. Townsend (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Edgington 4, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 5, T. Kendrich 6. Rung half-muffled.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hornby 1, R. Rainford 2, S. Anderton 3, F. Postlethwaite (cond.) 4, H. Rainford 5, R. Eccles 6, J. Metcalfe 7, T. Moss 8. Rung half-muffled.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, J. Crawley (first quarter) 2, G. Sellars 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, Mary E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, R. Thrift 6. Rung fully-muffed with the tenor open at back-stroke.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. G. Blow, Miss B. Copson 2, H. R. Hofton 3, L. T. Hansell 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 5, B. Cornell 6, R. F. Ewer 7, A. Hatten 8, W. J. Arnold 9, W. Nicolls 10. Rung half-muffled. Also at St. Michael's, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, R. Bedford 3, A. E. Halsey 4, W. J. Southam 5, F. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Steward 1, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 2, M. P. Page 3, H. D. Lister 4, D. Woodard 5, A. R. Andrews 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, J. Dale (aged 74) 8. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: C. Miller 1, O. G. Barnard 2, R. E. Lester 3, J. Dale 4, G. A. Blaxcell 5, H. D. Lister (cond.) 6, W. J. Button 7, R. W. Steward 8. Both rung half-muffled.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, B. Hough 2, N. Moxon 3, Katharine Burchnall 4, A. Wilson 5, E. Midwinter 6, Mary Jahme 7, R. Sleep 8. Rung half-muffled.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Bowers 4, W. Paul 5, T. Stagg 6, S. Atkins 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung fully-muffled.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 1,020 Grandsire): N. Round-Turner 1, H. Bird 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, Rev. S. E. F. Robinson 6. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Foreman 1, C. Warboys 2, H. Bird 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, R. Hayden 6. Both rung fully-muffled.

TRING, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. Goode (first quarter) 1, W. H. J. Hooton (cond.) 2, J. Turner (first quarter) 3, P. Fells (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. Badrick 5, P. Mitchell (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with the fourth as the treble: F. Hawkes (cond.) 1, G. Boulton 2, D. Beacham 3, R. Collins 4, W. Williams 5, V. Dale 6. Rung half-muffled.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. H. Smith 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7. Rung half-muffled.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: J. Gaden 1, G. Darlington 2, Miss M. Walker 2, D. K. Knowles 4, D. J. Tranter 5, H. Morton 6, A. Hingley (cond.) 7, A. J. Hubble 8, K. W. Knowles 9, J. W. Hingley 10. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Morton 1, G. Darlington 2, A. Hubble 3, A. Elsmore 4, D. K. Knowles 5, D. J. Tranter 6, A. Hingley 7, K. W. Knowles (cond.) 8. Both rung half-muffled.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, A. J. North 2, E. B. Barrington 3, G. J. Gammon 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, C. J. Stevens 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung half-muffled.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (4 extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 3 extents of Grandsire): Sheila Gramson 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6. Rung half-muffled.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, R. Newton 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton 5, E. S. Ruck (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,140 Plain Bob Minor: A. Batten 1, L. C. Smith 2, Miss M. Newton 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, E. S. Ruck 6. Both rung half-muffled.

WOOLWICH, LONDON, S.E.2.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. I. White 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, R. A. Johnson 3, T. H. Culver 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. W. Dann 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun., 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, Miss C. Wakefield (first quarter) 3, R. A. Johnson 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. W. Dann 6. Both rung half-muffled.

OBITUARY

MR. T. G. MILLER

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Thomas Gleaves Miller, of 4, Wilton Road, Collier's Wood, London, S.W.19, aged 78.

Mr. Miller will be remembered for his long association with St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. He came to Collier's Wood about six years ago and joined the band of Christ Church, Mitcham, with whom he succeeded in ringing a few peals. He also paid frequent visits to Chelsea and the parishes around.

The funeral service was held in Christ Church, Mitcham, on February 20th Before the service 78 whole pulls were tolled at quarter-minute intervals on the half-muffled tenor. The Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnstone) officiated. The hymn 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul' was sung and as the procession left the church the Dead March was played by the organist (Mr. E. J. Piercey) and the half-muffled tenor was again tolled. Cremation took place in Streatham Vale Crematorium.

Among the mourners were the following ringers: S. Howard and J. Chapman (St. Leonard's Church, Streatham), F. Wicks (St. Mary's, Wimbledon), J. Lott, M. Meyer, F. Udell and Mrs. Wright (St. Luke's, Chelsea), T. H. Taffender (London County Association) and Mrs. H. Allen represented H. Allen (Christ Church, Mitcham) Floral tributes were received from the ringers of Christ Church, Mitcham, St. Leonard's, Streatham, and St. Mary's, Wimbledon, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and the Surrey Association.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Christ Church, Mitcham, by J. Uden 1, H. Allen 2, S. Howard 3, J. Tomsett 4, P. E. Allen (conductor) 5, E. Eveleigh 6.

MR. ISAAC T. RUSHTON

Mr. Isaac T. Rushton, Deputy Mayor of Clitheroe, Lancs, and Mayor of the Borough for two years (1949-50), died on February 9th, aged 81.

He had a record of 60 years' faithful service to the Parish Church as a ringer and last New Year's Eve the centre-piece of the annual ringers' party was a birthday cake inscribed 'I. T. R., 1891-1951.' His long service to the belfry was marked by his regular attendance on Sundays and he served the church in other directions as Sunday School teacher and later as Sunday School superintendent and churchwarden.

At Clitheroe he was held in very high esteem by people in all walks of life for his kindly nature and especially for his efforts to promote a better way of life for everyone, by practical Christianity.

The funeral took place on February 13th, the Mayor and members of the Council attending the service. Ringers acted as bearers and the bells were rung muffled before and after the service.

DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON, M.Sc., Ph.D.

Appreciations

'and these departing, leave behind them,
footprints on the sands of time.'

It has been said that some men are great; others have greatness thrust upon them. James C. E. Simpson very definitely belonged to the former group, and carved for himself a place among the giants of the Exercise. His ability to ring and strike heavy bells immaculately was a model for emulation, and no less so was his ability to conduct the most abstruse compositions in the most complex of methods.

Having witnessed many instances in which he brought to bear both these great attributes, I would single out for special mention his Herculean performance in turning in the 41-cwt. tenor at Beverley Minster to Cambridge Royal; the 57-cwt. tenor at Wells Cathedral (with Mr. J. Worth strapping) to Cambridge Royal; and the 42¼-cwt. tenor at Leeds to London Surprise Major; while in the field of conducting, the calm and confident way he called the peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four, five and six methods, in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods, was really monumental.

James C. E. Simpson has passed away but his fine record of achievement and example will live on. He was in every way a gentleman—a great gentleman—and while we mourn his loss, let us at the same time take inspiration and courage from his life and gallant example. Thus we leave him with the words of a former giant of the Exercise, the late William Willson, of Leicester, echoing in our ears:

'The bells in cadence sweet, pour muffled music down,
Their dirge a message oft repeat, after the cross, the crown.'

LESLIE W. C. MORRIS.

Mr. J. E Cawser, of Rotherham, writes:—The news of the death of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson came as a great shock to me. We had been acquainted about 25 years but it was after the last war that we became closely associated in peal attempts in many parts of the country, not forgetting the happiest two of all—Beaumaris and Inverary.

Our first ringing tour together was in North Yorkshire and Durham, in 1947, when he called Pitman's 5,152 Spliced, this being the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Yorkshire and, I believe, the first time such a composition had been rung on a tour. It was whilst on this tour that the famous Somerset tour was suggested by Mr. Simpson This took place in 1948 with 14 successful Surprise peals, the average weight of the tenors being 30 cwt, the Doctor ringing, amongst other tenors, Congresbury (35 cwt.) and Wells (56¼ cwt.) with John Worth as strapper.

Then came Suffolk and Norfolk, in 1949, with 20 Surprise peals in as many attempts including peals in four Surprise Royal methods—Yorkshire, Rochester, Lindsey and Cambridge. In 1950 there was a tour in Yorkshire when Mr. Simpson called London Royal at Retford and, as C. K. L. has written, he achieved his greatest ambition by turning in Beverley Minster tenor to a really splendid peal of Cambridge Royal. It was the third occasion I had arranged such an attempt for him; twice previously—in 1933 and after the war—he had been unavoidably prevented from attending but on this last occasion he gave a truly great performance.

Last year it was Devon and Cornwall and it was at Exeter Cathedral that I rang with him for the last time. Little did I think when we shook hands at a street corner in Exeter later that evening that it was for the last time.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 371

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting will be held at Minehead on Easter Monday. Details later. Would those who require luncheon let me know as early as possible?—J T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 372

NOTICES

Scale of Charges

The charge for Notices of Meetings is one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

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DEATH

CORRIGAN.—On February 23rd, 1952, Andrew James Corrigan, of Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol, aged 67 years. 370

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CORNISH RIVIERA.—Good farmhouse accommodation, only six miles from Falmouth and within easy reach of all the beauty spots. Liberal table, all farm produce. Moderate terms and personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Lower Durrian, Stithians, Cornwall. 345

PUBLICATIONS

THE IDEAL PRESENT for a ringer. 'Bells of All Nations,' an encyclopædia of every type the world over. Profusely illustrated. Autographed copies price 21s., plus 10d. postage, direct from the author.—Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's, Leicester. 285

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

DON'T DELAY—ONLY A FEW LEFT.—The Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1952. Rexine cover 5s. 6d., leather 7s., including postage and T.P. Send cash with order to William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 242

'THE RINGING PEALS OF PLYMOUTH.' by F. Stuart Worth. price 1s. 9d., from the author, Didworthy Hospital, S. Brent, Devon. An historic account of the city's remaining six rings and its three war-destroyed rings. 339

MISCELLANEOUS

GENUINELY interested persons required to undertake light, clean assembly work in their own homes. Good rates of payment. Stamped addressed envelope to Dept. P/2/140, Universal Products, 5, Cornhill, Lincoln. 351

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—The bells, augmented to six by Taylor's, will be hallowed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Friday, Feb. 29th, at 7.30 p.m. in the church, previous to rehanging.—A G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., Norwich Diocesan Association. 299

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Chesterfield District. — Invitation meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, March 1st. Re-opening of bells after rehanging. Service 3 p.m. All welcome. 308

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Stapleford (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Short service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m at Magpie Cafe, London Road.—H. L. Martin. 326

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts. — Joint meeting, Littleport (8), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 321

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Evening practice meeting, Romford (8), on March 1st at 6 p.m.—F.V.G. 269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Chesbunt on Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to W. Newnham, Jasmine Cottage, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross 327

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District.—Langleybury (6, recently rehung), Saturday, March 1st, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, Hon. Sec., 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 318

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Burton, March 1st. Bells: St. Paul's (10) 2 to 3.30; All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 4. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m., followed by tea. Parish Church bells (8) after tea. All welcome. 331

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting postponed from Feb 9th will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Church House, 5.15. Caversham bells in evening. 294

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Loders, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Bradpole open 2.30 to 3.30 and after 6.—C. H. Lathey. 312

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Important business. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 311

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, March 1st, 3 p.m. 335

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Offenham Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service. Tea. 307

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting, Monday, March 3rd, and first Monday in each month, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. All welcome. 333

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, March 3rd, at 7 p.m. Near Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 348

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec., 24, Langford Road Henlow, Beds. 343

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at East Grinstead on March 8th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in small Parish Hall. Names, by March 6th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 317

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Gloucester Cathedral, March 8th, 3. Service, Cathedral, 4. Tea 5 (3s. per head). **Teas have to be definitely booked by March 5th.** St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) available if necessary.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Ruardean, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 5th.—J. C. Goulding, 37, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 342

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Malmesbury (8), March 8th. For tea, advise H. G. Blanchard, Braemore Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts.—W. B. Wynaston. 350

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans and Western Districts. — Joint meeting at Harpenden on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45—8 p.m.. Tea 5. Reports available. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 365

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, March 8th, at Hythe. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the School Room, by kind invitation of the churchwardens. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, March 5th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 336

LADIES' GUILD (North West District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch). — Joint meeting at Moorside, St. Thomas', March 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and dedication of peal tablet 4.30. Ladies' Guild business meeting in the school: Rochdale Branch in the belfry. Cups of tea provided. Everyone welcome.—F. Pritchard. 349

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A quarterly meeting at Locking (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by March 5th, to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 360

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, March 8th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Secretary. 344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington.—L. Walmsley. 340

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Kegworth (8), March 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in cafe. Names by Wednesday, March 5th, to Mr. F. J. Sutton, Kegworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 358

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Leyton (Central London tube). Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leyton Restaurant, near Town Hall, 5 p.m. Business 6, and ringing till 7.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 338

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at Christ Church, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town, E.14, on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Service, tea and business. Bus route 56—Poplar to Limehouse—passes church.—T. J. Lock. 347

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch. — The postponed annual meeting will now be held at Diss, Saturday, March 8th. Please send names for tea by March 4th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 320

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Marsh Gibbon, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 367

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, March 8th. Names for tea, by Monday, March 3rd, to Mr. R. Smith, The Hollies, New Street, Weedon, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 353

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Sturminster Newton, Saturday, March 8th, at 3. Replies to Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 346

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, March 8th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before March 4th, to G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge, Salop 369

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Clayworth (6, recent augmentation), Saturday, March 8th. Hird's bus at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.. Lincolnshire at 2.30 and 4.30; all from near East Retford Church. Names for tea, by 5, to Mr. Avery, Royston Manor, near Retford.—H. Deaman. 313

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Meeting, Llandilo, March 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 357

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yoxford, March 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea, by March 5th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 361

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, March 8th, Tuddenham, 3—5 o'clock; Rishmere 7—9 o'clock. Tea in Ipswich at 5.15. Election of District secretary. Names for tea, by March 6th.—M. Page, 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 368

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, March 8th. Bells: Reigate (10) 3; Redhill (8) 2.30 to 4. Service, Reigate, 4.30. Tea, Parish Hall, 5.15, for those notifying by March 4th, Miss B. Mayers, 3, Church Road, South Park, Reigate—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen Sec. 282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 5th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 356

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, March 8th, 2 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Service 5.45. Dinner and social evening 6.45.—E. Treagus, Hon. Div. Sec. 341

HALESWORTH PARISH CHURCH.—Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, March 9th, unveiling of stone tablet memorial to F. C. Lambert. All ringers and others interested are invited to attend. 297

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5. Notify for tea, by March 11th, W. H. Poulton, The Leigh, near Gloucester.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec. 366

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Wellingore (6), Saturday, March 15th. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 362

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Eleventh annual supper and social, Saturday, March 15th, 6 p.m. in Church Hall (next Church), Heston. Bells (8) from 4. Tickets, 4s. each, available until March 10th, from F. W. Goodfellow, Dis. Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 319

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — General committee meeting, St. Aldate's Room, Oxford, Saturday, March 15th, 3 p.m.—Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 337

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Chacombe (6), Saturday, March 15th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Misses G. and K. Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. 359

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual quarterly meeting at Brighouse, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, March 12th, H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 352

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